MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS/WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE
ODESSA-MONTOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUGUST 20, 2026

Present: Jennifer Mosher, Dana Sgrecci, Jason Dechow, Robert Halpin, Will Shrout, David Stigers, Kyle VanGalder

Also Present: James Nolan, Steve Thesier, Russ Robinson, Paul Cody, Marrit Clay, Dr. Terence Finley

The following minutes were recorded by OMCS District Clerk/Board Secretary, Jennifer Stevenson

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President of the Board, Jennifer Mosher

II. Roll Call Attendance: Members of the Board

All Board members present

III. Approve Amended Agenda

Mr. Shrout made a motion to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Mr. Stigers.

7-0 Carried

IV. Introduction of Special Guests – James Nolan

Mr. Nolan introduced Russ Robinson and Paul Cody from Le Chase and Steve Thesier from Arcadis to provide a Capital Project Update. Mr. Thesier explained that they would give a quick update of where we are at this stage of the project, what the next phase, phase 4, looks like, and then an update of financials for the project. Mr. Cody thanked the Board for meeting with them. He shared pictures of progress made in the classrooms, fitness center, bus garage, and the emergency generator, noting that the generator has been tested and all is up and running. He continued to share what is coming next in phase 4. He noted that there are three components in this phase: a new main office in the Hanlon Elementary, cafeteria renovation, and the replacement of the digital sign. He provided a 3D video walk through of the new main office area as well as the cafeteria. Mr. Robinson gave an update on the financial side of the capital project. He mentioned the project is in great shape for the kids to come back, giving a shout out to everyone involved. He noted that the project remains on budget with no major budget concerns at this time. He shared that there was a pre-bid meeting held today with bid openings coming up on September 3 and there will be more concrete numbers after that. The Board thanked Mr. Robinson, Mr. Cody, and Mr. Thesier for the update.

Mr. Nolan introduced Maarit Clay, Vice President of Student Development and Enrollment Management at Corning Community College, and Dr. Terence Finley, President of Corning Community College. Ms. Clay shared a power point presentation that gave data from 2022-2023 through 2024-2025 of the Accelerated College (ACE) program participation at Odessa-Montour. She then shared some of the benefits of taking the ACE courses while in high school noting that any SUNY school will accept the ACE credits allowing students to graduate with a bachelor's degree in three years instead of four. She noted that some private schools may also accept the credits, but not all. She mentioned that with the SUNY schools, it is a seamless transfer for students that graduate from Corning Community College (CCC) as they are guaranteed entrance to any four-year SUNY college to obtain their bachelor's degree. She shared that the cost for ACE classes for the 2026-2027 school year is $83.00 per credit for NYS residents and that NYSED is offering State Aid this year as well. Ms. Clay mentioned that CCC has partnered with Rochester University of Technology (RIT) with Cybersecurity courses and also with Corning Incorporated with Electrical Technology, Machine Tool Technology, and Mechanical Technology. She shared that having an associate's degree from CCC in one of these areas guarantees the student an interview at Corning Incorporated and that Corning Incorporated HR recently came to CCC to talk about these programs. She mentioned other programs offered through CCC: SUNY Reconnect that allow people aged 25 to 55 to go to college with all expenses covered. For people aged 16 to 24, they have programs like Discover your Path Workshops and Twin Tier Arise Program. Dr. Terence Finley thanked the board for having them come to the meeting. He thanked the district for our partnership through the ACE program, career program, and data sharing on higher education. He stated that he looked forward to working with our district. The Board thanked them for their presentation.

V. New Business

A. Recommendation to Approve the 2026-2027 Student Handbook for B.C. Cate, Hanlon, and the Jr/Sr High School. (attached)

Mr. Shrout made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Stigers.

Mr. Nolan shared a statement to be added to the Jr/Sr High School Handbook regarding students attending BOCES in the morning must wait inside the school for the arrival of their bus.

Ms. Mosher stated that the approval would include this amendment. 7-0 Carried

B. Recommendation to Approve the Updated Athletic Manual. (attached)

Mr. Shrout made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Stigers. 7-0 Carried

C. Recommendation to Confirm Tax Rolls and Authorize Tax Levy.

Mr. Shrout made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Stigers. 7-0 Carried

D. Recommendation to Approve the 2026-2027 Tax Warrant.

Mr. Shrout made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Stigers. 7-0 Carried

E. Recommendation to Approve the 2026-2027 Tax Warrant Legal Notice.

Mr. Shrout made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Stigers. 7-0 Carried

F. Recommendation to Approve the Addition of an Odessa-Montour School District Girls Wrestling Team for the 2026-2027 school year.

Mr. Shrout made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Stigers. 7-0 Carried

G. Recommendation to Approve Transfer of Funds

RESOLVED, that the amount of $21,156.86 shall be transferred from the Employee Benefit Accumulated Leave Benefits Reserve of the Odessa-Montour Central School District to the Accumulated Sick Leave Account (9070-810-6-00) of the District to be reimburse funds expended though August 8, 2026.

Mr. Shrout made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Stigers. 7-0 Carried

H. Recommendation to Approve the Amended Personnel Report (attached)

Mr. Shrout made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Stigers. 7-0 Carried

VI. Recommendation to Enter Into Executive Session to Discuss the Employment of a Particular Person or Persons.

Mr. Shrout made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:54 p.m., seconded by Mr. Stigers. 7-0 Carried

Mr. Dechow made a motion at 7:06 p.m. to end executive session and to resume public session.

I. Recommendation to Approve the Separation and Waiver Agreement for Employee No. 00552.

Mr. Dechow made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Stigers. 6-0-1 Abstention (VanGalder) Carried

VII. Resolve to Enter Into Workshop Meeting

Ms. Mosher announced at 7:08 p.m. the business meeting had concluded and workshop would begin.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Stevenson

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OMCS District Clerk/Board Secretary