



Oneida Nation School Board DRAFT Minutes Rescheduled Meeting

Date: January 23, 2024

Time: 5:00 p.m. **Location:** Elementary School Library

Disclaimer: All participants, virtual and or in-person, please be advised that this meeting will be recorded for documentation purposes.

The Oneida Nation School Board is committed and accountable to students, parents, families, staff, and community members to provide regulatory oversight for a safe, positive, culturally diverse, holistic, learning atmosphere based on Onayoté a'ka values. We will provide the expectations, resources, and educational opportunities to encourage students to be productive.

Present: Sacheen Lawrence, Katsi Danforth, Vicki L. Cornelius, Barb Cornelius, Teresa Schuman, Kathe Cornelius, Candace House (via Teams, technical difficulty with camera)

Excused: None

Unexcused: None

Others: Sheri Mousseau, Fay LeMense, Tracy Christensen, Linda Jenkins, Jackie House, Marlon Skenandore, Jameson Wilson, Lois Strong, Everett Danforth, Kenneth Danforth, Arianna Stevens, Arletta Stevens, Justin Stevens, many other family members, Jolene Hensberger (recorder)

I. Call to Order by: Sacheen Lawrence

Time: 5:05 p.m.

II. Agenda

Motion by Katsi Danforth to approve the agenda, and to excuse the Chair by 6 p.m. Seconded by Kathe Cornelius. Motion carries.

III. Special Event

A. Approve One (1) Core Academic Diploma

Motion by Katsi Danforth to approve the high school diploma for Arianna Stevens, effective January 9, 2024. Seconded by Vicki L. Cornelius. Motion carries.

IV. Open Forum

A. Sequoia Cornelius

Not present. She was scheduled to attend on January 9, 2024, but the meeting had been canceled due to the weather).

V. Minutes

A. Approve November 29, 2023

Motion by Katsi Danforth to approve the November 29, 2023 minutes. Seconded by Barb Cornelius. Abstention by Teresa Schuman. For the record: *I was not on the Board at that time.* Motion carries.

B. Approve December 04, 2023

Motion by Katsi Danforth to approve the December 4, 2023 minutes. Seconded by Vicki L. Cornelius. Abstention by Teresa Schuman. For the record: *I was not on the Board at that time.* Motion carries.

C. Approve December 18, 2023

Motion by Katsi Danforth to approve the December 18, 2023 minutes. Seconded by Vicki L. Cornelius. Abstention by Teresa Schuman. For the record: *I was not on the Board at that time.* Abstention by Candace House. For the record: *I was not at that meeting.* Motion carries.

D. Approve December 21, 2023

Motion by Katsi Danforth to approve the December 21, 2023 minutes. Seconded by Candace House. Abstention by Teresa Schuman. For the record: *I was not on the Board at that time.* Abstention by Kathe Cornelius. For the record: *I was not at the meeting; I was sick.* Motion carries.

VI. E-polls (none)

No action taken.

VII. Tabled Business (none)

No action taken.

VIII. New Business (none)

No action taken.

IX. Superintendent Items

A. Approve Superintendent Report

Motion by Katsi Danforth to approve the Superintendent's report. Seconded by Teresa Schuman. Motion carries.

Board recommendation to incorporate and explore teaching indigenous artwork and activities in the art classes, such as making water drums, sewing traditional clothing, making clay pottery, etc.

Regarding Language Department, Immersion Program(s): Request for Superintendent to find out how next year student acceptance for enrollment will be determined.

B. Standing Items / Follow Up

1. Accept JOM Budget Update

Motion by Kathe Cornelius to accept the JOM Budget update. Seconded by Vicki L. Cornelius. Abstention by Katsi Danforth – she is on the JOM Parent Committee. Motion carries.

2. ONSS Staff Retirement Plan Committee (no documentation)

Motion by Katsi Danforth to request the School Board Administrative Assistant to submit a request for a joint meeting with the Business Committee, Artley Skenandore, and Sheri Mousseau to further discuss. Seconded by Kathe Cornelius. Motion carries.

[excerpt from November 20, 2023 Minutes: Motion by Kathe Cornelius to set up a meeting with the Business Committee, School Board, including Artley Skenandore, and Superintendent Mousseau regarding getting the approval for this retirement process. Seconded by Melinda K. Danforth. Motion carries.]

C. Administrative Staff Reports

1. Accept Business Manager

Motion by Motion by Katsi Danforth to accept the Business Manager report, and to annually budget and purchase school supplies for students, or to submit request to JOM Committee to annually purchase student school supplies. Seconded by Teresa Schuman. Motion carries.

2. Accept Ramah Navajo Settlement Budget Update

Motion by Katsi Danforth to accept the Ramah Navajo Settlement Budget update. Seconded by Kathe Cornelius. Motion carries.

3. Accept Elementary / Middle School Principal

Motion by Vicki L. Cornelius to accept the K-8 Principal report. Seconded by Kathe Cornelius. Motion carries.

Secondary motion by Kathe Cornelius to look for a cultural speaker to address students of our cultural values and ways. Seconded by Teresa Schuman. Motion carries.

Board recommendation: to incorporate our cultural ways and 'Good Mind' principles to remediate bullying and to try to get more parental involvement.

4. Accept High School Principal

Verbal update by Superintendent Mousseau.

Motion by Vicki L. Cornelius to accept the 9-12 Principal report. Seconded by Barb Cornelius. Motion carries.

Sacheen Lawrence departed at 6:03 p.m. Vice Chair, Katsi Danforth, will Chair the rest of the meeting.

5. Accept Oneida Language Department

Motion by Teresa Schuman to accept the Oneida Language Department report. Seconded by Barb Cornelius. Opposed: Kathe Cornelius. Motion carries.

Secondary motion by Teresa Schuman to have Language Director to provide more detailed and specific information about the Language Program and Sub Programs in each monthly report. Seconded by Kathe Cornelius. Motion carries.

6. Accept Special Education Coordinator

Motion by Vicki L. Cornelius to accept the Special Education Coordinator report. Seconded by Kathe Cornelius. Motion carries.

7. Accept K-12 Technology Coordinator

Verbal update by Superintendent Mousseau.

Motion by Vicki L. Cornelius to accept the K-12 Technology Coordinator report. Seconded by Candace House. Motion carries.

8. Accept FACE (Families and Child Education)

Motion by Barb Cornelius to accept the FACE report. Seconded by Vicki L. Cornelius. Motion carries.

Motion by Vicki L. Cornelius to go into executive session at 6:28 p.m. with the presence of Superintendent Mousseau. Seconded by Teresa Schuman. Motion carries.

Took 5-minute break. Resumed Executive Session at 6:37 p.m.

Present: Sacheen Lawrence, Katsi Danforth, Vicki L. Cornelius, Barb Cornelius, Teresa Schuman, Kathe Cornelius, Candace House (via Teams, technical difficulty with camera)

Others: Sheri Mousseau, Jolene Hensberger (recorder)

Motion by Teresa Schuman to come out of executive session at 7:18 p.m. Seconded by Vicki L. Cornelius. Motion carries.

X. Executive Session

A. Review and Discussion of Internal Audit (no documentation)

Motion by Vicki L. Cornelius to defer to review until next meeting and to request the presence of the Language Program Director. Seconded by Kathe Cornelius. Motion carries.

[excerpt from December 04, 2023 Minutes: Motion by Katsi Danforth to approve the Superintendent's report. Seconded by Kathe Cornelius. Motion carries.

Secondary motion by Melinda K. Danforth to have Superintendent to put the Internal Audit on the next School Board Agenda under executive session and to request the presence of the Language Department Director. Seconded by Kathe Cornelius. Motion carries.

Discussion: The Restorative Justice program is a school-wide program. There are more people working with students, which helps with the overall success rates. The referral process is generated through data generated from the EduClimber program and staff. The Restorative Justice program started in September 2023; data is still being obtained to further develop the program and services.]

B. Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) Tribally Controlled School Board Training Topics

Motion by Kathe Cornelius to request Superintendent Mousseau to obtain available BIE School Board training dates and times for in-person training on the following topics, School Board Roles and Responsibilities; Building Collaboration: Working Together for Student Achievement; Overview of Public Law 100-297; Roberts Rules of Order, and Habits of Highly Effective School Boards, and bring information back to the School Board. Seconded by Teresa Schuman. Motion carries.

C. Approve 2024 School Board Working Calendar

Motion by Teresa Schuman to approve the 2024 Working School Board Calendar with changes of rescheduling the July 1st meeting date to July 9, 2024, and September 2nd to September 9, 2024, due to holidays. Seconded by Vicki L. Cornelius. Motion carries.

D. Quarter 1 School Board Report (due Feb 6) (mtg date Feb 14)

Motion by Teresa Schuman to have School Board Administrative Assistant to email the Board the last quarter report, and for board members to submit feedback to Chair and Vice Chair by or before January 31, 2024. Seconded by Vicki L. Cornelius. Motion carries.

E. Election of School Board Secretary

Motion by Teresa Schuman to approve the nominations to have Vicki L. Cornelius as Secretary. Seconded by Kathe Cornelius. Abstention by Vicki L. Cornelius. Motion carries.

Kathe Cornelius nominated Vicki L. Cornelius
Teresa Schuman nominated Vicki L. Cornelius

Vicki L. Cornelius accepted.

F. Approve Revision of School Board Bylaws and to Forward to LOC for Review

Motion by Vicki L. Cornelius to approve the revisions of the bylaws and to forward to LOC. Seconded by Kathe Cornelius. Motion carries.

XI. Adjournment

Motion by Teresa Schuman to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Seconded by Vicki L. Cornelius. Motion carries.