



# Oneida Nation School Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** February 26, 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, Vicki L. Cornelius, Barbara Cornelius, Candace House, Teresa Schuman, Kathe Cornelius

Excused: Katsi Danforth

Unexcused: None

Others: Sheri Mousseau, Artley Skenandore, Linda Jenkins, Jolene Hensberger (recorder)

**I. Call to Order by:** Sacheen Lawrence      **Time:** 5:15 p.m.

## **II. Agenda**

Motion by Kathe Cornelius to approve the agenda with the add-on item of IV.C., Audit Memo of School Board Operational Review. Seconded by Teresa Schuman. Motion carries.

## **III. Follow up**

### **A. ONSS Staff Pension Plan Committee**

Motion by Kathe Cornelius to support the ONSS Staff Pension Fund information. Seconded by Teresa Schuman. Motion carries.

Secondary Motion by Teresa Schuman to request Artley Skenandore to forward the pension fund documentation to Bonnie Pigman in Government Administrative Office. Seconded by Vicki L. Cornelius. Motion carries.

[excerpt from February 5, 2024 Minutes: Verbal update by Artley Skenandore. Joint meeting with the Business Committee is scheduled March 4, 2024, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.]

Board requested Artley Skenandore to send the retirement plan information to the School Board prior to the meeting.]

[excerpt from January 23, 2024 Minutes: 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.]

**IV. Executive Session**

Motion by Barb Cornelius to go into Executive Session at 5:51 p.m. Seconded by Candace House. Motion carries.

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*Candace House departed at 6:32 p.m. Candace returned at 6:35 p.m.*

Motion by Vicki L. Cornelius to come out of Executive Session at 6:37 p.m. Seconded by Candace House. Motion carries.

**A. Review and Discussion of Memorandum regarding Audit Request follow up – Comprehensive Review Suggestion**

Motion by Teresa Schuman to request School Board Chair to contact Jo Anne House for a list of outside auditors and to bring back information to the second meeting in March. Seconded by Candace House. Motion carries.

1) Cognia Accreditation (FYI)

No action needed.

**B. FYI: Mercer Salary Scale Study**

Motion by Vicki L. Cornelius to defer to second meeting in March. Seconded by Barb Cornelius. Motion carries.

[excerpt from December 18, 2023 Minutes: Motion by Katsi Danforth to request the Superintendent to obtain the pay scales used from the BIE and to confirm whether funding is available for a wage scale study, and to put item on the second meeting agenda in January 2024. Seconded by Barb Cornelius. Motion carries.]

[excerpt from December 4, 2023 Minutes Notes: Add item to December 21, 2023 meeting agenda (instead of 12/18/2023)]

[excerpt from November 29, 2023 Minutes: Add to December 18, 2023, meeting agenda.]

**C. Memorandum from Internal Audit: Operational Review of School Board**

Motion by Teresa Schuman to approve the response to the Operational Review of School Board and to submit to Internal Audit. Seconded by Kathe Cornelius. Motion carries.

**V. Adjournment**

Motion by Vicki L. Cornelius to adjourn at 6:41 p.m. Seconded by Candace House. Motion carries.

  
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Vicki L. Cornelius, School Board Secretary

Approved on: 3/04/2024