



# Oneida Nation School Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** May 1, 2024

**Time:** 3:00 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, Teresa Schuman, Candace House, Melissa Skenandore, Barbara Cornelius, Vicki L. Cornelius, Kathe Cornelius (arrived at 3:30 p.m.)

Excused: None

Unexcused: None

Others: Artley Skenandore, Sheri Mousseau, Tracy Christensen, Amy Stevens, Mary Wengrzyn, Stephanie Bushman, Taylor Ballinger, Cindy Dziaduch, Vicky Shier, Glenn Schachtner, Nicole Behnke; Jolene Hensberger (recorder)

**I. Call to Order by:** Sacheen Lawrence      **Time:** 3:08 p.m.

## **II. Agenda**

Motion by Katsi Danforth to work with the non-regular school board meeting agenda submitted with the packet of information. Seconded by Teresa Schuman. Motion carries.

## **III. New Business**

### **A. Special Education Department and Restorative Justice: Processes and Referrals**

Motion by Katsi Danforth to have Superintendent submit a copy of the Special Education 'Blue Book' to the School Board. Seconded by Teresa Schuman. Motion carries.

Motion by Katsi Danforth to have the Superintendent explore budget options to hire a full-time Occupational Therapist. Seconded by Teresa Schuman. Abstention by Kathe Cornelius. Motion carries.

Motion by Katsi Danforth to have the Superintendent to work with Special Education Coordinator on activating an 'e-consent' option for parent signatures. Seconded by Vicki L. Cornelius. Motion carries.

Motion by Teresa Schuman to have Superintendent reinstate the one-hour per week of language and culture learning for staff for the 2024 – 2025 school year. Seconded by Candace House. Motion carries.

Discussion: Recommendation to have a new employee orientation for all staff, whether contracted or not.

[Teresa Schuman departs at 4:47 p.m. Teresa Schuman returns at 4:49 p.m.]

Motion by Kathe Cornelius to have Superintendent work with staff to evaluate and update the Child Study Team process to make it more effective and efficient, which includes eliminating a halt in the process. Seconded by Katsi Danforth. Motion carries.

Motion by Katsi Danforth to have Superintendent work with Special Education Coordinator to update outdated assessments, processes, update curriculum to follow best teacher practices, and to incorporate equitable teacher prep time for staff, and to bring back a status update within 30-days. Seconded by Teresa Schuman. Motion carries.

**1) Introductions of staff**

No action needed.

**2) Presentations**

No action needed.

**3) Questions and Answers**

No action needed.

**IV. Adjournment**

Motion by Katsi Danforth to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Candace House. Motion carries.

Respectfully,

  
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Vicki L. Cornelius, School Board Secretary

Approved on: May 6, 2024