

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018

WOODSTOCK SCHOOL

MINUTES

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call to Order 6:00 pm

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

1.03 Roll Call

1.04 Tobacco Policy Statement

Present: Trustee Salem, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Shands, Trustee Warren

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

2. French Club Trip

2.01 Approve French Club Trip - French Teacher Christie Nelsen-Epstein will answer any questions.

Recommended Action: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approve the following trip for the Onteora High School French Club to Montreal, Canada from June 25, 2018 - June 29, 2018. The participants will fund this trip.

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee Osmond

Result: Unanimous

Trustee Salem, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Shands, Trustee Warren

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

3. Executive Session

3.01 Enter executive session (proposed 6:05 duration 30 min)

Recommended Action: Motion to enter into executive session to discuss tenure candidates and the sale of real property

Motioned: Trustee Shands

Seconded: Trustee Storey

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Salem, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Shands, Trustee Warren

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

3.02 Exit Executive Session

Recommended Action: Motion to Exit Executive Session and return to Public Session

Motioned: Trustee Shands

Seconded: Trustee Storey

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Salem, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Shands, Trustee Warren

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

4. Acceptance of Minutes

4.01 Acceptance of Minutes

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby accepts the minutes of the 2/20/18 Board of Education Meeting

Motioned: Trustee Shands

Seconded: Trustee Warren

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Salem, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Shands, Trustee Warren

5. Welcome

5.01 Woodstock Principal, Scott Richards will welcome the Board (proposed 6:35 duration 10 min)

6:55

When it is cold outside we begin our residencies

- Dance with Drew and Lisa from the Creative Arts Foundation
- Healthy Eating residency Terianne Gogg
- Garden residency – since having green house have not had a plan set for this time of year to start garden – 2 people planning activities, preparing greenhouse with students
- Last week participated in Read Across America Week - celebration of books
- Next week will host a Family Reading night organized with Building Leadership Team
- Kidstock beginning tomorrow
- Professional development in science for inquiry based science approach
 - Teachers have been trained and a science coach is coming to each building to help

10. Public/Student Comment

10.01 The public and students may comment on any agenda or non agenda item. Please limit comments to 3 minutes (proposed 7:05 duration 10 min or more)

Tania Baraklo – Parkland shooting – seemed school did not address shooting in a direct way, i.e. mention of counselors available, etc. Should have been a discussion first thing. Create a feeling of inclusion. Look into Teaching Empathy Institute in Stone Ridge

Durga Yael Burnhart – Wish list of security measures to keep shooters out of schools – entrance to school with metal detector, other doors to school bullet proof locks, one way turn styles, selected faculty trained to carry guns. Put out communication to students that there are people to help if they are struggling

Rita Vanacore – Graduated Onteora with most of her family. Budget has a minor increase – but budget is same of school district with three times as many students. Safety suggestions take time and money. Came in for meeting at 4:00, doors were wide open and could have walked into basement. Walked in with someone that came with box – no one noticed or approached them. Lock down and one entrance. Take action, do not just talk about it.

Olivia Ingalsbe (Student)– working toward organizing a walk-out – students feel it is important to take a stance. Always felt safe here. Do not want to offend anyone. Government must adjust gun laws. Walk-out is a nation –wide opportunity to voice

opinion peacefully. Onteora has done a good job making students feel safe- don't go overboard with safety

Trip Ingalsbe – Have 3 children in District. Children are helpless have no voice – this shooting had teenagers speak out. Support the walk out for the students. Do orderly, not disruptive

Cecilia Maillet (Student) – Feel safe here – in solidarity with other districts for students who do not feel safe

James Shaughnessy – Member of BOCES school board up for reelection

6. Superintendent District News

6.01 The Superintendent will announce District news (proposed 6:45)

Regarding Social Media threat:

- Thanked Community who reached out to law enforcement and all of our staff, families and students who handled the day with so much grace and understanding

Phoenicia building did not have power restored until approximately 4pm on Sunday from the storm

- Thanks to Administrators and Supervisors for spending a large portion of Sunday afternoon putting a contingency plan in place
 - Thanks to the Director of Facilities and Director of Technology for ensuring that all systems would be running for the students and staff

Possible snow day tomorrow will impact our planned community forum on school safety, snow date is Monday and we will be in session on Monday, April 2nd

Phoenicia

- The newest indoor mural project depicting “Our Garden”
 - Artist in residence, Gillian Jule, finishing up the project with our 2nd and 3rd grade students
- March 12th begins dance residency with Drew Andrews - arts and education program strengthens the students’ skills and techniques in Cultural Dance Our Read-A-Thon is going strong
 - Parents and students have read for 15,000 minutes and we are only in week #2
 - Goal is 20,000 minutes this year
- Mark Rust, a local musician is scheduled to perform “America’s Musical Traditions” in an interactive assembly on March 8th
- Students will learn all about the “Science of Magic” on March 14th from Mad Science of the Mid-Hudson
 - Curriculum based interactive experience for students and teachers
- Healthy Kids After School Program is finishing up the 2nd session with excellent results
 - 20 students worked together, played together and enjoyed shared experiences at our local Phoenicia Library Monday-Friday from 3:30-5:30 PM

Bennett:

- Student government hosted a fundraiser and continue with 14 weeks of kindness
 - The Pink Shirt Day was a great success focusing on “Nice Needs no Filter”

MS

- The middle and high school are celebrating World Languages Week
 - Students competed in a school wide poster contest from grades 7 through 12
 - Posters display proverbs written in both French and Spanish with colorful artistic drawings and paintings
 - Spanish and French classes this week are holding trivia contests, Spanish I class will be having a Spanish Tortilla "Cook-off", 8th grade students have been working on individual projects that range from Latin dance to the Aztec. Incan and Mayan cultures
- Varsity Girls Basketball team ended the season with 11 wins which is a 7 game improvement from last year
 - The team had a 93.1 team GPA and also had 2 girls get recognized as all stars

HS

- Tomorrow, 5 DECA students will be heading to Rochester, NY for the DECA State Competition
- 20 students from science Olympiad team will be traveling to Le Moyne College in Syracuse, NY on March 9th to participate in the state competition
- March 9th is the French Club's fundraiser – Onteora's Got Talent
- Marching band will be participating in Kingston's St. Patrick's Day Parade March 11th
- On March 13th Drawing and Painting Class will take a field trip to R&F Encoustics in Kingston
 - Students will take a tour of paint making facility, including 1 hour of safety and demonstration and 3 hours of working with Encaustic materials to explore ancient painting medium that dates back to the Roman Era and was revived by modern artists in the 1940's
- The Ulster County Career Conference is March 14th at the SUNY Ulster campus
 - Students in grades 11 & 12 will have the opportunity to meet panelists in the career field of their choice
- On March 17th Marching Band will be participating in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in NYC

7. Board District News

7.01 The Board will announce District news

Trustee Kurnit reported that the breakfast at Provisions in Woodstock was successful

- Thanks to hosts

Trustee Osmond reported:

- Administration should support students in walk-out; need to help develop active, engaged students
- Sunday March 11th – fundraiser for gun safety at Colony Café – students from Oteora and other schools will participate

Trustee Osmond and Trustee Salem thanked students for taking a stand

8. Student Representative Report

8.01 Student Representative, Ben Rauschendorfer will report to the Board

7:30

- DECA conference this weekend
- Thanks for way threat was handled
- Thanks to peers for engaging in these important discussions

9. Acknowledge Public Be Heard

9.01 The Board will acknowledge the public be heard comments from the last meeting

No comment was made at the last meeting

11. Presentations

11.01 MS Principal Jennifer O'Connor will Present the Results of the Middle School Homework Survey (proposed 7:15 duration 15 min)

- In November started talking about Homework in MS
 - Surveyed students, teachers, parents
- Most students spend .5 – 1 hour – large majority do homework in school
 - Strong Homework Help program
- 7th and 8th graders felt it was a fair amount of homework
- MS teachers count homework grades more than HS
- Parents said that students do not have problem completing homework and is a fair amount
- Student results indicate that the majority of students feel similarly about homework
 - that 84% of 7th graders & 73% of 8th graders complete their homework before leaving school
 - the majority of students feel that the amount of homework is fair
- 20 parents answered:
 - The majority of parents reported that in both 7th and 8th grades their children had no more than an hour of homework on weekdays
 - For those parents that indicated that their child had difficulty completing homework, the prevailing reasons were attributed to
 - Grade 7 –their children had difficulty focusing
 - Grade 8 –their children had difficulty focusing & they were not motivated in/interested by the work.

Discussion:

- All students and teachers answered
- Did not ask about quality of homework
- Last year spent a lot of time cleaning up how homework is done– put a lot of effort into improving communication among teachers

- Majority of students complete homework in Homework Help with a teacher
- 7th grade teachers each choose a day when their assignments are due
- Educators, students and parents seem to have different understandings of homework
- For some students reading is not homework because they love to read
- Can't correlate doing homework more intensely with grades

11.02 Assistant Superintendent for Business, Monica LaClair will present Budget Information for 2018-2019 (proposed 7:30 duration 30 min)

7:50

- Looking for direction on the levy
- \$1,411,738 increase in budget
- Health insurance increase less than expected
- There is talk about additional money from state for safety (like the SRO)
- \$273,868 gap in budget right now
- Total Available Fund Balance \$18,642,931
- Will have plan for Reserves by end of May
- Will be voting on a proposition on the ballot for the purchasing of busses
 - Total \$172,951
 - One large 65 passenger bus \$116,688
 - One small 28 passenger bus \$56,263
 - Financed over 5 years
 - Total cost approx. \$36,068/year
 - Payments beginning in 2019-2020 school year

Discussion

- Still having discussions to cut additional money
- Reserved Fund Balance

○ Repair Reserve	\$ 1,552,248
○ Unemployment Reserve	\$ 478,039
○ Employee Benefits Reserve	\$ 1,461,211
○ Retirement Contribution Reserve*	\$ 5,304,875
○ Debt Reserve (Debt on West Hurley)	\$ 149,891
○ Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 4,132,821
○ Total Reserved Fund Balance	\$ 13,079,085

* May be over-funded
- Unreserved Fund Balance

○ Unappropriated Fund Balance	\$ 2,178,846
○ Appropriated for Tax Reduction	\$ 3,385,000
- General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance \$ 5,563,846
- Total available fund balance \$18,642,931
- Looking at efficiency while keeping the same programs for budget - shortfall of \$263,000
- Transportation is working on presentation on combining bus runs – will be at next meeting
- Administration recommending a 3% tax levy- actual tax rate will be less than tax levy due to reassessments

11.03 Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction will report on the District Report Card (proposed 8:00 duration 30 min)

8:05

Report card gives a snapshot of Onteora - district and schools

- Have had declining enrollment and an increase in poverty rates
 - 44% free and reduced lunch – all schools are now Title I eligible
- Very little ethnic or racial diversity
- 41 English Language Learner students now – mostly at Phoenicia, where the program runs
 - Students are identified by the NYSTELL test
 - NYSELAT is written and verbal assessment find level of service needed
- Do not have comparable information to other districts due to opt outs at Onteora Central School District
- Last year opt outs decreased by 10% due to meetings with parents and letters sent home
 - Most are not economically disadvantaged or low performing
 - Was highest opt-out rate in the county
- Worked with SUNY Ulster to have students take college courses instead of AP
 - Get dual credit for HS and college
 - Majority of colleges do take college credits, but may not accept AP courses
- Commissioner is looking for new pathways for students to be successful in HS
- Ahead of NYS graduation rate – worked to raise graduation rate from 87% to 94%
- Use data to start a dialogue among teachers
- Item analysis in grades 3-8 with each standard to see where the students were not successful
 - Use running records to identify concepts that are difficult for students in order to re-teach

Discussion:

- Title I schools qualify for additional resources to supplement instruction
 - Funding district gets is not significant - under \$500,000
 - Additional reporting and requirements if over 500,000
 - Use funds to provide AIS services, support in social emotional
 - Helps to pay a portion of AIS teacher salary
- Commissioner wants students to take tests – shorter test, less questions, no longer timed, questions developed by classroom teachers
 - Wants 95% participation rate – may begin to penalize by withholding funds
 - May extend moratorium on APPR and scores
 - Plan to communicate changes in Standards to teachers
 - Small focus groups all across the state to get more information from parents and teachers
- NYS has reviewed, revised and refined standards
 - Standards are evolving to give students skills to be successful in life
 - 2-8 grades standards did not change greatly, but they are workable and attainable
 - 21st century skills use inquiry process

- Growth Mindset – “don’t know it YET” – the power of yet
 - Teachers have been trained
 - If one has not failed, one is not being challenged
- College Courses vs. AP Classes in college admissions- both show an ability to do college work, but more colleges accept dual credit college courses

12. ****Break****

12.01 The Board of Education took a break at 8:55

13. **Discussion & Possible Action**

13.01 Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 2211 Community Involvement in Advisory Committees (proposed 8:35)

9:10

Recommended Action: The Board of Education adopts Policy 2211 as written.

Motioned: Trustee Shands

Seconded: Trustee Osmond

Result: Unanimous

Trustee Salem, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Shands, Trustee Warren

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

2002-2018 2211 Internal Operations SUBJECT: COMMUNITY* INVOLVEMENT IN ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Board of Education recognizes that the public has resources of training and experience useful to the schools. The strength of the local School District is in large measure determined by the degree to which these resources are tapped in supporting the improvement of the local educational program. **For the purposes of this policy, community shall mean not only the lay and public community, but also the personnel and student community of the School District.**

When it is deemed appropriate by the Board of Education, Lay Advisory Committees may be appointed for a clearly specific time period and to address an identified concern(s).

The membership of any and all interim committees appointed will be determined by the Board of Education, and will be appropriate in terms of **functionality numbers and individual interest categories** with respect to the concern(s) and/or reason(s) for forming the committee.

It is not the intent of the Board of Education to maintain standing committees, nor does the Board of Education intend to abdicate its responsibility for all final decisions.

***Community shall mean not only the lay and public community, but also the personnel community of the School District.**

13.02 Abolish Position

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby abolishes the following position: 1.0 FTE Teaching Assistant (temporary)

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee Shands

Result: Unanimous

Trustee Salem, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Shands, Trustee Warren

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

13.03 Create Position

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby creates the following position:

1.0 FTE Supervising Nurse Practitioner

Motioned: Trustee Shands

Seconded: Trustee Kurnit

- Current school physician is bowing out of the role, we have a HS nurse retiring
- To best serve needs of district and children, create a supervising NP to combine services

Result: Unanimous

Trustee Salem, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Shands, Trustee Warren

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

13.04 Appoint Robert Curran as Onteora Representative on BOCES Board

Recommended Action: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District hereby approve the nomination of Robert Curran to represent Onteora Central School District on the Ulster County BOCES Board of Education for the three (3) year term beginning July 1, 2018 through and including June 30, 2021.

Motioned: Trustee Osmond

Seconded: Trustee Storey

Result: Unanimous

Trustee Salem, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Shands, Trustee Warren

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

13.05 Discuss Code of Conduct Review (proposed 8:45 duration 10 min) 9:10

- It says the Board should adopt and review at least annually to evaluate the Code's effectiveness and fairness of implementation- should be in June
- Superintendent should form a committee to go through Code of Conduct to get community input- need stakeholder input
 - Discuss at next meeting
- Board should get feedback from the District on how the code is working because otherwise Board is working in a vacuum
- Charge this week is to reach out to teachers, administration, students, Board - one rep from each building to review code
- On June 5th agenda review Code of Conduct

14. Independent Contract Retainer

14.01 Approve all ICRs (proposed 8:55)

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the Independent Contract Retainers in item 14.02-14.04

Motioned: Trustee Osmond

Seconded: Trustee Shands

- ASQ evaluator is someone who measures Social/Emotional evaluation

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Salem, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Shands, Trustee Warren

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

14.02 ICR-Haskell

Recommended Action: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approves the Independent Contractor Retainer between the Onteora Central School District and Mary-Ann Haskell, as an ASQ evaluator for the UPK programs for the period beginning July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 at a rate of \$200.00 per student, to a maximum of \$2,000.00 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

14.03 ICR- Scherry

Recommended Action: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approves the Independent Contractor Retainer between the Onteora Central School District and Cynthia Scherry, as a Colonial Trade Fair Resource Educator at the Bennett School for the period beginning February 22, 2018 to June 15, 2018 at a rate of \$50.00 per hour, to a maximum of \$3,000.00 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

14.04 ICR-Wilsey

Recommended Action: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approves the Independent Contractor Retainer between the Onteora Central School District and Mary Wilsey, as an ASQ evaluator for the UPK programs for the period beginning July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 at a rate of \$200.00 per student, to a maximum of \$2,000.00 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

15. Consent Agenda

15.01 Approve Consent Agenda (proposed 9:00)

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves consent agenda item numbers 15.02-15.09

Motioned: Trustee Shands

Seconded: Trustee Storey

- Teacher is retiring in November – will probably place her as a coach or AIS teacher to allow a teacher to start with students in September
- Superintendent Victoria McLaren introduced our new Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, Jodi DeLucia who will begin on July 1st but will be in-district several times before July

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Salem, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Shands, Trustee Warren

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

15.02 Approve Schedule U - The Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations

Recommended Action: The Board hereby approves the Instruction - Schedule U-The Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations, Schedule U, #3/18, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Storey

15.03 Personnel Agenda

Jodi DeLucia, certified as School District Administrator, to a 4-year probationary period in the tenure area of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction at a salary of \$130,000.00 commencing on 7/1/18 and ending on 6/30/22.

RESIGNATIONS:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Brower, Carol	Elementary Teacher/Woodstock	11/15/18	Retirement
Martin, Colleen	Nurse/ High School	6/30/18	Retirement
Naccarato, Mary	AIS Teacher/Woodstock	6/30/18	Retirement
Panza, Marcia	Nurse/Woodstock	6/30/18	Retirement
Patschke, Stephen	Library Media Specialist/Phoenicia & Woodstock	6/30/18	Retirement

LEAVE OF ABSENCES: INSTRUCTIONAL

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM - TO	REASON
2356	1/24/18 – 2/27/18	Extend Paid Medical Leave FMLA

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Knoche, Stephen	US History Regents Prep (After School)	\$1,978.00

PERMANENT STATUS

The following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL personnel have served a probationary period and are recommended to PERMANENT STATUS consistent with the applicable laws and regulations of the State of New York:

NAME	POSITION	PROBATIONARY DATE	PERMANENT DATE
D'Addario, Jarrett	Auto Mechanic	9/27/2017	3/26/2018
Jameson, Barbara	Cook	8/23/2017	2/22/2018

LEAVE OF ABSENCES: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

NAME	EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM - TO	REASON
	1585	9/5/17 – 3/12/18 (1/2 day)	Extension Medical – Paid – FMLA
	1585	3/12/18 (1/2 day) – 3/20/18	Unpaid Medical – Unpaid - FMLA

SUBSTITUTE

NAME	POSITION
Faust, Krystal	Uncertified Instructional/Non-Instructional
Gray, Anna	UnCertified Instructional/Non-Instructional
Guillon, Alice	Uncertified Instructional/Non-Instructional

15.04 Financial Report- January 2018

Recommended Action: The Board of Education has reviewed and hereby accepts the Financial Management Report ending January 31, 2018

15.05 Award of Bid

Recommended Action: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approve the award of the bid for the surplus items listed below to the highest bidder as per Auctions International, Inc.:

- Mi-T-M Pressure Washer \$1,750.00
- Delta Unisaw \$ 420.00
- 64 Steel Folding Chairs \$ 27.00

15.06 Change Order Rescission

Recommended Action: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approve the rescission of Change Order #EC-01 decreasing the contract between Veith Electric Co. and the Onteora Central School District for the Reconstruction Project at the Middle High School in the amount of \$13,832.00 which was originally approved on January 26, 2017.

15.07 Change Order EC-01

Recommended Action: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approve Change Order #EC-01 decreasing the contract between Veith Electric Co. and the Onteora Central School District for the Reconstruction Project at the Middle High School in the amount of \$12,049.01 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such a change order.

15.08 Approve Volunteer

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the following volunteer for the Bennett School: Marina Caho

15.09 Approve Contract for Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

Recommended Action: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approve the contract between the Onteora Central School District and Jodi DeLucia, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

16. Committee Reports**16.01 Communications Committee - Trustee Shands to report. Next meeting TBD**

Met with Superintendent Victoria McLaren and Trustee Salem to discuss how to move forward – have emailed all people on committee to try to find date

- Hope to have by next week
- Will create a mission statement and set goals

17. Old Business**17.01 The Board will discuss Old Business (proposed 9:05)**

9:30

No Old Business was discussed

18. New Business**18.01 The Board will discuss New Business**

No New Business was discussed

19. Request For Information**19.01 Discuss Requests for Information**

Trustee Shands asked if our civics teachers do anything on voter registration?

- Board of Elections comes to meet with all 12th graders and registers students

Trustee Osmond asked about her question from September about English Language Learners

- Perception is that ELLs were transferred from Woodstock to Phoenicia based on race
- Were 100% ELLs getting 100% of their services

Interim Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, Marystephanie Corsones responded:

- We meet all requirements of communication in native language and go beyond
 - Teachers that speak the languages communicate with parents orally as well as in written communication that goes home
 - Surveys provided in Spanish
- All students receive required services – had a ELL senior come in and graduated with a regents diploma
- Adequately staffed – started year with 37 students, now at 40
- Majority in primary grades with a staffing ratio of 1 to 10, which is very generous - provide much more than the minimum required by state Ed
 - Allows adjustment to teacher schedules when a student enters mid year
- As a small district, we could opt-out of ENL professional development required by State, but are not doing so

20. Adjournment

20.01 Adjourn Meeting. Next meeting is Tuesday, March 20, 2018 in the Bennett School (proposed 9:10)

Recommended Action: Motion to adjourn meeting at 9:50

Motioned: Trustee Shands

Seconded: Trustee Storey

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Salem, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Shands, Trustee Warren

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

Minutes Recorded by Fern Amster,
District Clerk



Board of Education: Kevin Salem, Laurie Osmond, Valerie Storey, Lindsay Shands, Bennet Ratcliff, Rob Kurnit, Robert Burke Warren