

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

WORKSHOP MEETING

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018

BENNETT SCHOOL

1. Opening Items

- 1.01 Call to Order 6:00 pm
- 1.02 Tobacco Policy Statement
- 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.04 Roll Call

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

Not Present: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Shands, Trustee Ratcliff

2. Acceptance of Minutes

2.01 Acceptance of Minutes

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby accepts the minutes of the 1/9/18 Board of Education Meeting

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee Osmond

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Shands, Trustee Ratcliff

Now Present

Trustee Osmond and Trustee Shands arrived at 6:10

3. Welcome

3.01 Bennett Principal, Gabriel Buono will welcome the Board (proposed 6:05 duration 10 min)

Mr. Buono introduced the 5th grades Science Teachers Kelly Downs, Judy Iapocce, Virginia Iapocce, Melissa Thongs and Kristen Warren to present the inquiry-based Vex IQ Robotics course:

- Students are making robots- every student works at their own pace
- They have to do it themselves without help
- After they build the machines then they will code to get it to work
- On Youtube there are videos of the Vex IA competitions
- Every student has a laptop to work with their robot
- After complete, take them apart to build something else
- Library Media Specialist and Music teachers will use robots after they are done with the unit
- Chose Vex Robotics because of the competitions involved

4. Superintendent District News

4.01 The Superintendent announce District news (proposed 6:15)

Last week presented some challenges due to the weather

- Recognize the efforts of our buildings and grounds staff that worked from 5am throughout the storm on Wednesday to ensure that all of our sites

were taken care of so that we could all return safely on Thursday

- Publicly thank all of these employees for what they did for the District:
 - Building and Grounds staff: Bradley Parker, John Hanley, Nate VanLeuvan, Alan Berryann, Dillon VanLeuvan, Kyle Harjes and Jared Mance
 - Payroll: Gail Hommel braved the snow and came to work on Wednesday so that pay would happen as scheduled

NYSSBA webinar related to the Governor's State Budget Proposal related to school aid:

- State aid is an additional \$17,127 or the 0.25% minimum
- Some of the other noteworthy proposals brought forth by the Governor include:
 - A proposal to cap some expense based aids at 2% beginning with the 2019-2020 aid
 - Includes transportation, BOCES and building aid
 - Seems counter-intuitive - might dis-incentivize districts from entering into new BOCES services
 - Certain districts would be required to have building level spending plans approved by the SED Dept. of budget in order to ensure equity
 - Would be a direct reduction of local control and school board autonomy
 - A change in the way the state reimburses for summer special education costs
 - Currently districts are reimbursed a flat 80% of summer costs, change to the District's public excess cost ratio which is calculated using wealth factors
 - Would significantly increase the portion of the cost that the District needs to fund for summer special education and impact our annual budget
 - NYSSBA estimated that it would equate to a \$70M state wide cost
 - The MS and HS Homework survey results will be presented at the February 20th Board meeting

MS News:

- Some of the Advanced 8th grade student's artwork has been chosen for the Scholarship Exhibition at the Woodstock School of Art
- The Middle School First Lego League team will be competing at the regional competition on January 27th in LaGrangeville
 - The team programmed a robot to perform various challenges, and explored various issues related to human water use

Woodstock News

- The 3rd grade visited Howe Caverns on Friday - furthered their learning and knowledge about rocks and minerals
- The school leadership team will be conducting the mid-year school culture and climate survey as well as the math fluency benchmark this month
- Next week the Woodstock and Phoenicia grade 2 and 3 teachers will receive training on the next generation science standards

Phoenicia

- This week 2nd and 3rd grade students will begin work on another hallway mural project with the Artist in Residence
 - They will work together to create a mural depicting the use of natural resources and the need to protect land, water, and the air
- The Phoenicia Library has donated \$750 to the Phoenicia PTA to support the District Family Night to be held on February 23rd
 - Featuring magician, Scott Jameson and it is a free event for children and families across the District in grades K-6
- The Phoenicia Read-A-Thon kick off to continue support for reading improvement is scheduled for February 13th
 - 5 week reading partnership with parents, students and community volunteers
- Participating in a “Comprehensive Needs Assessment” Survey to support a federal grant application to help provide well rounded educational opportunities
 - Translated into Spanish as well
- New York State Science Standards and unit implementation is scheduled to begin next week

Monica LaClair reported on the effect on the school district of a PILOT for a new hotel in Woodstock

- No reduction in what school will receive

5. Board District News

5.01 The Board will announce District News (proposed 6:20)

Trustee Kurnit reported:

- NYSSBA webinar on Budget – very interesting
 - 2018 Executive Budget Analysis is most important
- UCSBA meeting on Thursday has legislature coming

Trustee Storey reported:

- Friday is Coach Chartrand’s retirement from coaching after 34 years
 - Alumni night for Wrestling

Trustee Osmond reported:

- Thursday night is hearing about possible PILOT in Woodstock
- Parents that were unaware of Homework Survey in HS, told to contact Ms. Casey

6. Student Representative Report

6.01 Student Representative, Ben Rauschendorfer will report to the Board

- Students prepping for exams
- Snows days hindered midterm schedule
- February 28th is National Honor Society Blood Drive

7. Acknowledge Public Be Heard

7.01 The Board will acknowledge the public be heard comments from the last meeting
Dannah Chaifetz

8. Public/Student Comment

- 8.01 The public and students may comment on any agenda or non agenda item. Please limit comments to 3 minutes
No comment was made

9. Independent Contract Retainers

- 9.01 Approve Independent Contract Retainers (proposed 6:35)

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the Independent Contract Retainers in items 9.02 - 9.03

Motioned: Trustee Shands

Seconded: Trustee Kurnit

- Dr. Newton's contract includes: a full day of training K-6; joining her community to allow teachers access to online materials, working with administrators, and working with teachers through Skype

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

- 9.02 ICR - Newton

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 Dr. Roberta M Newton for Professional Development on March 2, 2018 the rate of \$4,940 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement

- 9.03 ICR - Center for Creative Education

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 Center for Creative Education as an Artist in Residency at the Woodstock Elementary School for the period beginning February 20, 2018 to March 15, 2018 at the rate of \$250.00 per 1-hour class to a maximum of \$2500.00 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

10. Consent Agenda

- 10.01 Approve Consent Agenda

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves consent agenda item numbers 10.02-10.08

Motioned: Trustee Osmond

Seconded: Trustee Shands

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

- 10.02 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, #1/18, Confidential, as reviewed

by Trustee Shands

10.03 Personnel Agenda

LEAVE OF ABSENCES:

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM - TO	REASON
2180	1/23/18 – 2/6/18 (1/2 Paid)	Paid Medical - FMLA
2180	2/6/18(1/2 Unpaid)- until Further Notice	Unpaid Medical - FMLA

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Burkhardt, Jeannine	AIS/Regents Prep (After School) 1 - Split w/ J Morra	\$989.00
Morra, Jessica	AIS/Regents Prep (After School) 1 - Split w/ J Burkhardt	\$989.00

RESIGNATIONS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Chan, Yuen Shan	Custodial Worker/Woodstock	2/27/18	Retirement
Warren, Isabella M.	Teaching Assistant/Phoenicia	2/1/18	Retirement

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
Calderale, Stacia	Custodial Worker	8/7/2017	2/6/2018
Natoli, Pamela	Custodial Worker	8/14/2017	2/13/2018

SUBSTITUTE

NAME	POSITION
Nieves-Kastel, Angelica	Uncertified Instructional/Non-Instructional
Henderson, Rebecca	Uncertified TA/Non-Instructional

10.04 Donation

Recommended Action: The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a donation totaling \$26.25 CASH, from Middle School TUFs-Teaming Up For Success Program. This program is a teacher to student mentor program providing academic and personal support to students from 9th-12th grade. These funds reimburse the district for team building expenditures.

The Superintendent recommends approval to increase the 2017-2018 Budget per the following donations:

Sally Roy and Peter Nelson
 A2110.431.02 Supplemental \$26.25

10.05 Create Temporary Position

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

10.06 Surplus Books

Recommended Action: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District declare a variety of approximately 100 fiction books from the Middle High School Library as surplus and authorizes the sale or disposal of these items.

10.07 SEQRA Resolution for folding wall in Bennett gym

Recommended Action: WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Onteora Central School District (the "District") is proposing to replace the folding gym partition wall at the Bennett Elementary School as a result of an investigation that determined the electrical mechanism folding the wall was no longer operational (the "Bennett Gym Partition Replacement Project"); and

WHEREAS, the costs associated with the Bennett Gym Partition Replacement Project are ordinary and contingent expenditures because they are necessary to assure the health and safety of students and staff and for the District's instructional program; and
WHEREAS, the proposed cost of the Bennett Gym Partition Replacement Project is estimated not to exceed \$100,000; and
WHEREAS, the Board has considered the information and documentation, which describes the design and intent of the Bennett Gym Partition Replacement Project;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District, based upon the record before it, including the general, specific and detailed knowledge of the Board of the proposed projects and under the applicable standards of SEQRA and 6 NYCRR Part 617.5, hereby determines that the Bennett Gym Partition Replacement Project is a Type II Action, and that no further action is required to satisfy the requirements of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District declare the costs associated with the Bennett Gym Partition Replacement Project to be ordinary, contingent expenditures, and further authorizes an amount not to exceed \$100,000 to be transferred from the District's 2017/18 unencumbered general fund balance to pay the costs associated with the Bennett Gym Partition Replacement Project

10.08 SEQRA Resolution for Bennett shed

Recommended Action: WHEREAS, the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Onteora Central School District (the "District") is proposing to replace two sheds at the Bennett Elementary School as a result of a fire that caused the sheds to be damaged beyond repair (the "Bennett Shed Replacement Project"); and
WHEREAS, the costs associated with the Bennett Shed Replacement Project are ordinary and contingent expenditures because they are necessary to protect school district property; and
WHEREAS, the proposed cost of the Bennett Shed Replacement Project is estimated not to exceed \$20,000, the full cost of which shall be paid for out of insurance proceeds recovered as a result of the fire; and
WHEREAS, the Board has considered the information and documentation, which describes the design and intent of the Bennett Shed Replacement Project;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District, based upon the record before it, including the general, specific and detailed knowledge of the Board of the proposed projects and under the applicable standards of SEQRA and 6 NYCRR Part 617.5, hereby determines that the Bennett Shed Replacement Project is a Type II Action, and that no further action is required to satisfy the requirements of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District declare the costs associated with the Bennett Shed Replacement Project to be ordinary, contingent expenditures, and further authorizes an amount not to exceed \$20,000 from the District's 2017/18 general fund budget to be used to pay the costs associated with the Bennett Shed Replacement Project with such amounts offset by the insurance proceeds recovered as a result of the fire.

11. Committee Reports

11.01 Audit Committee - Trustee Salem to report. Next meeting is at Central Administration at 10:00 on 2/22/18

Discussed how to use Internal Auditor – discussed data assets and technology assets: student records and security

11.02 Health and Wellness Committee - Trustee Shands to report. Next meeting is in the MS/HS Conference Room at 2:45 on TBD
Will report next time

12. Old Business

12.01 The Board will discuss Old Business
No Old Business was discussed

13. New Business

13.01 The Board will discuss New Business

Field Trips have been changed because buses or drivers are not available – what can be done?

- Problem is drivers – our contracted bus company is using drivers from Utica
 - Talked about taking field trips to a different company

14. Request For Information

14.01 Requests for Information

Trustee Osmond asked about sharing professional development with another district to offset cost using the auditorium

- Auditorium is not a great venue for professional development – needs to be hands on using tables
 - Can check with districts to see if other districts have the same conference days

15. Executive Session

15.01 Enter executive session (proposed 6:45 duration 45 min)

Recommended Action: Motion to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation, OTA & ONTEA negotiations

Motioned: Trustee Shands

Seconded: Trustee Storey

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

15.02 Exit Executive Session and Adjournment (proposed 7:30)

Recommended Action: Motion to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting at 8:40

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee Shands

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

Minutes Recorded by Fern Amster,
District Clerk

