

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014

PHOENICIA SCHOOL

1. Opening Items

- 1.01 Call to Order 6:05
- 1.02 Tobacco Policy Statement
- 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.04 Roll Call

Present: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy,
Trustee Moor, Trustee Davis

2. Acceptance of Minutes

- 2.01 Acceptance of Minutes

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby accepts the minutes of the
11/4/14 and 11/7/14 BOE meetings

Motioned: Trustee Davis

Seconded: Trustee Kurnit

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy,
Trustee Moor, Trustee Davis

3. Public Hearing - Mission/Vision

- 3.01 The Board will hear from the public about the newly composed Mission and Vision
Statements (proposed 6:05 duration 15 min. or longer)
No comment was made

Discussion on if this is the version on the Vision approved at the 10/21/14 meeting

- District Clerk to check the recording of 10/21/14

MISSION

Our Onteora schools exist to educate and nurture the children of our diverse community. Our mission is to create an engaging and healthy learning environment that empowers all students to pursue their dreams, achieve their goals, and contribute thoughtfully to the global community.

VISION

The Onteora Central School District provides an extraordinary education for every child; one that fosters intellectual curiosity, mutual respect, self respect, creative problem solving, individual expression, ethical decision making, and active engagement in the world. Through a holistic collaboration between students, families, the educational community, and Onteora residents at large, students will graduate as engaged citizens and life-long learners with the confidence, self-awareness and skills to live rich and successful lives. Our community nurtures and values its children.

4. Welcome

- 4.01 Phoenicia Principal, Linda Sella will welcome the Board (proposed 6:20 duration 10
min)

6:15

- American Education Week Celebration reminds us that our children are our
most important asset
 - Event was today, 40 parents came to go class to class with their child

- Annual Senior Citizen Luncheon is on Thursday
 - More than 40 seniors attending
 - Connection between the youngest children and the senior citizens is wonderful
- In preparation of food baskets donations
 - Collecting food for families in need
 - Taking donations - local grocers are very generous
- Holiday Cheer was created and coordinated by teachers in the building
 - Select families anonymously to give everything they need for holidays and beyond
- Wonderful model when children see that the adults in their environment are giving back to each other

5. Board District News

5.01 The Board will announce District news (proposed 6:30)

Trustee McGillicuddy reported

- Attended Ulster County School Board meeting with Trustee Kurnit
- Ulster County Legislative Action Committee was charged with lobbying for elimination of GEA
 - Reached out to Orange County School Board Association, who had success getting community members to lobby
 - All component Districts present agreed
 - Working to get a united front in county
- Regent Finn was there taking questions from the group
- NYS Educational Conference Board is comprised of school board, parent, teach and administrator associations
 - Working to get State Aid due to school districts
- Ulster County 2020 Vision reconvening 12/12/14 can bring 6 people from each district
 - Figure out who will attend from Onteora Central School District
 - Community members, staff members, administrators, teachers, parents, board members are invited
 - One issue being addressed is later start times
 - District Comprehensive Planning team for Later Start times should send someone

Trustee Fletcher suggested sending the Onteora GEA resolution to the new State Senator George Amedore, as he campaigned as a proponent of eliminating the GEA

Trustee Fletcher added:

- Other focus of Ulster County 2020 Vision group is Regional transportation
 - Perhaps invite Transportation Director Nicole Sommer to attend
- Task Force on Testing Reduction is Thursday, 11/20/14

Trustee McGillicuddy reported on the Task Force for Testing Reduction

- Charge: To work on the following Onteora CSD Board Of Education goal for the year 2014-15:

- After careful study, develop and adopt an actionable policy and/or plan regarding testing, reflecting the Board's desire to avoid over-testing, 'teaching to the test,' the infringement upon instructional time, and the perception thereof. Work in collaboration with PTAs, Administrators, Teachers and other staff members to develop a policy and /or plan that can be supported by all stake-holders.
- Looking for as many as teachers, staff members, non-teachers to participate
- Meeting on Thursday, will be able to speak or write comments

Trustee Fletcher reported:

- Research articles up on Board Docs and copies will be available at the Task Force on Testing Reduction meeting on Thursday
 - Task Force came about from concerns voiced by staff, administration and parents
 - Especially in grades 3-8
- Still need to follow laws and mandates but trying to be proactive to make lives at school better
 - 6pm MS/HS Auditorium
- Have Bennett School Project Based Learning presentation 2 meetings from now

6. Superintendent District News

6.01 The Superintendent announce District news (proposed 6:35)

Superintendent Phyllis McGill introduced the new Director of Athletics, Health and PE and Dean of Students Mike Carney

- Joined Onteora Central School District 11/3/14
- Clear favorite of Shared Advisory Committee
 - Only candidate they would accept of the group interviewed

Other News:

- Senator Seward came to High School to give a proclamation recognizing and paying tribute to Onteora High School for being named on the Daily Beast's List of top Nation's best High Schools in for 3 years in a row
 - 526 among 754 schools – 1 of 2 Ulster County Schools named
 - Shared in Mr. Knoche's civics class
- Information session on Common Core Learning Standards in ELA and Math for students in grades K-6 on 12/4/14 from 6-9 pm
 - To better inform parents on learning standards and how parents can better support their children at home
 - Begin as whole group and then break out sessions
 - Put on by BOCES (as content specialists) and our own staff
- DCPT on Later Start Times first meeting Monday, 11/24/14 at 3:45 in Room 120A
 - 20 members; follows Shared Decision Making Document for a District Comprehensive Planning Team
 - Charge: Provide parameters, identify hurdles, and craft solutions specific to the Onteora CSD in regards to the following Superintendent goal:

“Based on the recommendation of the American Academy of Pediatrics and considerable other data-based research, plan and prepare for later start times for secondary students using an 8:45 am-9:00 am target. This goal acknowledges the need to factor into account current elementary start times, BOCES attendance and extra-curricular activities, and the need to engage the community in the planning process.”

Discussion:

- Video as much as possible for parents with conflicts
- Direct request from PTAs who wanted to know more about it
 - Perhaps have a second session
- There is no one person chairing the DCPT
 - Will discuss roles at the first meeting
 - Really is shared decision making group
- Superintendent, OTA President, ONTEA President and Director of Transportation set the agenda together
- Document is very old and must be reviewed
 - Meant to be reviewed biennial and is 15 years old

7. Student Representative Report

7.01 Student Representative Mary Sorich will report to the Board (proposed 6:40)
6:45

Student Government President Mary Sorich and Vice President Aidan Klein

- Not had a meeting since last Board meeting
- Meeting Thursday
 - Planning polls – opinion on later start time and mascot
- Club fair during lunch to explore clubs
- Appointing members to green tech committee
- Looking for volunteers within Student Government to attend DCPT and Task Force on Later Start Times

8. Acknowledge Public Be Heard Comments

8.01 The Board will acknowledge the public be heard comments from the last meeting
Cindy O'Connor (spoke twice), Robert Warren, Robert Wagner, Scott Cronin, Barbara Mansfield, Seema Sudan, Katie Legnini, Rich DeRuvo

9. Public/Student Comment

9.01 The public and students may comment on any agenda or non agenda item. Please limit comments to 3 minutes (proposed 6:45 duration 10 min or more)

6:50

Rich DeRuvo – American Academy of Pediatrics also discusses Seasonal Affective Disorder as a disorder. Change Superintendent goal for later start times

Lou Chartrand – Reconsider start time- each year have 8-10 athletes in jeopardy of failing, athletics saved students who would not have graduated– changing the start time will effect after-school opportunities including athletics

Kristin Rotella – Reconfiguration was a big change for Olive children who were separated. Many districts that have gone to later start times have sacrificed their

athletic program, after school programs and special education programs. Parents were not heard before reconfiguration and it had many promises not kept. Olive parents and children feel like visitors at Phoenicia

Lori Matteson – Reach your community culture goal to work with the stakeholders. Finish the reconfiguration and help parents and students feel comfortable at all schools

Jay Cohen – 43 states have Districts that initiated later start times. Young teenagers needless suffering with sleep deprivation – if the solution is not later start times, come up with another solution

Roy Brueckner – Young children with older children on the bus won't work. Parents will not be able to be home to put teenagers on bus. Vote on it

Paul Wright – Look carefully at the issue, do not make a rush decision

Sierra Smith – Empty Board seat has still not been filled. Listen to the stakeholders on later start time

Brian Connolly – Decide if time change is right for Onteora. No parameter or hurdle to overcome that will help athletes and BOCES – free breakfast won't happen if buses pick up students from their homes. Have children exercise, turn off electronics and go to sleep earlier. Think about all students – not just majority.

- Board vacancy is on agenda tonight
- Not expecting start time to change next year
- Hudson Valley Parent Interview conducted a couple of months ago when the Board had discussed the later start time several times and no one voiced dissatisfaction

10. Presentations

10.01 Presentation by Director of Transportation, Nicole Sommer (proposed 6:55 duration 25 min; 15 present 10 ques.)

7:25

Most challenging is changed in bus, program and building assignments

School	# of bus runs	Longest Run	shortest run	earliest pickup	departs garage	Arrives at school	Departs from school	Last drop-off
MS/HS	27 am 28 pm	51 min	21 min	6:37	6:21	7:25	2:42	3:23
Bennett	17	56 min	33 min	7:45	7:26	8:40	3:40	4:40
Woodstock	11	1 hour	33 min	7:42	7:19	8:40	3:40	4:30
Phoenicia	9	1 hour	28 min	7:41	7:22	8:40	3:40	4:40

- Try to combine runs to save money
- Cannot have less than a 3 hour bus run by contract
- Currently have 54 buses doing 97 bus routes

Discussion:

- Have this presentation every year
- Hard to find people to work 4-5 hours a day that are willing to get the license to drive a bus
- To add bus runs to alleviate time, changes contract and needs more drivers
 - Difficult to get drivers because it is a 4-5 hour day and people need full

time jobs

- Changes in student placement changes all the routes
- In talking to other Districts, not unusual to have 1 hour bus run
- Big part of transportation budget is to transport to private and parochial schools
 - Taking some children 1 ½ hours – 2 hours away
- Buses are not at capacity but due to reconfiguration not as many children on each run
- In Ulster County, Onteora has the earliest start time
 - Difficult for students to be out in the dark and cold before 7 am
- Each K-12 private and parochial school students ride the same bus
 - 3 buses to Woodstock Day School
 - Have later start time by choice
 - Private and parochial buses do not have problems with mixed ages
 - One referral in 7 years – behavior monitored by bus drivers and cameras allow incidents/complaints to be viewed
- Onteora late bus runs are mixed grades 4-12
- P-Tech and Alt Ed program children are picked up and bused directly to BOCES
 - Are out-of-District Placement Students
- Career Tech students are part of HS, but take classes at Vo-Tech

11. Discussion

8:10

Motion to move agenda item 11.03 to next on the agenda

Motioned: Trustee Davis

Seconded: Trustee Kurnit

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Moor, Trustee Davis

11.03 Later Start Times for MS/HS Students: Data and Recent Reports (proposed 7:35)

- Trustee Fletcher explained that the Board has been discussing later start times for quite a while and showed some of the research the Board used to inform the Board [available on Board Docs under this item and in Quick Links on the main page]
 - Fairfax County, Sag Harbor, Lower Orangetown, a Cape Cod School District, MA school districts and South Carolina school district currently making the change
 - NJ legislature has approved a study, RI studied sleep of children
 - Seoul, South Korea School Districts are changing next year
 - UK conducting year-long study of 32,000 pupils in 100 schools starting 1 hour later (10 am)
- Trustee Osmond added that a recent article in NY Times discusses the research on sleep deprivation in teenagers -has links to define terms
- American Academy of Pediatrics is not talking about sleep deprivation as a disorder, which is abnormal behavior that effects a small body of people
 - No mention of Seasonal Affective Disorder in studies

- Board has no intention of making sacrifices to the school programs
 - Look at case studies of Districts that have made the change
 - Every District is different
 - Wilton, CT changed start time due to League of Women Voters, a historically impartial organization
 - Sleep study before and after – students went to bed 3 min. later after change
 - Sports conferences worked with District to allow athletes to participate
- Board wants sports and all extra-curricular activities to thrive
 - Can be essential to helping students through school
- Trustee Moor is a teacher at Rhinebeck - bell at 7:30 - sees students every morning exhausted due to staying up late for school work, or didn't go to sleep late
 - Hears testimony from colleagues of the problems of early morning classes and that attention improves in the later periods
- Board's duty is to improve education for students and as parents and community members want the best for Onteora
- There is virtually unanimous agreement in research community that later start times for adolescents education will improve learning, health and safety
- Hope is that the committee will work together with open mind and address issues of all stakeholders
 - Committee should find out what conversation has been held with MHAL
 - Talk to other districts in region that are thinking of pushing the start times back
- Many parents have approached Board in past few years about starting early but do not want to speak in public or think to ask Board
 - Different sentiments in the wide demographic in the District
- Maybe students don't want to go later because they don't want to lose afterschool activities, see friends and do homework
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11.01 2015-2016 Proposed Budgeting Calendar (proposed 7:20)

8:50

- Board need to decide if they want to pursue an increase in tax levy
- December will be in-house budget meetings
- 2nd meeting in December parameters/directives from Board

11.02 Vacant Board of Education Trustee Applications (proposed 7:25 duration 10 min)

- Trustee Fletcher suggested a way to review applications to make a decision for/at the next Board meeting
- NYSSBA clarified that interviews can be in executive or public session, but will appoint in public

- Discussion on interviewing candidates
 - Applicants should all be asked the same question
 - Look at list of questions used in the past
 - Each person to craft 1 or 2 questions and interview from those for the next meeting
 - Difficult to interview in public
- Tom Hickey resigned 8 weeks ago
- Trustee Moor will not be present at the 12/2/14 meeting
 - Consensus to have all Board members present and interview in executive session

14. Break

14.01 The Board will break for 5 minutes (proposed 8:10)
The Board took a break at approx. 9:00

11.02 Vacant Board of Education Trustee Applications (proposed 7:25 duration 10 min)

Continued

- Special meeting on 12/11/14 to interview in executive session with the intention to appoint and sit at Board table on 12/16/14 meeting

12. Independent Contract Retainers

12.01 Approve all ICRS (proposed 7:40 duration 10 min)
9:15

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the Independent Contract Retainers in items 12.02-12.06

Motioned: Trustee Moor

Seconded: Trustee Osmond

- Board members met with National School Climate Center at NYSSBA
- Proposal is to pilot program at Bennett and move on to MS
 - Done by survey of parents, teachers, and students
 - Further enhance and sustain Professional Learning Communities
 - Intent is to work with administration and teacher leaders to pass information onto other schools
 - Professional Development for leadership team:
 - Guidance counselor, psychologist and social worker
 - To fully realize goals, very good way to collect data, provide data and create the kind of community we are looking for
 - Work will be systematic
 - Bennett Principal Gabriel Buono is in support of this program
 - Have neutral group do surveys and program
 - Supposed to follow up with survey every 2 years- Rhinebeck CSD does the follow up themselves
 - Work with Bennett on rough spots from reconfiguration
- Cost is high - \$8,050 plus up to \$1000 for travel
 - After-program support is additional
 - Moving onto other schools is additional
 - This is a paired down version from first proposal, which was \$20,000
 - Still could have additional funds, as more may be needed to complete

project

- How is PBIS working at Bennett? What is the practice of PBIS?
- What can be done with in-District professionals? Primary Schools was able to come up with solutions
 - Maybe a similar type of committee for Intermediate School

Motion to amend the motion to take off ICR Item #12.06

Motioned: Trustee Osmond

Seconded: Trustee McGillicuddy

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Moor, Trustee Davis

Approve amended motion – items 12.02-12.05

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Moor, Trustee Davis

- 2 Community mentor ICRs are for children of Trustee McGillicuddy and Trustee Davis

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Moor, Trustee Davis

12.02 Approve ICR for Dave Channon

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 Dave Channon, for the period beginning October 21, 2014 to May 28, 2015 at a rate of \$250.00 for 25 hours, to a maximum of \$250.00, as a mentor in Sculpture and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

12.03 Approve ICR for Dr. Alan Hans

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. Alan Hans, for the period beginning November 1, 2014 to May 28, 2015, as a mentor in Veterinary Medicine and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

12.04 Approve ICR for Sarah Plant

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 Sarah Plant for the period beginning October 17, 2014 to May 28, 2015 at a rate of \$250.00 for 25 hours, to a maximum of \$250.00, as a mentor in Scoring Music for Film and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

12.05 Approve ICR for Heath Tong

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 Heath Tong for the period beginning November 1, 2014 to May 28, 2015 at a rate of \$250.00 for 25 hours, to a maximum of \$250.00, as a mentor in Physical Therapy and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

12.06 Approve ICR for National School Climate Center

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 the National School Climate Center, for the period beginning November 19, 2014 to May 30, 2015 at a rate of \$8,050 plus \$1000 maximum travel reimbursement as a school climate consultant and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

Motioned: Trustee Davis

Seconded: Trustee Kurnit

Result: Passed

Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Moor, Trustee Davis

No: Trustee Osmond

Trustee McGillicuddy explained that her vote is to support the Board and Superintendent

13. Discussion & Possible Action

Motion to change agenda and move item 13.03 to next item

Motioned: Trustee Fletcher

Seconded: Trustee Davis

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Moor, Trustee Davis

13.03 MOA for Lyceum Club Advisor (proposed 8:05)

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves MOA #11182014A between the Onteora Central School District and the Onteora Teachers Association

Motioned: Trustee McGillicuddy

Seconded: Trustee Davis

- Trustee Davis expressed that this is similar to Law Journal in Law School, which was an important part of her education

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Moor, Trustee Davis

13.01 Discussion on using the new voting machines (proposed 7:50 duration 10 min) 9:45

- Prints out tally and write in votes – much simpler process

- Using their trained election inspectors to run machines
- Registrar count should match the machine vote

Motion: Motion to accept the proposal from the Ulster County Board of Elections to use the county voting machines for the 15-16 Vote and Election

Motioned: Trustee Moor

Seconded: Trustee Davis

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Moor, Trustee Davis

13.02 MOA for ESL Stipend (proposed 8:00)

Recommended Action: The Onteora Central School District hereby approves MOA # 11182014 between the Onteora Central School District and the Onteora Teachers Association

Motioned: Trustee Davis

Seconded: Trustee Kurnit

- Onteora Teachers Association and Onteora Administrator Association are supportive of this MOA
 - OAA was not in support of the amount originally put on the agenda

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Moor, Trustee Davis

15. Consent Agenda

15.01 Approve Consent Agenda (proposed 8:15)

Motioned: Trustee Davis

Seconded: Trustee Moor

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Moor, Trustee Davis

Recommended Action: Approve consent agenda item numbers 15.02-15.06

Assistant Superintendent for Business Victoria McLaren said it has gone down over the last few years

County pays District the unpaid taxes and collects from land tax bills

APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL
 EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS 2014-2015

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Cayea, Krista	Musical - Vocal Coach	\$1,109.00
	1st Longevity	\$156.00
Occhi, Andrew	Basketball - Modified - Head Coach (Boys)	\$2,452.00
Osswald, Robin	ESL Coordinator - District (pro-rated 11/19/14 - 06/30/15)	\$2,368.58

APPOINTMENTS: NON INSTRUCTIONAL

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	PROBATIONARY PERIOD	SALARY/STEP	REMARKS
Gardinier, John *	Building Maintenance Mechanic	12/15/14-6/15/15	Step 5	Replaces P. Ryan

*pending pre-employment processing

SUBSTITUTES

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Brownstein, Michael	Uncertified Substitute Teaching Assistant	\$ 9.00/hr
Davis, Loretta	Substitute Food Service Worker	\$ 9.00/hr
Kahmke, Debra	Uncertified Substitute Teaching Assistant	\$ 9.00/hr
Kahmke, Debra	Substitute School Monitor	\$ 9.00/hr
Kahmke, Debra	Substitute Clerical Worker	\$10.00/hr

15.03 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, #10/14, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee McGillicuddy

15.04 Approve Donations

Recommended Action: The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a donation totaling \$3,000.00 CASH, from The Quaranda Family Charitable Fund as a scholarship award for the Class of 2015.

The Superintendent recommends approval of the following donations:

Donee's Name Donation Amount

The Quaranda Family Charitable Fund \$3,000.00

The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a donation totaling \$50.00 CASH, from JustGive.org - Capella University Inspire Giving Program to support the Onteora school lunch program.

The Superintendent recommends approval to increase the 2014-2015 Budget per the following donations:

JustGive.org – Capella University Inspire Giving Program

C2860.501-14 Supplies \$50.00

15.05 Approve Volunteers

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the following volunteers: Woodstock - Kerin Brooks Smith Phoenicia - Brianna Keary

15.06 Unpaid Tax Warrant

Recommended Action: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District upon recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the warrant for unpaid taxes in the amount of \$4,046,907.51 and agree by signing such warrant.

- Has declined in past 4 years
- These are taxes that have gone unpaid- now the county pays Onteora this amount and adds it to each person's land tax bill

16. Board Committees Report - 5 min each

16.01 Audit Committee Trustee Davis to report. Next Meeting is at Central Administration

4:30 on 12/8/14 (proposed 8:20)

10:05

- Committee has not met since the last Board meeting
- Working on filling 2 positions and a next meeting date
- Charter stipulates meeting quarterly
- Chair of Audit Committee Dan Spencer sent an email explaining that the committee meets 6 times a year and have 2 viable new members for the Audit Committee

16.02 Facilities Committee - Trustee Kurnit to report. Next meeting is at Central Administration 3:30 on 12/1/14

Met on 11/3/14

- Discussed playgrounds with Playcore, a state-approved vendor
 - Bringing in 2 more vendors to next meeting
- Trying to get broader sense of what is available to recommend to Board and PTAs of Woodstock and Phoenicia
- Ongoing discussion of solar program
 - Waiting for state to provide a list of approved vendors for solar program
- Looked at 5 year Facilities Review of plan set up in 2010
 - Looking at items not completed or scheduled
- Discussion of need for a project manager for the summer work
 - Decided to use a "Clerk of the Works"

16.03 Policy Committee - Trustee Moor to report. Next meeting is at Central Administration 4:00 on 12/10/14

Met on 11/12/14, which was spent revising the District Health and Wellness policy and forwarded to Health & Wellness Committee

16.04 Health and Wellness Committee Trustee Davis to report. Next meeting is 2:45 in the MS/HS Room 207 on 12/11/14

Met on 11/13/14

- Discussed Board Goal #8 – support using property for agriculture with students as in having a greenhouse agricultural program
 - Will talk to other districts that have accomplished this
- Discussed changes to Policy 5661 – Health and Wellness policy
 - Thought that some intricacies should be in a regulation instead of policy
 - Ulster County Department of Health rep on committee will be sure it is in compliance with laws
 - Committee followed USDA laws and regulations
 - Law changed in 2014- need to be sure policy complies
 - Discussed mechanism to review policy to be sure always in compliance, but no resolution
- Discussion on hand washing being a building issue
 - Alternatives in place – hard to get all students through washing hands before lunch
 - Schools were to institute using non-alcoholic hand wipes
- Parents should feel empowered, not dismissed so they participate in committees
 - Parent felt dismissed by school
 - Did not get to that part of the agenda during the meeting, but first

meeting through whole agenda

16.05 Ad Hoc Committee: Primary School. Next meeting is at Phoenicia Library at 4pm on 11/20/14

Committee has not met since the last Board meeting

16.06 Ad Hoc Committee: Communications Trustee Osmond to Report. Next meeting is 8:40 am 11/21/14

Committee has not met since the last Board meeting

16.07 Update of the Task Force for Testing Reduction. First meeting is 6pm in the MS/HS auditorium on 11/20/14

Nothing else to report from earlier in the agenda

17. Old Business

17.01 The Board will discuss Old Business (proposed 8:40) 10:20

Trustee Fletcher raised that parents are upset that the new Social Emotional Learning program has eliminated the current program

- What are we losing and what are we gaining?

Superintendent Phyllis McGill explained:

Former Director of Health, Athletics, and PE, Nick Millas met with Ulster County Prevention Program because the teacher was having trouble getting access to classroom since the teachers need to volunteer to have her in the classroom

- Paired down program to be called, “Too cool for Drugs” and teachers volunteer dropped further
- Teachers felt redundancies in the 2 programs – Social Thinking and Ulster County Prevention Program so did not give her access
- County expressed concerns because we have a grant to do that program
 - Social workers feel that new program is more sustainable
- Since teachers are not allowing access the teacher is unable to implement program and the State is not willing to support program

Discussion:

- Trustee Kurnit commented that the Primary School SEL Committee did not know that the program was voluntary and would be dissolved
 - Not the intended outcome – Superintendent was unaware
- Social Thinking is not in Middle School – could the Ulster County Program be in upper grades
 - Was supposed to be pushing into Health classes in 8th grade, but had not been accessing 8th grade – Superintendent was unaware
- “Too Cool for Drugs” is not an appealing name for a program

18. New Business

18.01 The Board will discuss New Business (proposed 8:45) 10:30

11.03 later start times data allocated 5 minutes and was much more- need to attract Board candidates, but meetings are too long

- Send the GEA resolution to George Amedore
- Winter Law Conference is on the 3020a process
 - Anyone want to attend?

19. Request For Information

19.01 The Board will request information (proposed 8:50)

Trustee McGillicuddy asked:

- Update on LEAF Institute contract
- More about PBIS system in schools and how it works

Trustee Fletcher asked if the Board would normally hear about grievances if they cost the District money

- Healthy for the Board to know about grievances, especially when it cost money
- No grievances until this year

District Clerk Fern Amster asked if any Board members could meet with the State Auditors on Thursday

- Trustee Kurnit will come in on Thursday

20. Public Comment

20.01 The public will comment on any agenda or non-agenda item. Please limit comments to 3 minutes (proposed 8:55 duration 10 min or more)

10:37

Victoria Becker – Concerned that her child's IEP are not being followed. Had a problem with transportation

21. Adjournment

21.01 Adjourn Meeting (proposed 9:05). Next meeting is Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 6pm in the Woodstock School

Recommended Action: The meeting is adjourned at 10:45

Motioned: Trustee Davis

Seconded: Trustee Osmond

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Moor, Trustee Davis

Minutes Recorded By:
Fern Amster



Board of Education: Tony Fletcher, Rob Kurnit, Laurie Osmond, Ann McGillicuddy, Gideon Moor, Tanya Davis