ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES 6:00 p.m.
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2014
(Rescheduled from December 2, 2014)
Woodstock School

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call to Order 5:30
1.02 Tobacco Policy Statement
1.03 Pledge of Allegiance
1.04 Roll Call
Present: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Moor, Trustee Davis
Not Present: Trustee Osmond

2. Executive Session

2.01 Enter executive session (proposed 5:30 duration 2 hours)
Recommended Action: Motion to enter into executive session to discuss the appointment of a particular person and the contract of a particular employee
Motioned: Trustee Davis
Seconded: Trustee McGillicuddy
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Moor, Trustee Davis
Not Present: Trustee Osmond

Now Present

Trustee Osmond arrived at approximately 5:40

2.02 Exit Executive Session and Return to Public Session (proposed 7:30 pm)
7:45
Recommended Action: Motion to exit executive session and return to public session
Motioned: Trustee Osmond
Seconded: Trustee Davis
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Moor, Trustee Davis

3. Acceptance of Minutes

3.01 Acceptance of Minutes
Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby accepts the minutes of the 11/18/14 BOE meeting
Motioned: Trustee Moor
Seconded: Trustee Osmond
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Moor, Trustee Davis

4. Public Hearing - Mission/Vision

4.01 The Board will hear from the public about the newly composed Mission and Vision Statements (proposed 7:35 duration 15 min. or longer)

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
An Onteora education fosters intellectual curiosity, mutual respect, self-respect, creative problem solving, individual expression, ethical decision making and active engagement in the world. Our community values and supports its children, through a holistic collaboration among 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 reach their maximum potential, and to live rich and successful lives.

- No public comment was made
- 3rd Hearing with no public input
- New official new vision and mission

5. Welcome

5.01 Woodstock Principal, Scott Richards will welcome the Board (proposed 7:50 duration 10 min)

Showed a Prezi presentation to outline events happening at school and learning opportunities

- Arm of the Sea did a presentation that was funded by a grant
  - Puppets and music with the theme of "City that Drinks Mountain Sky"
- Senior Luncheon had 35 participants
  - 3rd grade students were hosts and greeters
  - K, 1 & 2 provided entertainment
  - Created placemats and center pieces that were then donated to the Town of Woodstock for their Christmas dinner (Thanksgiving dinner was snowed out)
- PTA is remarkable
  - Healthy attendance at meetings
  - Received grant for the school garden from Whole Foods and Annie's
  - Trying to extend growing season so children can enjoy the food they grow
  - Holiday Boutique provides wrapped gifts for students to buy
  - Holiday Craft Fair last weekend was well attended
    - money raised to help fund opportunities for students
  - Kidstock has been running for 5-6 weeks [Woodstock after-school program]
- Storytellers assembly for entire school, then worked with 2nd graders of Woodstock and Phoenicia
  - 2nd graders – acted out folktales for school and parents
- PBIS consultant from BOCES invited in to be sure PBIS program is age appropriate
  - Needs to have primary feel
  - Updating behavior matrix to be pictures instead of large sentences
  - Developed PBIS video with social thinking language - 2 min video

- Will create more videos and students will learn to use video software Final Cut Pro

6. Board District News

6.01 The Board will announce District news (proposed 8:00)

8:00

Trustee Fletcher reported on the vacant Trustee position

- Have 6 Board members now, 5 people applied to the position.
- Thanked everyone who applied to volunteer for the position and came out to be interviewed
- Hope all 5 candidates will run in May

Motion: Be it hereby resolved that the Board of Education of Onteora Central School District appoint Barbara Schnell fill the office vacated by Tom Hickey until the date of the next regular school election
Motioned: Trustee Osmond
Seconded: Trustee McGillicuddy
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Moor, Trustee Davis

Trustee Davis reported:

- Basketball season is in full swing and is very exciting
- Tonight was Poetry Out Loud
- Sounds of Jazz performed at the DECA telethon along with other performances
- HS concert last week was wonderful

Trustee McGillicuddy reported:

- First Task Force on Test Reduction kickoff on11/20/14
  - Good questions and dialogue
  - Would like more teachers and teaching assistants
  - Next meeting is the 12/17/14 then another meeting on 1/15/15
- On 11/21/14 attended the community WIFI symposium
  - Approximately 250 people attended
  - Good informational evening
  - Will share information with Health and Wellness committee and ask them to look into research about possible health risks of WIFI, especially to children
  - Woodstock residents concerned about WIFI in the schools
    - Other states have banned WIFI in the schools
- Tomorrow is 2020 vision symposium

Trustee Moor reported:

- Woodstock Holiday Fair by PTA last Saturday
  - Annual fundraiser
  - Entire cafeteria and front entranceway assembly of crafts
  - Fairly well attended - very nice event

Trustee Fletcher reported:

- Woodstock Holiday Craft Fair was enjoyable and great way to hear from community
- A 2020 Vision of Public Education in Ulster County symposium is tomorrow
  - started 1 year ago with sub-groups and had 4 papers published
  - New paper is on bell schedules
    - Each District in the county has different bell schedules which will impact sharing of services
  - Tomorrow's conference is on Regional Transportation and Later MS/HS Start Times
    - Glens Falls School District will present on their experience with changing their MS/HS to a later start time
  - Will be filmed and recorded
- Every school is having a seasonal event
  - Phoenicia has a Silent Auction tomorrow [was culmination of the week long Holiday Boutique]
  - DECA Holiday Drive
  - Bennett Holiday Boutique

Trustee Kurnit received clarification that a WIFI presenter presented an opposing point of view

7. Superintendent District News

7.01 The Superintendent announce District news (proposed 8:05)

In the Superintendent's absence, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction Marki Clair-O'Rourke reported:

- Common Core Learning Standards forum
  - 4 sessions after initial presentation
    - K-2 Math, K-2 ELA, 3-6 Math, 3-6 ELA
  - Separate Common Core from testing issue
    - Through conversation people saw the value of CCLS
    - While tests are connected to CCLS, see value of the standards
    - Frustration was the fast paced timeline and tie to APPR scores
  - Was not videotaped- BOCES denied request
  - No expense since it was part of a co-ser with BOCES
    - Should do more of them
- DCPT on Later Start Times met on 11/24/14 when minutes are approved at the next meeting on 12/22/14, they will be made public
- Upcoming events:
  - MS concert reschedule for the 12/18/14
  - HS Chorus on 12/17/144
  - Bennett Winter Concert is the 12/22/14

Assistant Superintendent for Business Victoria McLaren thanked the Building & Grounds staff who work very hard to be sure everyone is safe coming into the buildings after inclement weather

8. Student Representative Report

8.01 Student Representative Mary Sorich will report to the Board (proposed 8:10)
8:20
In absence of Mary Sorich, Aidan Klein reported

- Student Government met today and decided to create polls on later start times and new classes to add
  - Classes include: Know your Rights, Creative Writing 2, Art History., Environmental Sciences, Debate Class, Architecture and Engineering
- Annual Door Decorating Competition among teachers
  - Win bragging rights and a secret prize
- Also decorating main hallway for all holidays

Discussion:

- As crafting poll questions, be sure students give an opinion on later start times while dispelling rumors– i.e. if clubs don' t get cancelled and the sports programs will not be cancelled or changed, what is your opinion?
  - Poll to be done with grades 7-12 during lunch periods
- Decided to not do a poll on the mascot
- Would be good to know how much sleep our students are getting
  - Hope District will do sleep survey

9. Acknowledge Public Be Heard Comments

9.01 The Board will acknowledge the public be heard comments from the last meeting
Rich DeRuvo, Lou Chartrand, Kristin Rotella, Lori Matteson, Jay Cohen, Roy Brueckner, Paul Wright, Sierra Smith, Brian Connolly, Victoria Becker

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 8:15 duration 10 min or more)
8:30
No public or students commented

11. Presentations

11.01 Ulster BOCES School Board President Robert Curran will update the Board (proposed 8:25 duration 10 min)

- Workshop for new Board members offered each year is not well attended
  - Not sure if it should be done before or after petitions are due
- Each summer meets with Board Pres. and Vice Pres. - was asked to come to a Board meeting to discuss what BOCES is about and what programs are attended by Onteora students
  - Career Tech provides training in a trade and has New Visions which is a the opportunity to experience a career
  - Alternative Education is an alternative to traditional HS, but allows them to graduate from their home school with a diploma, not GED
    - Board should go to graduation
  - Special Ed program does not have many students from Onteora
  - P-Tech is meant for students who need an alternative to traditional HS

and have computer ability
    - Adult Education is aimed at giving people job skills; in addition there are recreational programs
    - Business Services provides business office functions and grant writing
    - RIC is computer center for 5 counties Rockland, Orange, Sullivan, Dutchess and Ulster
        - Scoring of testing, maintains computer records, training for computer skills
        - largest growing area of budget
- Can follow Ulster BOCES on Facebook
    - See stories such as the Career Tech Program to propose things to fly on the space shuttle
- Virtual AP courses – Art History, Comparative Government, Statistics, Geography

Discussion:

- Board took tour of BOCES 2 years ago
    - Eye opening to see 21st century programs
    - Organize another trip
- Training for new Board members before petitions or after
- Culinary program in Port Ewen invites Board members for a dinner where the students cook and serve
- Solar car designed and built in Career Tech
- P-tech has a cost to District - $17,000 per seat
    - Governor had said there would be funding
- At Rural School Conference in July, P-tech teacher did a wonderful presentation
    - P-tech program is growing

12. Independent Contract Retainers

12.01 Approve all ICRs (proposed 8:35)

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the ICRs in items 12.02-12.03
Motioned: Trustee Moor
Seconded: Trustee Osmond
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Moor, Trustee Davis

12.02 ICR - Brainstorm Computers and Technology

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 Brainstorm Computers and Technology, for the period beginning November 11, 2014 to May 28, 2015 at a rate of $250.00 , as a mentor in computer hardware and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

12.03 ICR - Finn

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 Perdita Finn, for the period beginning November 17, 2014 to May 28, 2015 at a rate of $250.00, as a mentor in creative writing and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

13. Discussion

13.01 Board Goal: Community and Culture (proposed 8:40 duration 20 min)

8:50

Board 14-15 Community and Culture Goal:
Foster an open, positive, collaborative relationship with the Community that is responsive to stakeholder concerns. Improve the district-wide school culture through clear communication of Board priorities, and appreciation for staff initiatives and student achievement. Encourage collaborative work that integrates and aligns curriculum and improves students' educational experience district-wide. Continue to grow and enlist community help in legislatively advocating for our students.
Potential Talking Points:
1) Task Force on Testing Reduction
2) Legislative Action Committee
3) Core Values
4) Primary Planning Committee
5) NSCC
6) Health and Wellness Committee
7) PTAs and attendance at their meetings
8) "One Onteora"
9) Common Core Learning Standards Forum
10) Other ideas re: 'appreciation for staff initiatives and student achievement'.

Trustee Fletcher explained:

- Looking at goals all year
- After last few Public Be Heard, need to address this goal
- 2 aspects to it: community involvement and appreciation for staff initiatives and student achievement

Discussion:

- CCLS Forum was not well attended, but important to have forums regularly
- Core Values defines the direction of the Board and what is really valued
- Communicate priorities and engage community
    - difficult to get good attendance in a district of almost 300 square miles
    - Need to know that events are going to be attended
- Maybe discuss in Communications Committee
- Perhaps run online learning through YouTube or website so forums can be viewed at their leisure
    - The CCLS event would have been difficult to video tape
    - Put on website the videos shown at the event and other videos for the public
    - Break into modules and target topics of greatest concern
- Utilize PTA structures to set up smaller scenarios in the primary schools using Onteora educators to do short presentations
    - Not everyone using digital media so District should make an effort to conduct workshops in person

    - Perhaps at PTA meetings
- Board responded to the community:
    - through Task Force on Testing Reduction
    - Legislative Action Committee to communicate to legislatures
    - Approved National Culture and Climate Center, which is meeting with PTA
    - Health & Wellness Committee is good way for parents to be involved in physical and mental health of students
    - Board attends PTA buildings to report from the Board
    - Asked PTAs about areas the Board could be working on
    - Primary Planning Committee
- Core Values to be finalized at a January Board meeting, then put out to parents through website and Facebook
- Board to receive student and staff achievement to report at the start of each Board meeting
- Communications committee to talk about making short videos on what staff does in the District
    - Build library of videos to be pro-active
    - Honor student achievement, staff
    - Administration to work out
- Will be streaming Board meetings
- To address need to dispel rumors about later start times, perhaps make a video and post on website
    - Think about best way to address after the 2020 Symposium tomorrow and hearing how Glen's Falls addressed same problem
        - Attendees will share when video will be available
    - Acknowledge Fairfax County, the 11th biggest school district in country with 59,000 students in 287 miles, pushed start time later
- Appreciate hearing during Public Be Heard about culture and climate needs in District
    - Comments about concerns that areas of the reconfiguration need to be addressed in some of the buildings

No Longer Present

Trustee Davis left at approximately 9:00

14. Consent Agenda

14.01 Approve Consent Agenda (proposed 9:00)

9:25

Recommended Action: Approve consent agenda item numbers 14.02-14.06

Motioned: Trustee Moor
Seconded: Trustee Kurnit
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Moor
Not Present: Trustee Davis

Correct Salary Advancement from 11/4/14 agenda:

Candice Wiltsie	Guidance	Bennett	8M	54	$88,999.90	6	$	878~~8~~7.80	8M	60	$89,878~~8~~7.70

APPOINTMENTS: ADMINISTRATIVE
INTERIM APPOINTMENT

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATES	SALARY	REMARKS
Cioffi, Louis J. III*	Interim Athletic Director, Director of P.E. & Health & Dean of Students	09/15/14 - 11/06/14	$495/day	replace N. Millas

*finalization of appointment dates

APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL
EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS 2014-2015

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
McCarthy, Victoria	Musical - Director	$3,802.00
Occhi, Andrew	Basketball - Modified - Head Coach (Boys) (REVISED)	$2,452.00
	1st Longevity	$156.00
Occhi, Andrew	Basketball - Modified - Head Coach (Girls) (REVISED)	$2,452.00
	1st Longevity	$156.00

SUBSTITUTES

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Henry, Joni-Lynn	Uncertified Substitute Teaching Assistant	$ 9.00/hr
Waser, Jessica	Certified Substitute Teacher	$95.00/day

LEAVE OF ABSENCE EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM - TO	REASON
1928	11/24/14 - 12/07/14	Medical - Paid

APPOINTMENTS: NON INSTRUCTIONAL
SUBSTITUTES

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Henry, Joni-Lynn	Subsitute School Monitor	$ 9.00/hr
Henry, Joni-Lynn	Subsitute Clerical Worker	$10.00/hr

LEAVE OF ABSENCE EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM - TO	REASON
2342	10/06/14-12/23/14*	Medical - Paid

*extension of leave

14.03 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, #12/14, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Davis

14.04 Approve Donations

Recommended Action: The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a donation totaling $6,825.00 CASH, from the Bennett Elementary School PTA to be used to support the 5th grade field trip to the Ashokan Center.

The Superintendent recommends approval to increase the 2014-2015 budget per the 0following donations:

Bennett PTA

A2110.431.03 Supplemental $6,825.00

The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a donation totaling $391.92 CASH, from Imagine Onteora with the support of The Reis Group of Kingston to purchase two covers with the Onteora logo to be used on the scoring tables during indoor sporting events at the Onteora High School and Middle School.
The Superintendent recommends approval to increase the 2014-2015 Budget per the following donations:
Imagine Onteora with support of The Reis Group of Kingston
A2855.431.18 Supplemental $391.92

14.05 Approve Volunteer
Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the following volunteer: John Raffaele - Phoenicia

14.06 Approve the 2015-2016 Budget Calendar
Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the 2015-2016 Budget Development Calendar

15. Board Committees Report - 5 min each

15.01 Audit Committee Trustee Davis to report. Next Meeting is at Central Administration 4:30 on 12/8/14 (proposed 9:05)
9:25
Assistant Superintendent for Business Victoria McLaren reported:

- Recommending Corrective Action Plan be approved at the next Board meeting
- There are 2 new Audit Committee members

15.02 Facilities Committee - Trustee Kurnit to report. Next meeting is at Central Administration 3:30 on 12/15/14

- Interviewed 2 playground specialist vendors
  - Meeting again Monday to discuss vendors advice to Board
  - One vendor is also a landscape architect
- Issue with current project for MS/HS
  - SED is asking for information and possible upgrades to the gym bathrooms to make them ADA compliant
    - May be asked to focus on in next list of projects
    - Asked architects to look at it and cost it out to see if can be part of current project
- Once playground vendor is chosen, Board will need to discuss scale of project in each school

15.03 Policy Committee - Trustee Moor to report. Next meeting is at Central Administration 4:00 on 12/10/14
Due to yesterday's snow day trying to reschedule for next week

15.04 Health and Wellness Committee Trustee Davis to report. Next meeting is 2:45 in the MS/HS Room 207 on 12/11/14
Trustee Fletcher reported that they met today and worked exclusively on Wellness

Policy 5661

- Sherry Runck from BOCES had some significant changes to be sure it is up to date according to laws on physical education, nutrition
  - Will be sent to Policy Committee after one more look by Ms. Runck
- No date for the next meeting
- Trustee McGillicuddy to attend next meeting and ask committee to address WIFI in the schools

15.05 Ad Hoc Committee: Primary School. Next meeting is at Woodstock at 4pm on 12/18/14

- Committee has not met since the last Board meeting
- Sent email about changing the time to 5pm and found more parents are able to attend
- Sub committees may meet separately and report back
- Finalized a letter with Communications Specialist Valerie Havas that will be going home with Primary School students to encourage participation

15.06 Ad Hoc Committee: Communications Trustee Osmond to Report. Next meeting is 8:40 am 12/18/14

Met on 11/21 – approved minutes from 10/17/14

- Discussed the videotaping not happening at CCLS
- Reviewed committee strategic objectives
  - Improve culture of Onteora and engage community
    - Put a face on PBIS in photos and videos explaining what it is about and how it affects schools
    - Primary School Planning Committee and how to encourage more parents and guardians to join
  - Professional Learning Communities to engage teachers
    - In the realm of building principals
  - Improve communication with families who do not speak English
    - Code of conduct has been translated into all languages in District and is on the website and has been sent home
    - One page research on later start times was translated to Spanish and sent home
  - Engage community to promote Onteora as 1 District
    - Encourage parents, guardians and staff to attend committee meetings to play an active role
    - Reach out through PTAs, use mobile app, letters home, and Facebook
    - Good way to unify community is through food or sports
    - Action plan to be drawn up by the Superintendent to promote strategic objective
  - Communicate Board policies, research presentation and major district news
    - Whenever the Board updates policies, send a press release to the media and the Superintendent will email all staff to keep everyone updated on policy
    - Policy committee to look at language of 1410 about policies

- Possible inclusion of language about dissemination of policy revisions and updates
- Communicate progress on Superintendent and Board goals
  - Rumors about later start times are being discussed as fact
    - Best be addressed by giving accurate information, hope to accomplish when minutes are released from DCPT on Later Start Times
- Also discussed an I-petition about eliminating the GEA

15.07 Update of the Task Force on Testing Reduction. Next meeting is 4:30 in Central Administration on 12/17/14

- The draft minutes are on Board Docs
- Move meeting MS/HS Library

16. Old Business

16.01 The Board will discuss Old Business (proposed 9:25)

9:40

No old business was discussed

17. New Business

17.01 The Board will discuss New Business (proposed 9:30)

- Policy committee to address recess by either adopting a policy from NYSSBA or creating a policy
- Policy 1310 states the Board is to visit each school in session and report back on the educational program
  - Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction Marki Clair-O'Rourke to work out with Principals
- Health & Wellness Committee to discuss the issue of WIFI in the schools
- Documentary called “Tapped” about the privatization of water and process of manufacturing plastic water bottles
  - Important to educate children; perhaps create project based learning around water
  - Utilize the auditorium maybe around Earth Day
    - Discuss with PTAs and Student Council Green Committee

18. Request For Information

18.01 The Board will request information (proposed 9:35)

9:50

Trustee McGillicuddy asked for an update on curriculum writing

19. Public Comment

19.01 The public will comment on any agenda or non-agenda item. Please limit comments to 3 minutes (proposed 9:40 duration 10 min or more)

No public commented

20. Adjournment

20.01 Adjourn Meeting (proposed 9:50). Next meeting is Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 6pm in the Bennett School

Recommended Action: The meeting is adjourned at 9:50
Motioned: Trustee McGillicuddy
Seconded: Trustee Osmond
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Moor
Not Present: Trustee Davis

Minutes Recorded By:
Fern Amster

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