ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

REGULAR MEETING
6:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014
Woodstock School

MINUTES

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call to Order 6:00 (6:07)
1.02 Tobacco Policy Statement
1.03 Pledge of Allegiance
1.04 Roll Call
Present: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Hickey
Not Present: Trustee McGillicuddy Trustee Osmond, Trustee McKeon

2. Executive Session

2.01 Enter executive session (proposed 6:00 duration 45 min)
6:08
Recommended Action: Motion to enter into executive session to discuss the negotiations for OAA & ONTEA and the contract of the Superintendent.
Motioned: Trustee Hickey
Seconded: Trustee Spencer
Result: Unanimous
Yea: 4
Not Present: Trustee McGillicuddy Trustee Osmond Trustee McKeon

Now Present:
Trustee McKeon joined the Executive Session at approximately 6:20

2.02 Exit Executive Session and Return to Public Session (proposed 6:45pm)
6:47
Recommended Action: Motion to exit executive session and return to public session
Motioned: Trustee Hickey
Seconded: Trustee McKeon
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Hickey
Not Present: Trustee McGillicuddy Trustee Osmond

Now Present:
Trustee Osmond arrived at 6:48pm

3. Public Hearing

3.01 The Board President will open the Hearing for the Code of Conduct (proposed 6:45 duration 10 min or more)
6:50 Trustee Fletcher opened the Hearing in the absence of the Board President; Superintendent Phyllis McGill explained the Code of Conduct

- General set of guiding rules and regulations in terms of behavioral and social expectations of students in the District
- Has been developed in draft, reviewed by Administration, then by a committee

where it was reviewed and revised
- Each building will then develop their codes which are a derivative of the original code

No Testimony was given by the public

Board Discussion:
- Code of Conduct was adopted from New Paltz through their superintendent
- Locker searches - should be language informing student that locker is being searched and allowing student to have the option to be there when locker is being searched
- Question about students being questioned by school officials.
    - When police question, they have to give rights, but no warnings when questioned by school officials
        - these are different requirements
- Weaponry discussion is very specific – cannot have any knife of any kind- even a pocket knife
    - Some people have been carrying pocket knives since they were young
        - Frightened other students when they found out a student has a knife
        - Need to be sure we are providing a safe environment for students
            - Intent is not taken into account
    - Says “anything according to the Safe Schools Act or anything else”
        - Clarification of what is “anything else”
- Dress code is a difficult thing to get right and not offend anyone
    - Have had a problem with students feeling that something someone is wearing was offensive
    - This is a guideline
    - Attachment E spells out items and reasons
        - Bennett and MS cannot wear hats but HS can
            - Would like additional clarification
        - Clarification on items not in this list
- Board will review each year – can look at again next year

3.02 The Board Vice President closed the hearing on the Code of Conduct (proposed 6:55)

4. Acceptance of Minutes

4.01 Acceptance of Minutes (proposed 7:00)
7:08
Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby accepts the minutes of the 3/4/14 BOE meeting
Motioned: Trustee Kurnit
Seconded: Trustee Spencer
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Hickey
Not Present: Trustee McGillicuddy

5. Welcome

5.01 Principal Kathleen O'Brien will welcome the Board (proposed 7:05) 7:09

Woodstock Principal, Dr. Kathleen O'Brien reported on the Woodstock School's collaboration with WAAM (Woodstock Artists Association and Museum)

- Self-portrait project with different media for each grade level
- 3/8/14 was a special opening at WAAM
- Presented slide show of art work

6. Board District News

6.01 The Board will announce District news (proposed 7:10) 7:14

Trustee Fletcher reported for Trustee McGillicuddy (First meeting the Board President missed in at least 3 years)

- Went to Albany to lobby at the annual NYSSBA event
  - Met with legislators
  - Learned that Regents are selected by Assembly
  - New Regent for Ulster County is Josephine Finn
    - Suggested by Sheldon Silver
- Made it clear to Cahill that Onteora would like to be a pilot for bio mass projects and our plan is in place

Trustee Kurnit and Trustee Osmond reported on the NYSSBA Lobby Event

- Another opportunity for Board members to come to Albany to speak to legislators
- Hot topics were Common Core and APPR
  - Most Board and Superintendents there were upset
  - Great to fund Pre-K but there are Districts that can't afford Kindergarten
- Went to represent UCSBA and put forward 5 points
  1. Decrease testing
  2. Fully fund pre-K
  3. Eliminate GEA
  4. Repeal tax levy limit
  5. Fully fund implementation of APPR

  These items have been legislated but not funded by Albany.

Trustee Fletcher reported:

- Ulster 2020 Schools and Structure committee
  - Met at SUNY New Paltz as a continuation of November 2013 meeting
  - Very impressed with how everyone came back with a document
- Attended the Primary School Planning committee meeting "What Makes for a Great Primary School"
  - Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction will report on it later in the agenda
- Newsletter picture of Mr. Burkhardt and his son
  - NYSSBA newspaper printed picture of them as well
- Attended Hip Hop dancing on Friday night at Phoenicia
  - All the kids participated in the program and had the option to perform

- Was one of the most well attended events in terms of parents and families
- Have an Onteora app to announce

7. Superintendent District News

7.01 The Superintendent will announce District news (proposed 7:15)

7:23

Superintendent Phyllis McGill reported:

- 49 students from Marching Band and Color Guard participated in the parade in NYC yesterday for St. Patrick's Day
- If you have a child that is going to be 5 years old on or before Dec 1, 2014 they will be eligible for Kindergarten please call Woodstock or Phoenicia
  - We have 59 out of 90 potential students registered
- Screening will be 4/9 & 4/10 Phoenicia and 4/21 through 4/24 at Woodstock
- We have an App you can load through your phone
  - Have been piloting it
  - Push out information for our families and community
    - sports schedules, menus, calendar info, directories, links to District Facebook and YouTube sites
  - Communication Committee: the Superintendent, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher and Trustee Osmond have been working on it.
  - Thanks to Network Specialist John Reimer, Communications Specialist Valerie Havas, HS Principal Lance Edelman, Bennett Principal Gabriel Buono
- Request for proposals for local providers to provide UPK for Onteora Central School District
  - UPK has 23 slots for 2014-2015
    - Call PPS at 657-3320 for details or go to the District website

7.02 2014-2015 Budget Update (proposed 7:20 duration 15 min)

7:28

- Board adoption of the budget must occur no later than the April 23rd board meeting
- Superintendent's Recommended Budget will be presented at April 8th board meeting
- Annual reviews in Special Education Department indicate intensive needs at secondary level
- DEHIC Rates have been set at an increase of 5.2%
  - Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield sets their own rates and DEHIC subsidizes the rate
  - Highly unlikely there will be a premium holiday
- Administration is recommending the Transportation bid be awarded at this Board meeting
  - Determined that current expense levels will be maintained
  - Awarded for one year by the Board of Education, and the contract will be included in the budget
    - If the budget is passed, the full five year contract will be awarded. The projected full cost of the five year contract will be

recognized in the publications related to the budget
    - Cost may fluctuate due to District needs
- HS/MS Staffing to remain constant to continue to maintain elective offerings
    - Adding Robotics elective
    - Adding Language Other Than English (foreign language) in 7th grade (extended down from 8th grade)
- Elementary staffing to remain constant
    - To maintain sections created during the 2013-2014 school year
    - Enrollment will continue to be monitored during the remainder of the school year and over the summer
    - Primary School Planning Committee meeting to review enrollment/sections
- 1.0 FTE Physical Education Retirement
    - Position being replaced with 1.0 FTE due to increased requirements for adaptive Physical Education
- 1.0 FTE Music Retirement
    - Position being replaced with 1.0 FTE
- CSE Chairperson
    - To be fully funded through IDEA 611 grant
    - Either as an Administrative position or as a re-allocated School Psychologist
        - Will make decision by next Board meeting
- Guidance Counselor to be re-assigned to Bennett Intermediate School
    - Due to intensive transition planning of students with IEPs and data the State requires
- Transfer to Capital for 2014-2015 is $800,000
    - $275,000 = to address the track
    - $275,000 = to address parking lot in Phoenicia
    - $150,000 = to address playground needs at Phoenicia and Woodstock
    - $100,000 = to address safety and security issues related to interior doors District-wide
- 2013-2014 Budget $51,609,440, Draft 2014-2015 Budget (Including Capital Project Work) is $51,607,843
    - Shows a decrease of $1,597 or 0.0031% but the operating budget is actually increasing by $378,403
        - Capital work project being transferred is included
            - Without this line the budget would show an increase
- Capital reserves 14-15 is 8.8 million
    - Employee Benefit Accrued Liability 1,318,501
    - Reserve for Unemployment 505,012
    - ERS Reserve 5,021,016 (to be given back to the taxpayers)
    - Reserve for Tax Certiorari 40,000
    - Reserve for Debt 149,891
    - Reserve for Repairs 2,802,258 (down to 1,802,258 for 14-15)
    - Capital Reserve 5,000,000 (used if approved by voters)

- Have $5 million in Capital Reserve, but can do $7 million worth of work
    - Ask the voters to take on the debt of a Bond

        - $500,000 in interest
    - Or we can use $2 million from the fund balance and the State Aid that comes in over 15 years will be revenue
- Can adopt the budget at the next meeting

Discussion:

- Grant that will pay for Chairperson:
    - Benefits can be charged through a grant
    - Consistent grant used for different special education costs
    - Once we receive the grant, the money is refunded into general budget
        - Don't receive the grant money to pay the person in beginning of year
- CPI is 1.46% and health care costs are going up 5.2%.
    - Pie chart of the budget shows that the health care cost is a large part and one we cannot control
- $5 million deficit that we have to fund for future projects on the Facility Plan, not including the science wing
    - Why not go out for a bond when interest rates are low?
        - Cannot add science work to the list of what is to do
            - The facility plan has been in place
            - Science labs should go back to Facilities committee to say when do we go back for this
                - Has come up before; could be Old Business
- Board members should request information at the RFI part of the agenda so the budget process can move along
- Seems that the staffing is staying just about identical
    - Other retirements may come up
        - We will look at every position as it comes up to see if we have to replace it or if we have to replace it fully

8. Student Representative Report

8.01 Student Representative, Sarah Melvin, will report to the Board (proposed 7:35)
7:57

Sarah Melvin reported:

- At DECA championships students did exceptionally well
    - Many placed in top ten
    - Rowan Cruickshank placed in top 3rd
- Science Olympiad team at state competition on Long Island
    - Won 2 medals
    - Our magnetic levitation car propelled by a fan won seventh place
        - Was based on the weight of the car and how fast it can travel
        - Includes physics test on electricity and magnetism
    - Also won in an even called "Write It, Do It"
        - One team member writes directions, other has to build it according to directions
- Quiz Bowl is next Thursday at the HS sponsored by National Honor Society
    - Hosted by Mrs. Rosato
    - Teams of four, $5 per person to play

- Should sign up at the end of this week.
- This Friday there is a floor hockey tournament to support the Bellaeyre Bash

9. Acknowledge Public Be Heard Comments 8:01

9.01 The Board will acknowledge the public be heard comments from the last meeting
Valerie Storey commented on the need for a SRO

10. Public/Student Comment 8:01

10.01 The public and students may comment on any agenda or non agenda item. Please limit comments to 3 minutes (proposed 7:40 duration 10 min or more)
Trustee Fletcher read policy about Public Be Heard before opening the floor.

No Public or Student comment was made

11. Discussion

11.01 School Resource Officer (proposed 7:50 duration 15 min)
8:02
Trustee Fletcher explained that the purpose of this discussion is to try and pick this back up and start looking at the information we want and need as a Board

Discussion:

- Had visits from law enforcement and subsequent to that we got cameras in the schools and then moved onto pressing matters
  - Have a full throated discussion about this issue as a Board and as a community in light of recent events such as the burglary in the bank and issues here in Woodstock
    - Hear from our Administration –facts and opinions
    - hear from the community as well
  - We need to feel that we are doing as much as we can to address the safety of our students
    - What threats exist outside the school that could affect our students
    - Have someone who is thinking about this 24/7 as a professional
    - Many layered issue
- Superintendent Phyllis McGill reported on her conversation with Rosario Agostaro, Superintendent at Rondout
  - They were getting threats at their school building and after talking to Sheriff and Under Sheriff for Ulster County they recommended he hire the SRO
    - SRO circulates among the buildings; has lunch with the students in the buildings; has become part of the community
      - Had the Superintendent and a Board member participate in the search
- Administrators worked with BOCES Safety Officer today to improve District plan
- Noted that part of the budget addresses doors that are involved in safety and security
- Documents requested:

- Tending to Our Youth from NYSSBA's School Safety Conference
- Have VADIR reports that go back over the past four years
- See the incidents to date so far for the year
- From elementary schools – how will they use the resource of an SRO
- How it would fit into the District safety plans
- Feedback from teachers, psychologists, social workers, administrators and students
- From law enforcement – paint a picture of which incidents that happened outside of the school need to be addressed inside the schools
- Consider funding long and short term
- Find out if other school districts have a safety officer that is not an SRO

- Need to define the purpose for accountability
- Use term "School Safety Officer" and define it ourselves
  - In the past had only 1 option– couldn't tailor the position to our needs
  - Healthy for us to see how different schools are doing things
  - See how to potentially tailor a position
    - If this person would be a District employee must be:
      - Certified Teacher, TA or Administrator or Civil Service position
- SRO is the not only answer, as a geographically wide District, one person cannot be in three different buildings in an emergency, may not even be in the part of the building where the emergency is taking place
  - An SRO has many responsibilities- a resource that is in the District forming relationships with students and faculty as a model of prevention
  - SRO is establishing a good relationship[p between students and police officer
  - Overall benefit is day to day contact – not the emergency situation
- The Board should come back with our own thoughts and creative ideas
- Should wrap up and ask for more information later under RFIs.

11.02 Capital Project as Referendum for Vote and Election May 20, 2014 (proposed 8:05 duration 20 min)

8:44

Trustee Fletcher clarified:

- Discussion to have consensus to go ahead with Capital Project and put on this year's vote
- Then consensus on whether to bond it or un-bonded and fund it ourselves
- Facilities committee has done stellar work on this

Co-Chairs of Facility Committee Reported:

- Have money in a Reserve Fund that needs to go back to taxpayers
- Rather than ask the taxpayers to take on debt, use the money we owe them

Consensus to move forward with the proposition on the Vote & Election

Consensus to move forward without a bond:
Trustee Fletcher , Trustee Hickey, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Spencer Trustee Osmond

(no bond, still paying bond on Bennett School (until 2022)), Trustee McKeon (will support no bond; but under tax cap, with 0% levy, why not raise money)

12. **5 Minute Break

12.01 The Board will break for 5 minutes (proposed 8:25)
9:03

13. Discussion and Possible Action

13.02 RESOLUTION A1: Environmental Compliance for Capital Project without Bond
9.11

Recommended Action: WHEREAS, the Board of Education ("Board") of the Onteora Central School District ("District"), is proposing a capital improvement project to renovate, rehabilitate and reconstruct Onteora Middle/High School, Phoenicia Elementary School and the Bus Garage including but not limited to heating system replacement/upgrades, site work, roof replacement, ceiling replacement and abatement, replacement of interior doors and plumbing system and fixture renovations, and acquisition of equipment, apparatus, machinery related thereto ("Project"); and
WHEREAS, the proposed scope of the Project constitutes a replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, as well as a purchase of furnishings, equipment or supplies, that qualifies as a Type II action set forth in 6 NYCRR Part 617.5, State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and
WHEREAS, the proposed Project includes no other potential involved agencies that have been identified in regards to the project; and
WHEREAS, the Board has considered the information and documentation, which describe the design and intent of the proposed 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 Project and under the applicable standards of SEQRA and 6 NYCRR Part 617.5, hereby determines that:
a. The proposed Project is classified as a Type II Action; and
b. In accordance with Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, the Board is precluded from further environmental review.

Motioned: Trustee Kurnit
Seconded: Trustee Spencer
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Hickey Trustee Osmond, Trustee McKeon
Not Present: Trustee McGillicuddy

13.03 RESOLUTION A2: WITHOUT BOND Capital Project as Referendum for Vote and Election May 20, 2014 (proposed 8:30 duration 10 min)

Recommended Action RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approves the submission of the following proposition on the ballot of the Annual Meeting, Budget Vote and Election to be held on May 20, 2014:
Shall the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District be authorized to renovate, rehabilitate and reconstruct the Onteora Middle/High School, Phoenicia Elementary School and the Bus Garage including but not limited to heating system replacement/upgrades, site work, roof replacement, ceiling replacement and abatement, replacement of interior doors and plumbing system and fixture renovations, and acquisition of equipment, apparatus, machinery related thereto and all other preliminary and incidental costs related thereto, at an estimated aggregate maximum cost of $7,000,000.00; the sources of which estimated aggregate maximum cost shall be as follows: (1) $5,000,000 from the District's capital reserve fund; and (2) $2,000,000 shall be from the District's undesignated fund balance?

Motioned: Trustee Osmond

Seconded: Trustee Hickey
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Hickey Trustee Osmond, Trustee McKeon
Not Present: Trustee McGillicuddy

13.06 Transportation Bid (proposed 8:40 duration 15 min)

Recommended Action WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District ("Board of Education" or "District") has determined to solicit competitive bids for contracts over a five year term, pursuant to Section 305[14] of the Education Law, to transport resident District students for: (1) regular home-to-school; (2) special needs/private/parochial school; (3) field trips and interscholastic sports; (4) summer special education; and (5) summer school ("multi-year transportation contracts"); and
WHEREAS, the Board of Education issued bid specifications on or about January 9, 2014, soliciting competitive bids for multi-year transportation contracts; and
WHEREAS, the bids were received, opened and read aloud on or about February 6, 2014; and
WHEREAS, upon a detailed review of the bids conducted Transportation Advisory Services, the District's transportation consultant, it is recommended that the Board of Education award the multi-year transportation contracts to Arthur F. Mulligan, Inc. as the lowest responsible bidder, contingent upon voter approval at the District's upcoming May 20, 2014 annual meeting, budget vote and election.
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, pursuant to §305 of the Education Law, awards the multi-year transportation contracts for a five year term commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2019 for the price set forth in the attached Schedule "A," contingent upon voter approval at the District's upcoming May 20, 2014 annual meeting, budget vote and election; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event the voter approval does not occur, the Board of Education shall award the transportation contracts to Arthur F. Mulligan, Inc. for a one year period commencing July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015 for the price set forth in the attached Schedule "A." (below)

SCHEDULE A

	2014-2015	**2015-2016**	**2016-2017**	**2017-2018**	**2018-2019**
	Year 1	**Year 2**	**Year 3**	**Year 4**	**Year 5**
Home to School	1,882,339.50	1,919,986.29	1,958,386.02	1,997,553.74	2,037,504.81
Special Needs/Private-Parochial	512,941.00	523,199.82	533,663.74	544,336.19	555,224.41
Field and Sports	80,000.00	81,600.00	83,232.00	84,896.64	86,594.57
Summer SpEd	21,358.50	21,785.67	22,221.38	22,665.81	23,119.13
Summer School	20,850.00	21,267.00	21,692.34	22,126.19	22,568.71
Total Contracts	2,517,489.00	2,567,838.78	2,619,195.48	2,671,578.57	2,725,011.63
Performance Bond (.08% of Contract)	20,139.91	20,542.71	20,953.56	21,372.63	21,800.09
Total Costs	2,537,628.91	2,588,381.49	2,640,149.04	2,692,951.20	2,746,811.73

Motioned: Trustee Hickey
Seconded: Trustee Spencer

- Include specs to provide competitive bids for all types of service, not just our current need
    - Mr. Walsh did the analysis and the low bidder was Mulligan
- The District then calculated what cost will be for 5 years
- All bidders would only bid on whole contract, not separate runs
- Field and Sports trips do not get State Aid

- Chains were not part of the bid specs
- Get a quote for how much it would to have chains for weather and safety reasons.

Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Hickey Trustee Osmond, Trustee McKeon
Not Present: Trustee McGillicuddy

13.07 2014-2015 Calendar (proposed 8:40 duration 10 min)
9:30
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 2014-2015 School Calendar.

- Reviewed by OTA, OAA and ONTEA
- CSE meetings need first day of school for IEPs
- 9 snow days on calendar, without the day before Thanksgiving off
  - Not sure how often we have used 9 days
- Noted that New Paltz is doing away with their February break
- Last year the calendar went through multiple drafts
- Have a chance to look at it and vote at the next meeting
- The District does give back unused snow days, by contract
- Want to look at the average of snow days in the past years and reconsider the calendar

13.08 ICR -Dialed Action Sports Team for Diversity Day (proposed 8:50) 9:39
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 Dialed Action Sports Team, as a Diversity Day Speaker, on April 11, 2014 for the amount of $1,600.00, and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.
Motioned: Trustee Hickey
Seconded: Trustee Spencer
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Hickey Trustee Osmond, Trustee McKeon
Not Present: Trustee McGillicuddy

14. Consent Agenda

14.01 Approve Consent Agenda (proposed 8:55) 9:40
Recommended Action Approve consent agenda item numbers 14.02-14.06
Motioned: Trustee Kurnit
Seconded: Trustee Hickey
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Hickey Trustee Osmond, Trustee McKeon

Not Present: Trustee McGillicuddy

14.02 Personnel Agenda

APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL
SHORT TERM SUBSTITUTE

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATES FROM-TO	PAY RATE	REMARKS
Colevas, Paul	0.6 FTE Social Studies/HS	3/10/14 - 3/14/14	1MA	LOA Replacement

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS 2013-14

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Colevas, Paul	Student Affairs Council Advisor - HS (Pro-rated 3/10/14-6/30/14)	$716.63
Curlew, Alicia*	Student Affairs Council Advisor - HS (Pro-rated 9/1/13 - 3/9/14)	$1,194.38
Nelsen-Epstein, David	6th Teaching Assignment (US History Pro-rated 3/10/14-6/30/14)	$2,852.25
Lembo, Ralph	Baseball - Modified - Head Coach	$1,202.00

*revised appointment

SUBSTITUTES

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Dolan, Christine	Certified Substitute Teacher	$95.00/day
Villani, Jessica	Uncertified Substitute Teacher	$80.00/day
Villani, Jessica	Uncertified Substitute Teaching Assistant	$9.00/hr

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM - TO	REASON
2771	3/10/14-3/14/14	Medical - Paid

APPOINTMENTS: NON INSTRUCTIONAL
SUBSTITUTES

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Wood, Sharon	Substitute School Monitor	$9.00/hr

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, #3/14, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Fletcher

14.04 Financial Report- January 2014

Recommended Action The Board has reviewed and hereby accepts the Financial Report of January 2014

14.05 Donation

Recommended Action The Superintendent recommends approval to increase the 2013-2014 Budget per the following donations:
Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley
A2110.431.03 Supplemental $1,962.00
NOTE: For Field Trips: Exploring Ancient Civilizations for students at Bennett Elementary School

14.06 Surplus Items

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 the items on the attached list as surplus and authorizes the sale and/or disposal of these items.

- Cleaning out the West Hurley building utilizing an On Line Auction Site that other local Districts have used
    - Notice will be given

15. Committee Reports

15.01 Audit Committee - Trustee Spencer to report. Next meeting is 4:30 at Central Administration on 4/7/14 (proposed 9:00)

- Met on 3/10/14
- Questar III BOCES Special Education Audit
    - Thanked staff for responsiveness
    - Quite a few changes to be incorporated
- Finalized schedule for end of the year
    - 4/2-4/5 is annual audit
- Will post to Board Docs and Questar III will do presentation

15.02 Facilities Committee - Trustee Kurnit to report. Next meeting is 3:30 at Central Administration on TBD

Committee has not met since last Board meeting
Thanked Trustee Kurnit for the committee's hard work in completing the Capital Project Referendum

15.03 Policy Committee - Trustee McGillicuddy to report. Next meeting is 9:30 at Central Administration on 3/25/14

Have not met. Next meeting is 3/27/14 at 10:00am.

15.04 District Committee: Health and Wellness Committee. Next meeting is in room 205 HS at 2:45 on 3/20/14

Committee has not met since the last Board meeting

15.05 Ad Hoc Committee: Primary School - Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction Marki Clair-O'Rourke to report

- Held second meeting last week at Woodstock library
    - Will rotate meetings between two primary school buildings
- Real focus of this meeting was to organize for work moving forward
    - Reviewed draft document
    - spent time discussing proposed charge of the committee, role of the committee, and Board
    - proposed a work structure moving forward
- Operating in sub committees chunking the work so not everyone needs to read everything
    - Prioritized work that we want to do first
        - Committees: Class Size/flexibility of school assignment

        - Social emotional learning
        - Pre-K
    - People chose which committee they wanted to join
    - Next meeting is 3/27/14 and time will be spent in sub-committee, then reporting to whole group
- All stakeholder groups are being represented
- Are all the groups are compiling minutes and they will be posted.

15.06 Ad Hoc Committee: Communications - Superintendent Phyllis McGill to report

- Previously mentioned the new Mobile App
- Introduced a District You Tube channel
    - Link is on main page of District web site
- Mobile app is available in over 65 languages
- 43 families have been identified with Spanish as their primary language
    - We are planning to send Shout Point in Spanish to those families
    - Using translation service through the Centris Group to translate our forms
- Have held three of the four coffee chats, next one in April
- News outlets are picking up articles and photos about things going on in the District
- Newsletter is out
    - Next will be budget newsletter
- Meeting to talk about ways to push out information about resolutions that were passed tonight about the building projects
- Valerie is continuing to work with different buildings as a Communication Specialist
- Facebook now has over 800 likes
- David Laks joined the last meeting and let the committee know about Vimeo and how it is potentially better than YouTube
- He volunteered to do “News in a Minute” about the Capital Projects
- Trying to put a Communication Plan together for the Capital Project

16. Old Business

16.01 The Board will discuss Old Business (proposed 9:15)

9:54

Trustee Kurnit asked

- that the EPC be put on the agenda
- as to hiring a Real Estate Broker and whether the Board is comfortable with an exclusive broker arrangement
    - Still hearing from staff that they are not able to use their own devices in the buildings due to no internet in the building
    - Is it a bandwidth issue?
- Bring up the “opt out” issue and want to discuss this and how it was handled in our District last year
    - What is the progress on a plan to deal with how we will handle the stress of the test

17. New Business

17.01 The Board will discuss New Business (proposed 9:20)
9:58
Trustee Fletcher brought up on behalf of Trustee McGillicuddy for the next meeting – ask the Board to consider discussing creating an advisory committee for reviewing the curriculum as common core is not actually a curriculum, but bench marks at each grade level

- Teachers and administrators write the curriculum
- New Paltz has same policy
- Devote much time to curriculum writing in the summer
- Ask that the BOE review Policy 8110 Curriculum Resources and Development

Trustee Fletcher asked about the SRO:

- If too much information is being requested right now all over the place, maybe it involves a Board member sitting down and laying out what information can be gathered and brought back
- Superintendent to speak to: Principals, unions to get feedback from them
    - if there is unanimity from within a particular group it would be good to get a clear position statement from them

Trustee Fletcher asked if the Superintendent could find a way to keep our community updated on where the issues stand on common core, Race to the Top, APPR

- Last week there was a new Regent voted in
- There is news coming out almost every week that can be on the front of the website or the app
- Common core is confusing enough for the district

18. Request For Information

18.01 The Board will request information (proposed 9:25)
10:06

From SRO Discussion:

- Documents requested:
    - Tending to Our Youth from NYSSBA's School Safety Conference
    - Have VADIR reports that go back over the past four years
    - See the incidents to date so far for the year
    - From elementary schools – how will they use the resource of an SRO
    - How it would fit into the District safety plans
    - Feedback from teachers, psychologists, social workers, administrators and students
    - From law enforcement – paint a picture of which incidents that happened outside of the school need to be addressed inside the schools
    - Consider funding long and short term
    - find out if other school districts have a safety officer that is not an SRO

Get a quote for how much it would to have chains for weather and safety reasons. (From Transportation Bid)

Look at the average of snow days in the past years and reconsider the calendar (From Calendar Discussion)

Trustee Spencer – Code of Conduct must be read:

- gets mailed out- don't remember getting it in the past
- Review how are we making people aware of it?
- Building specific and that goes out to everyone
    - The district one does not go out, the building level one is a derivative and that goes out.

Trustee Fletcher asked about the Board questions that came up on the Code of Conduct- how do they get addressed? Does the committee get re-convened?

Trustee Osmond – the Code of Conduct is referenced, but not included in the Bennett handbook

- See of it can be included in a more meaningful way

Trustee Fletcher – team for quiz bowl? Trustee Osmond, Trustee Spencer Trustee Hickey Trustee Fletcher all appeared to volunteer.

19. Public Comment

19.01 The public will comment on any agenda or non-agenda item. Please limit comments to 3 minutes (proposed 9:30 duration 10 min or more)

No Public comment was made

20. Adjournment

20.01 Adjourn Meeting. Next meeting is Tuesday, April 8, 2014 in the MS/HS at 6pm (proposed 9:40)

Recommended Action The meeting is adjourned at 10:10
Motioned: Trustee Spencer
Seconded: Trustee Hickey
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Hickey Trustee Osmond, Trustee McKeon
Not Present: Trustee McGillicuddy

Minutes Recorded By:
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