ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
6:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2014
Bennett School

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call to Order 6:00 6:06
1.02 Tobacco Policy Statement
1.03 Pledge of Allegiance
1.04 Roll Call
Present: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Spencer, Trustee McKeon, Trustee Kurnit
Not Present: Trustee Hickey and Trustee McGillicuddy

2. Executive Session

2.01 Enter executive session (proposed 6:00)
6:08
Recommended Action: Motion to enter into executive session to discuss negotiations for the Onteora Non-Teachers Employee Association and the contract of the Superintendent
Motioned: Trustee McKeon
Seconded: Trustee Kurnit
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Spencer, Trustee McKeon, Trustee Kurnit
Not Present: Trustee Hickey, Trustee McGillicuddy

Now Present

Trustee McGillicuddy arrived at 6:09

2.02 Exit Executive Session and Return to Public Session (proposed 7:15)
7:31
Recommended Action: Motion to exit executive session and return to public session
Motioned: Trustee Fletcher
Seconded: Trustee Osmond
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Spencer, Trustee McKeon, Trustee Kurnit
Not Present: Trustee Hickey

3. Acceptance of Minutes

3.01 Acceptance of Minutes (proposed 7:20)
7:34
Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby accepts the minutes of the 5/6/14 and 5/20/14 BOE meetings
Motioned: Trustee Osmond
Seconded: Trustee Spencer

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

4. Welcome

4.01 Bennett Principal Gabriel Buono will welcome the Board (proposed 7:25)
7:35

- Thanked the Board members for their service, especially Trustee Spencer and Trustee McKeon as it is their last Board meeting at Bennett
- Third grade meeting for upcoming students had a good turn out
- Second annual variety show was very successful
- Finishing up Field Tests of the online PARCC State assessments by Pearson
    - Only ones in Ulster County to take on these Field Tests
    - Need access to this assessment all year long- not fair to assess students on computer once a year
- 5th grade at Ashokan for 2 night 3 days
- 6th grade went to the Berkshires to follow-up with their PBL on Egyptian studies
- 6th grade is going to Great Escape with funds raised by student government

5. Board District News

5.01 The Board will announce District news (proposed 7:35)
7:40
Trustee McGillicuddy reported:

- HS Community Mentor Presentations were impressive - program is growing
- Bennett Variety Show which was fun, fairly well attended
- Need to schedule a Board Retreat
    - Summer or Fall with new Board members

Trustee McKeon reported on the High School Spring Concert and seeing Sarah Melvin, Student Rep. play in the strings section

- Concert was outstanding

Trustee Fletcher reported:

- His appreciation to have the opportunity to present the budget and take questions from the community
- Phoenicia variety show was very enjoyable
- Annual student art exhibit at WAAM is fantastic
- Thursday morning going with the Superintendent and HS Principal to the Scholastic Achievement Awards breakfast – with 3 students
- Some Board members are still working with the 2020 group and the Primary Committee which will be reporting back next Board meeting

6. Superintendent District News

6.01 The Superintendent will announce District news (proposed 7:40)
7:44

- Attending concerts during budget season, is a reminder of why the budget forums take place
- Colonial Fair and Ball at Bennett was a tremendous endeavor
    - Students studied Colonia America deeply to research roles and characters
- Last week Principal Edelman and Athletic Director Nick Millas attended MHAL for Deb Cease's recognition
- Community Mentor night was very impressive
- Thursday, at Ulster BOCES will be the recognition of Valedictorian Cassandra Hastie, Salutatorian Micah Yannatos and Business Student Rosa Rega

7. Student Representative Report

7.01 Student Representative, Sarah Melvin, will report to the Board (proposed 7:45)
7:48

- Winding down, 9 days of classes left at the HS, and moving into testing
- Community Mentorship presentations last week
    - The variety of involvement in that program is impressive– engineering, fashion design, architecture, health fields
    - So many options for the students - Ms. Goldbeck works hard to find a mentor for each student
        - Did astronomy mentorship last year
    - Program is great and is growing
    - Many students went to support their friends.
- Prom is this Saturday in Saugerties
- A senior art student, Megan Heidenburg has a solo show through an award she won through the WAAM Gallery
    - Opening is the 6/14/14 at 4:30- runs through 7/13/14

8. Acknowledge Public Be Heard Comments

8.01 The Board will acknowledge the public be heard comments from the last meeting
No comments were made

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 7:50 duration 10 min or more)
7:51
Rick Wolff – Congratulated the seniors and new Board members. Encouraged the Board to look at the work of former District Wide committiees, as none of the recommendations were adopted

Gabriel Buono – speaking as a parent – Asked that the Board bring up the SRO conversation and take a vote

10. Presentation

10.01 David Dungate from Bio Engineering Partners LLC will present on a possible grant (proposed 8:00 duration 30 min)
7:54

- BPP was formed just over three years ago with the goal of supporting

institutions to institute biomass heating projects

- Have been in the business for a long time with experience and success
- BPP is an energy services company focused on installing biomass heating systems and guaranteeing the savings on those systems
    - Established in State Entergy Law and is accepted by State Education Dept.
- BPP is the first to focus just on the biomass heating sector
- This is the ideal time to change the fuel for the MS/HS as a compliment to the upgrade happening in the MS/HS
    - Cleaner Greener Initiative part of consolidated funding application for all state government monies, NYSERDA management program up $500,00, estimate $840,000 for MSHS biomass system
        - Over 20 years $1.9 million payback
        - Has been giving money public/private partnerships
    - Short window on announcement of funding opportunity - due on 6/16/14
    - Need a letter that is a commitment to submit a proposal but each stage of the commitment would need to be re-verified by the school and by SED Engineering Dept.
- Looking for commitment to join the proposal along with other entities private and for-profit
    - There will be at least three entities in the same grant application all separate and independent in the grant fund but together make the application stronger
    - NYSERDA looking to show private sector resources supporting public project
    - All projects are in Catskills which shows a good push for the renewable energy biomass heating sector

Discussion:

- Green Bank is in the process of its development is not a bank that makes commercial loans, but are supporting other banks to invest in green projects
- BPP does not provide financing but will help find the best rates
- Once the financing comes together, BPP guarantees that the reduced savings more than covers the cost of financing.
    - NYPA has attractive rates, but they may also have fees for application and management that might offset the rates
- Will have a proposal that will complement the other two project sites
- NYSERDA approves 80% of grant, Regional Economic Development Council approves other 20%
- Primary driver for saving is fuel costs - not efficiency
    - Highlight that this is the time that the system is switching from steam to hot water and will become more efficient
        - For State Ed, must be better than existing system – cannot supply a less efficient system
        - The savings need to be there through the cost of wood pellets, which are half the cost per unit of heat than oil
    - NYS Engineering Dept was reviewing a similar proposal that will pass
    - Maximum payback is 18 years, here payback is 10 years

- Trustee Osmond asked to waive the 2 meeting rule and vote here
    - Not binding, but if the letter of intent is not approved, cannot move forward
- All information put to the public for the Capital Project Referendum said that if funding through a grant is found, a bio mass boiler may go into the MS/HS
- Without the grant, it would be a capital project and not an EPC
- Formula for the net savings and the CO2 emissions avoided is from the DOE web site
    - This formula has been accepted by NYSERDA in other projects
- Burning wood pellets in high efficiency boiler will show a white plume of condensing water typically
    - NYSERDA is very clear about viewing schools as areas of concern for emissions
    - Very prescriptive about the location and height of stack
    - Must be a modeling exercise, demonstrating the impact on surrounding communities
    - One stack is 20" in diameter or two that are 12-14"
    - Has to be 2' higher than highest roof within 150'
        - Currently thinking somewhere near the bus garage
        - Silver or stainless steel stack
    - System is fully built inside of a container
    - Part of all the projects is a web based monitoring system
        - can be integrating into STEM programs and curriculum

11. Discussion

11.01 The Board will discuss the Social Worker position for the 14-15 school year (proposed 8:30 duration 15 min)

8:26

Superintendent Phyllis McGill explained:

- That there are currently 2 social workers retiring
- Instead of replacing 2 social workers, hire 1.6, can reinstate full time if needed
    - The social worker needs in the student IEPs have diminished
    - There has been a reduction of students in MS/HS
    - Social worker on medical leave has been successfully covered by the psychologists, guidance and other social worker in the HS
- If hire 2 full time, may have to lay-off a full time position next year

Discussion:

- It was not part of the budget to cut, we should not be cutting it now
    - Higher poverty and special needs students coming in
    - Don't confuse social workers with guidance counselors and psychologists
    - Social workers can go to homes
    - State guidelines are too high a ratio
    - Social workers are so important that this year a school was without a social worker for a day and they sent a letter home to inform parents that she would not be there
    - The Social/Emotional Sub-Committee of the Primary School Committee is getting a better understanding of what Social Workers do and the

difference between them and the Psychologists
- Staff is saying that there are plenty of students without IEPs that seek out the social workers to discuss issues
- Have heard from staff about Woodstock and Phoenicia when Phoenicia SW needs to leave and families and kids come to rely upon these people
- Many elements to these that you can't chart out on a graph

- From a mandated service perspective we have coverage, but what is the need
  - Hearing from our Elementary Schools that they have a greater need for social workers
  - The transition from our primary schools to the intermediate school needs to be looked at and could benefit from other support from our social workers
  - In looking at cutting services, talk to staff retiring
  - Issues that need to be addressed that serve under purview of social worker in those schools
  - Surge to level off the problems, then cut back
- Hire Spanish speaking staff, wherever possible
- Consensus from Board members regarding this position to keep both full time positions

11.02 Contract for Technology Audit proposed 8:45 duration 10 min)

8:45

Superintendent McGill explained the proposal with ECC Technologies

- Staffing is 1.4 FTE from BOCES and stipends for 2 principals
- Working on infrastructure this summer
- Works with tech and schools district, knows the standards
- They have worked in NYS and close relationship with NYSCATE (Instructional Technology)
- If passed at this meeting, will be able to get a survey done of our staff this year, if at the next meeting the survey will be done at the beginning of the year
- Five of the six grade levels next year at the MS/HS will have iPads
- Increased technology labs
- The students are doing web-based research projects earlier in the MS/HS
- Opportunity to have outside group come in and evaluate us and set a path for improvement
- Reviewed five proposals - liked this company the best and they were the most reasonable, not just cost

Discussion:

- Sarah Melvin added: Important area for student involvement – communication with students as to what is helping them and what is unnecessary
  - Many desktops should be updated – too old and it's hard to type a paper on an iPad
- Superintendent Phyllis McGill explained that we can't ask the company to do this work without paying them – not fair to them, started formulating surveys
- Need to gather and analyze information - Pay greater attention to moving technology forward, don't have the staff time to do this in house

- Survey is geared toward
  - What is being used, what they'd like to use and how to get there
  - Professional Development in support of it
  - Technology program K-6 looking at how managing tech with staff we have
- Need to be ready to change if company feels things need to be dramatically changed
- Much more than survey – detailed amount of work for $10,000
- District will work with this group to get what we need out of the survey

11.03 Code of Conduct (proposed 8:55 duration 10 min)
9:07

- Has been revamped by committee and cross references policies with the Code of Conduct
- Will be approved at the Reorganization Meeting

12. 10 Minute Break

12.01 The Board will break for 10 minutes (proposed 9:05)
The Board tool at break at 9:14

13. Discussion and Possible Action

13.01 Resolution for Technology Audit
Recommended Action: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approve the contract between Onteora Central School District and ECC Technologies for the evaluation of the current technology plan in the amount of $10,000 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.
Motioned: Trustee McKeon
Seconded: Trustee Spencer
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Spencer, Trustee McKeon, Trustee Kurnit
Not Present: Trustee Hickey

13.02 Resolution for Preliminary Process for Bio Energy Partners LLC
Recommended Action: Resolved that Onteora participate in the "Catskills Green Infrastructure Renewable Heating Initiative Project" Proposal of Bioenergy Project Partners, LLC that is to be submitted to the Cleaner-Greener Communities Grant Program overseen by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. Based on successful receipt of grant funding, the Project would install a wood pellet boiler system at the Onteora Mid/High School Building through an Energy Performance Contract and will complement planned upgrades to the building's heating system. The project is projected to result energy cost savings to the School District of $1.9 million dollars over a 20 year time period.
Motioned: Trustee Kurnit
Seconded: Trustee Osmond
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Spencer,

Trustee McKeon, Trustee Kurnit
Not Present: Trustee Hickey

13.03 MOA between OAA and OCSD - 10 month position (proposed 9:15)
9:34
Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement with the Onteora Administrators Association regarding the 10 month administrative position.
Motioned: Trustee Spencer
Seconded: Trustee Fletcher
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Spencer, Trustee McKeon, Trustee Kurnit
Not Present: Trustee Hickey

13.04 Approve Internal Auditor Reports (proposed 9:20)
9:29
Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby accepts the Risk Assessment and Special Education Audit performed by the Internal Auditor
Motioned: Trustee Spencer
Seconded: Trustee Fletcher
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Spencer, Trustee McKeon, Trustee Kurnit
Not Present: Trustee Hickey

13.05 Approve the Football Merger (proposed 9:25 duration 10 min)
9:30
Recommended Action: Resolved that the Board of Education of the Onteora School District, upon recommendation of the Superintendent approves a merger of its varsity and JV football program with the Kingston Consolidated School District for the 2014 season.
Motioned: Trustee Spencer
Seconded: Trustee Kurnit
- It is renewable annually; fully inform modified athletes

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

13.06 Statement of the Chair (proposed 9:30)
9:32
Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the Statement of the Chair for the 2014 Vote and Election (see attached)
Please note: The Statement has corrections from the original vote numbers:
Gideon Moor at Hurley - They called in 157, but the sheet said 156
Ann McGillicuddy at Woodstock - Math error
- Noted on Vote night that Woodstock's Proposition 1 and Proposition 2 number of votes seemed wrong

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

13.07 Create Position
9:35
Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby creates the following position: .60 ESL teacher
Motioned: Trustee Fletcher
Seconded: Trustee Kurnit

- The assessment results will be available in August will show how many staff is needed
- This is in addition to 1.0 on staff and 0.4 from BOCES
- Superintendent Phyllis McGill needs to confirm with the attorney that we can hired our own .60

Motion: Move to postpone this motion to the next Board meeting:
Motioned: Trustee McGillicuddy
Seconded: Trustee Fletcher
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Spencer, Trustee McKeon, Trustee Kurnit
Not Present: Trustee Hickey

14. Independent Contract Retainers (5 min)

14.01 ICR- Leadership for Educational Achievement Foundations
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 Independent Contract Retainer between the Onteora Central School District and LEAF, as a consultant, for the period beginning July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 at a rate of $5,000 per 12 months, to a maximum of $5,000 and for travel expenses not to exceed $1,000 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.
Motioned: Trustee Kurnit
Seconded: Trustee Fletcher
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Spencer, Trustee McKeon, Trustee Kurnit
Not Present: Trustee Hickey

14.02 ICR- Partnership for Education Family & Educational Consultant (proposed 9:35)
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 Partnership for Education Family & Educational Consultant, LLC for the period beginning July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 at a rate of $65.00 per half

hour, to a maximum of $7,000, for therapy and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.
Motioned: Trustee Kurnit
Seconded: Trustee Spencer

- Contract is for therapists to work with children in the home

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

14.03 ICR- Savatgy

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 Matthew Savatgy for the period beginning June 4, 2014 to June 13, 2014 at a rate of $700.00, for Phoenicia Nature Trail Residency and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.
Motioned: Trustee Spencer
Seconded: Trustee Fletcher
Result: Unanimous

- Has done same thing in Woodstock

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

5. Consent Agenda 9:50

15.01 Approve Consent Agenda (proposed 9:45)

Recommended Action: Approve consent agenda item numbers 15.02-15.09
Motioned: Trustee Spencer
Seconded: Trustee Osmond
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Spencer, Trustee McKeon, Trustee Kurnit
Not Present: Trustee Hickey

15.02 Personnel Agenda

APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL
SHORT TERM SUBSTITUTE

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATES FROM-TO	PAY RATE	REMARKS
Gray, Melissa	Teaching Assistant/HS	2/28/14-6/23/14*	Step 1	LOA Replacement
Jones, Rachael	1.0 Elementary/Woodstock	5/9/14-5/30/14	1BA	LOA Replacement

*extension of appointment

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS 2013-14

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Dutcher, Stormie	Softball - Modified - Head Coach (ProRated 3/17/14-5/20/14*)	$1037.02*

*revised amount due to change in end date

RESIGNATIONS

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Hernandez, Dimitri	School Social Worker/MHS	6/27/2014	Retirement
Morris, Richard	School Social Worker/MHS	6/30/2014	Retirement
Samodulski, MaryEllen	Teaching Assistant/BE	6/30/2014	Retirement

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
2123	2/28/14-3/10/14	Medical - Paid
2123	3/11/14-3/24/14	Medical - Unpaid
2123	3/25/14-6/23/14*	Medical - Paid (Sick Bank)
1868	4/21/14-5/30/14	Medical - Paid

*extension of leave

APPOINTMENTS: NON INSTRUCTIONAL
PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	PROBATIONARY PERIOD	SALARY/STEP	REMARKS
Ryan, Peter	Building Maintenance Mechanic	07/01/14-12/31/14	Step 2	Replace K. Harjes

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATES FROM-TO	PAY RATE	REMARKS
Baughman, Lisa	Summer Custodial Worker	6/30/14-8/29/14	$10.00/hr	Summer
Caprotti, Patricia	Summer Custodial Worker	6/30/14-8/29/14	$10.00/hr	Summer
Clinton, Lessia	Summer Custodial Worker	6/30/14-8/29/14	$10.00/hr	Summer
Cifello, Michael	Summer Custodial Worker	6/30/14-8/29/14	$10.00/hr	Summer
Davis, Sally	Summer Custodial Worker	6/30/14-8/29/14	$10.00/hr	Summer

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT – Continued

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATES FROM-TO	PAY RATE	REMARKS
Denise, George	Summer Custodial Worker	6/30/14-8/29/14	$10.00/hr	Summer
Gille, Ella	Summer Custodial Worker	6/30/14-8/29/14	$10.00/hr	Summer
Gilsinger, Jeffrey	Summer Custodial Worker	6/30/14-8/29/14	$10.00/hr	Summer
Ginelewicz, Walter	Summer Custodial Worker	6/30/14-8/29/14	$10.00/hr	Summer
Martin, James	Summer Custodial Worker	6/30/14-8/29/14	$10.00/hr	Summer
Ratoff, Barry	Summer Custodial Worker	6/30/14-8/29/14	$10.00/hr	Summer
Roosa, Esther	Summer Custodial Worker	6/30/14-8/29/14	$10.00/hr	Summer
Scheible, Elizabeth	Summer Custodial Worker	6/30/14-8/29/14	$10.00/hr	Summer
Walters, Nancy	Summer Custodial Worker	6/30/14-8/29/14	$10.00/hr	Summer
VanLeuvan, Marie	Summer Custodial Worker	6/30/14-8/29/14	On step	Increase from 4 to 8 hrs/day
Knight, Patricia	Cook Manager	6/27/14-8/29/14	Hourly rate	Max 50 hrs.
Benjamin, Roger	Summer School Bus Driver	7/1/14-8/31/14	On step	Summer
Benjamin, Scott	Summer School Bus Driver	7/1/14-8/31/14	On step	Summer
Benjamin, Stewart	Summer School Bus Driver	7/1/14-8/31/14	On step	Summer
Kaiser, Laura	Summer School Bus Driver	7/1/14-8/31/14	On step	Summer
Wisniewski, Gary	Summer School Bus Driver	7/1/14-8/31/14	On step	Summer
Wolfrom, William	Summer Substitute School Bus Driver	7/1/14-8/31/14	On step	Summer

Anderson, Rose	Summer School Bus Attendant	7/1/14-8/31/14	On step	Summer
Billadeau, Brenda	Summer School Bus Attendant	7/1/14-8/31/14	On step	Summer
Kelder, Patricia	Summer School Bus Attendant	7/1/14-8/31/14	On step	Summer
Krebser, Lynn	Summer School Bus Attendant	7/1/14-8/31/14	On step	Summer
Ravetier, Franca	Summer School Bus Attendant	7/1/14-8/31/14	On step	Summer
Sorbellini, Dianne	Summer School Bus Attendant	7/1/14-8/31/14	On step	Summer
Roberts, Carole	Summer Substitute School Bus Attendant	7/1/14-8/31/14	On step	Summer

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT – RESCISSION

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATES FROM-TO	PAY RATE	REMARKS
Paton, Stephanie	Summer Nurse	6/30/14-8/29/14	Hourly rate	Resigned

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, #6/14, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Osmond

15.04 Rescind Cabinet Bids

Recommended Action: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District rescind the awarding of the bid for construction and installation of Custom Cabinets and Millwork at Bennett Elementary School based on the bid documents of April 22, 2014 to the lowest responsible bidder, Inner Space Systems, Inc., in the amount of $31,450 at the request of the contractor.

15.05 Warrants

Recommended Action: The Board of Education has reviewed and hereby accepts Warrant Schedule 12

15.06 Financial Report

Recommended Action: The Board has reviewed and hereby accepts the Financial Report ending April 30, 2014.

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

15.08 Approve Site Work Bid

Recommended Action: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approve the award of the bid for site work at the Middle High School and Woodstock Elementary School based on the bid documents of May 13, 2014 to the lowest responsible bidder, Evergreen Mountain Contracting, Inc., for the amount of $553,889 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.
NOTE: Work approved in Capital Project

15.09 Volunteer Application

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the following volunteer: Richard Stokes – Phoenicia

16. Committee Reports

16.01 Audit Committee - Trustee Spencer to report. Next meeting is 4:30 at Central Administration on 6/9/14 (proposed 9:50) 9:51

Report at the next meeting

16.02 Facilities Committee - Trustee Kurnit to report. Next meeting is 3:30 at Central Administration on TBD 9:52

- Has not met since the last Board meeting, Ad hoc committee met to discuss the grant for MSHS biomass

16.03 Policy Committee - Trustee McGillicuddy to report. Next meeting is 9:30 at Central Administration on TBD 9:53

Superintendent Phyllis McGill reported:

- One policy ready to move forward about District Announcements
- Other policies need further clarifications, meeting with groups
- Next meeting is 7/7/14

16.04 District Committee: Health and Wellness Committee. Next meeting is in room 205 HS at 2:45 on TBD 9:54

- Working on updating policies and writing regulations for H & W policy
  - Mr. Millas taking care of this
- Clarifying a lot of things
- Mr. Millas will attend policy committee to explain changes
- This was the last meeting of school year

16.05 Ad Hoc Committee: Primary School - Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction Marki Clair-O'Rourke to report 9:55

- Worked in sub-committees and came back to meet all together
- Each sub-committee nearing place to give recommendations - next meeting or shortly after
- Class Size Committee has been doing research about desirable ranges, low and high for K-3
- Social-Emotional Committee has narrowed to 4 best programs in addition to what already using
  - Come up with consistent program to be used in the District that teaches skills specifically
  - Gave 4 top programs to school social workers to give them an opportunity to review and give report
- Next meeting 6/19
- Pre-k committee – investing if we can we do pre-k screening as part kindergarten screening process with younger siblings
  - Help them to access pre-k services though agencies in area
  - Would like to offer pre-k to those whose names were not in the lottery

for UPK slots
- Get money based on need of family

- Trustee Fletcher clarified
  - These 3 areas addressed quickly for the 14-15 School Year
  - Class size committee is ready for recommendations to the Board
  - Pre-K may need more time

16.06 Ad Hoc Committee: Communications Superintendent Phyllis McGill to report
10:01
Have not met since the last Board meeting. Superintendent Phyllis McGill to follow up on if committee should meet

17. Old Business

17.01 The Board will discuss Old Business (proposed 10:00)
10:01
In Board goals is to mentor new Board members - discussion is needed
- Board members should think about who would want to be a mentor

18. New Business

18.01 NYSSBA 2014 Convention
10:03
Recommended Action: Resolved for up to 5 Board members to attend the 2014 NYSSBA convention in NYC on October 26-28, 2014 at a cost of $1,024 per person plus travel expenses
Motioned: Trustee Spencer
Seconded: Trustee Osmond
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Spencer, Trustee McKeon, Trustee Kurnit
Not Present: Trustee Hickey

18.02 The Board will discuss New Business (proposed 10:05)
10:07
Trustee Fletcher thanked Trustee McKeon for all his service, as he will not be able to attend the next Board meeting

19. Request For Information

19.01 The Board will request information (proposed 10:10)
10:08
Trustee Kurnit asked that the Board have a calendar-based list that shows all of the mandated testing we do in the District by grade level including the sample PAARC tests

Trustee McKeon – what is the status of the study that looked at state tests vs other tests and when is the Board going to get information on that

Trustee Fletcher some kind of report on to what extent if any, we have a heroin drug issue in our schools – was a question from Town Board meetings as well

Trustee McGillicuddy – had asked for AIS information

20. Public Comment

20.01 The public will comment on any agenda or non-agenda item. Please limit comments to 3 minutes (proposed 10:15 duration 10 min or more)

10:11

No public comment was made

21. Adjournment

21.01 Adjourn Meeting (proposed 10:20). Next meeting is Tuesday, June 17, 2014 in the Phoenicia School at 6:00 pm.

Recommended Action: The meeting is adjourned at 10:12

Motioned: Trustee Spencer

Seconded: Trustee Osmond

Yea: Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Spencer, Trustee McKeon, Trustee Kurnit

Not Present: Trustee Hickey

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