

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2012

Bennett Elementary School

1. Opening Items

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

Present: Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Hickey, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee McKeon, Trustee Osmond

2. Acceptance of Minutes

- 2.01 The Board of Education accepts minutes of the 12/13/11 & 12/19/11 Board meetings (proposed 6:05)

Motion: The Board of Education hereby accepts the minutes of the 12/13/11 and 12/19/11 Board Meetings

Motioned By: Trustee Osmond

Second By: Trustee Spencer

Result: Unanimous

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

3. Board District News

- 3.01 The Board will announce district news (proposed 6:10)

Trustee McGillicuddy:

- Thanked the music staff and students for MS concert
- Attending the UCSBA meeting this week with Trustee Kurnit
 - She will ask other districts to join together to have a united voice to the legislatures
- Next Wednesday she and Superintendent Phyllis McGill will meet with Senator Bonacic, Then will meet with the Olive Senior Citizens on Thursday
- Sent emails to parents of other school districts about young children being on the buses with older children
- Waiting to hear back about research on Princeton plan model
- Found old school photos will be put on web site to have a community effort to identify the people and the years of the photos
- Also found was a 1952 dedication book, which will be put on web site

4. Superintendent District News

- 4.01 The Superintendent will report on District News (proposed 6:15)

6:15

Superintendent Phyllis McGill reiterated what Trustee McGillicuddy said and is looking forward to opportunity to share more information with public

5. Student Representative Report

5.01 Student Representative Jessica Moss will report to the Board (proposed 6:20)

- Right back to school after the break with mid-terms happening in the next few weeks
 - New to have Mid-terms in every class
- Senior wills and superlatives due

6. Welcome

6.01 Principal Gabriel Buono will give the welcome address (proposed 6:25 duration 10 min)

Principal Gabriel Buono reported:

- Student Government starting to work toward Dodgeball Tournament 1st Saturday in March.
 - The Dodgeball Tournament honored Web Leonard 1st year, Jean Douglas next year last year, this year Ella Gill and Sheila Jansen will be honored

7. Discussion

7.01 Ongoing Discussion about planning for the future of the district (proposed 6:30 duration 1 hour)

6:20

Superintendent Phyllis McGill

- Waiting for Governor proposed budget on or around 1/18/12
 - Last year received \$800,000 less than the year before
- Student Learning
 - Looking to expand what we do now
 - Response to Intervention – be sure 2nd and 3rd grade students progress in reading, writing, and math
 - If they are not progressing in classroom, enhance the services
 - With 3 schools it is hard to have consistency across the buildings
 - More method and measurement
 - Have workshops to better support families
 - Younger grades on speech information and other services
 - Intermediate grades on Common Core Learning Standards
 - Show parents and students the assessments together
 - Offer workshops requested by parents
 - Hard to get teachers together across the buildings
 - In Intermediate grades Social Studies and Science needs more integration of ELA in content areas and allows children to get into deep study and include art and music
 - Through collaborative planning and Professional Development
 - Add Intervention services for those who need more intense services
 - Bennett's proximity to Middle School/High School teachers
 - Lengthen school days to allow ensembles to practice over an hour to work with more students
 - Offer Intramurals
 - Make school more meaningful

- Vertical planning with 6th, 7th and 8th grade teachers

Financials presented by Assistant Superintendent McLaren:

- Dr. Timbs has been working with us on these models
- Models assume the budget is going to pass every year or that the budget will fail every year
- Tax Levy Cap calculation is 2.52%
- 12-13 year includes financial savings with each model
- With current path, we are using all of our reserves

Dr. McGill went over the 3 models, reported on other districts larger than us in size where the students are on buses longer than the current projections with the models and discussed other districts using the Princeton Plan

Assistant Superintendent McLaren went through the financial projections

Interim Transportation Director Betty Hughes said that the Transportation report is to answer the questions presented at the last presentation. They did draft routes with keeping the time a child is on the bus under 1 hour. These are only draft and children may be on a bus longer than projected.

Transportation Dispatcher went over the number of bus runs in each model

- Did runs with comfort in mind – 2 to a seat
- Would need to increase late buses if 4-6 graders stayed late

Superintendent Phyllis McGill discussed the different scenarios that could happen if the model chosen has 3rd or 4th graders riding on the High School runs:

- Monitors on buses with problems
- Assigned seats
- Other behavioral programs

7:30

The Board presented their questions and comments:

- Is the budget still 75% salaries?
- The projections here does not take into account changes in the current contracts
- Longest bus run right now is 51 minutes
- What are the private school bus costs?
- The buildings have had more students than the models' projected amount in the buildings
- Administration has looked at keeping the 3rd grade in Bennett if Model 3 is chosen, but in Model 2, there would not be room for 2nd grade
- As part of the long term planning what is the impact on allocation of students down the road?
 - Dr. Timbs very concerned about projecting 5 years because the state is not disclosing all the information. Moving the intermediate children to Bennett positions us well, if we are forced to move children up to the Middle School due to finances. A 5 year plan needs to be flexible

- Discussion on Model 1 and how children would be divided. The children would be divided by where they live
- Avoiding insolvency by closing a school is not true. Confirming that we would have to take other measures to be sure to save solvent

8. Recess Meeting

8.01 The Board will vote to recess the meeting

8:00

Motion: Move to recess the meeting until called to order by the chair

Motioned By: Trustee Spencer

Second By: Trustee Hickey

Result: Unanimous

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

9. Public Forum

9.01 The Board and Superintendent will host a public forum (proposed 7:30 duration 1 hour)

9.02 Board President Ann McGillicuddy will call the meeting to order since recess expired

10. ** 10 Minute Break

10.01 The Board will take a 10 minute break at approximately 8:30

9:00

The Chair called the meeting back to order

No Longer Present

Trustee McKeon left at approximately 9:10

11. Public/Student Comment

11.01 The public and students may comment on any agenda or non agenda item. Please limit comments to 3 minutes (proposed 8:40 duration 10 min)

9:20

Sante E. Moesle – Support of the Board

Wendy Wolfenson – Bookend plan not best choice financially for district

Posey Strenz – Plan 3 will be better for our children over all.

Brett Barry – All the plans are drastic changes. Any concessions by unions?

Hal Cragin – As enrollment declines, won't a building ultimately have to be closed?

Phoenicia needs new boiler – waste of funds if it will be closed

Christine Taylor – The plan of 3rd grade going to school earlier, will stress kids out – not appropriate

Sharon Wood – Bookend plan is not sustainable. Started petition to support a 2 elementary school solution

Mark Willens – Alliance for Quality Education rally today. Supports bookend plan

Phillip Pardi - Third plan seems best. Sad that a PTA circulated a petition to close a school

12. Discussion and Possible Action

12.01 Property Tax legislation for Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee property loss (proposed 8:50 duration 10 min)

9:55

Resolution: WHEREAS, on December 9, 2011, the Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee Assessment Relief Act ("Assessment Relief Act") was signed into law (Part G of Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2011); and WHEREAS, such Assessment Relief Act authorizes eligible municipalities to provide assessment relief to owners of property that have lost at least 50% of its value, as determined by the assessor responsible for assessing properties in such municipalities in accordance with the provisions of the Assessment Relief Act, as a result of Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee; and WHEREAS, the Onteora Central School District is defined as an eligible municipality under the Assessment Relief Act; NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District adopts the provisions of the Assessment Relief Act

Motioned By: Trustee Spencer

Second By: Trustee Fletcher

Trustee Hickey stated that he will abstain from this, since he will personally benefit from this resolution

School district will reimburse anyone who their town deems as 50% or more damage

Result: Unanimous

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

Not present: Trustee McKeon

Abstain: Trustee Hickey

12.03 MOA #11012 between the OTA and OCSD (proposed 9:10)

Motion: Upon recommendation from the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby agrees to the Memorandum of Agreement #11012 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such agreement.

Motioned By: Trustee Spencer

Second By: Trustee Osmond

Result: Unanimous

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

Not present: Trustee McKeon

12.04 Acceptance of the Corrective Action Plan (proposed 9:15)

Motion: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District ratify the Corrective Action Plan for the Independent Audit for the 2010/2011 school year filed with the New York State Education Department and the Office of the New York State Comptroller.

Motioned By: Trustee Spencer

Second By: Trustee Hickey

Trustee Spencer stated that the External Auditor had minimal findings. The Corrective Action Plan was discussed and agreed to by the Audit Committee

Result: Unanimous

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

Not present: Trustee McKeon

12.05 Confidential Managerial Sick Bank

Motion: Be it hereby resolved that all Confidential Managerial sick bank days taken through 2/10/12, shall be funded by the district and as of that date the Confidential Managerial Sick Bank shall be discontinued.

Motioned By: Trustee Spencer

Second By: Trustee Fletcher

On a case by case matter can allow employees who are part of this group to donate days to one another with Board approval. It is a very small group, and the Board has to use tax payer money to make up days needed

Result: Unanimous

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

Not present: Trustee McKeon

13. Consent Agenda

13.01 Approve consent agenda item numbers 13.02- 13.06 (proposed 9:20 duration 5 min)

Approve consent agenda item numbers 13.02-13.06

Motioned By: Trustee Fletcher

Second By: Trustee Osmond

Result: Unanimous

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

Not present: Trustee McKeon

13.02 Personnel Agenda

APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL

PART TIME APPOINTMENT

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE		SALARY	REASON
		FROM	TO		
*Rushford, Michael	0.5 FTE Health Education – MS	01/09/12	6/30/12	1MA	Replaces S. Pelesz
*Pending pre-employment processing					

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS 2011-2012

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Colevas, Paul	Belleayre Bash Assistant Advisor	\$ 626.00
Connolly, Brian	U.S. History Regents Prep (After School)	\$1,877.00

DeSantis, Ernest Belleayre Bash Advisor \$1,877.00

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
*Bennett, Jeanenne	Uncertified Substitute Teacher	\$80.00/day
Colevas, Paul	Home Tutor	\$36.00/hour
Galm, Samantha	Certified Substitute Teacher	\$95.00/day
Ryan, Lisa	Uncertified Substitute Teaching Assistant	\$9.00/hour
Ryan, Lisa	Substitute School Monitor	\$9.00/hour
Ryan, Lisa	Substitute Food Service Worker	\$9.00/hour

*Pending pre-employment processing

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE

NAME	CERTIFICATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	SALARY	REASON
Paetow, Rowena	Music	Music - MS	09/28/11 – 02/01/12*	1MA	LOA Replacement E. Boyer

*Extension of LOA replacement

APPOINTMENTS: NON- INSTRUCTIONAL

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	SALARY	REASON
Perry, Janelle	Temporary Typist - WD	01/11/12 – 6/30/12	Step 1	Replaces E. Park

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: INSTRUCTIONAL

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
#2857	09/26/11 – 01/02/12*	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave
#2857	01/03/12 – 02/01/12	Parental Leave - Unpaid
#3187	02/15/12* - 04/18/12**	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave
#3187	04/19/12 – 06/30/12**	Parental Leave - Unpaid

*Extension of leave

**Estimated dates

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
#1051	11/09/11 – 01/16/12*	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave
#2482	10/11/11 – 01/06/12	Medical – Unpaid Family Medical Leave
#2733	12/23/11 – 01/03/12	Administrative – Paid Leave
#3196	09/16/11 – 01/09/12*	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave

*Extension of leave

SALARY CHANGES: INSTRUCTIONAL - SCHEDULE T 01/12

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following SALARY CHANGE (INSTRUCTIONAL), as the result of EDUCATIONAL INCREMENT, effective **September 1, 2011**.

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	CURRENT STEP (SALARY)	REC'D STEP/SALARY
Downs, Kelly	Elementary - BN	11M + 18 (\$79,848)	11M + 24 (\$80,628)

13.03 Instruction - Schedule U-The Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations

Motion: The Board hereby approves the Instruction - Schedule U-The Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations, Schedule U, #1/12, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Kurnit

13.04 Accept Donations

Motion: The Board of Education hereby accepts the donations from Charlie O's, the Riccardi School and Ray Haberski

The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a donation totaling \$100.00, CASH, from Charlie O's to the Phoenicia Elementary School to be used for families affected by hurricane Irene.

The Superintendent recommends approval to increase the 2011-2012 Budget per the following donations:

Charlie O's

A2110.431.04 Supplemental **\$100.00**

The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a donation totaling \$1,950, CASH, from The Riccardi School given to the Phoenicia Elementary School to be used for families affected by hurricane Irene.

The Superintendent recommends approval to increase the 2011-2012 Budget per the following donations:

The Riccardi School

A2110.431.04 Supplemental **\$1,950.00**

The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a donation totaling 650.00 CASH, from Ray Haberski to be used for the Woodstock Elementary School Library.

The Superintendent recommends approval to increase the 2011-2012 Budget per the following donations:

Ray Haberski

A2110.431.07 Supplemental **\$650.00**

13.05 Financial Report

Motion: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education accept the Financial Management Report for the October 2011

13.06 Warrant Schedule

Motion: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District has reviewed and hereby accepts the Warrant Schedule

14. Committee Reports -5 min each

14.01 Audit Committee - Trustee Spencer to report on the Internal Auditor position. Next meeting is 4:30 at Central Administration on 3/5/12 (proposed 9:25)

Trustee Spencer reported:

- Discussed Questar III BOCES as Internal Auditor
- Establish dates for them to come
- Approved the Corrective Action Plan

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

Trustee Kurnit reported

- Met with the architect and engineer from Mosaic
- Architect is putting together a presentation for the next Board meeting and there will also a presentation from Ameresco on the energy performance contract

14.03 Green Committee - Trustee Osmond to report. Next meeting at 2:40 in the HS Conference Room on 2/2/12

Trustee Osmond reported:

- Discussed project started previous year – Introduction on Recycling video to be shown to Elementary students
- Interest was expressed in screening a documentary in auditorium – most pressing environmental issue is fracking – checked with Woodstock Film Festival for films
- HS students will create more signs for recycling in HS Cafeteria

14.04 Policy Committee - Trustee McGillicuddy to report. Next meeting is 9:30 at Central Administration on 2/6/12

Trustee McGillicuddy reported policies discussed:

- Anti-Harrassment policy
- Animals in the School policy
- Contingency Budget policy – needs to be updated

14.05 Legislative Action committee - Trustee McGillicuddy to report. Next meeting is at 7:00 in the Central Administration Conference room on TBD

Have not met since the last Board meeting

14.06 District Committee: Health and Wellness Committee. Next meeting is in Room 120A of the High School at 2:45 on 1/19/12

Have not met since the last Board meeting

14.07 District Committee: Technology - Superintendent McGill to report. Next meeting is in room 120A of the High School at 4:00 on 1/23/12

Have not met since last Board meeting

15. Old Business

15.01 The Board will discuss Old Business (proposed 10:00 duration 10 min)

No Old Business was discussed

16. New Business

16.01 The Board will discuss New Business (proposed 10:10 duration 10 min)

No New Business was discussed

17. Request For Information

17.01 The Board will request information (proposed 10:20 duration 10 min)

Trustee Osmond – How the district is complying with 5651 in regards to purchasing and energy conservation and what administrative regulations are attached to the policy and does it include tracking energy consumption and direct administrators to reduce energy use?

Trustee Kurnit – How many students are outside of the district and cost of them?
What is the IEP graduation rate?

18. Public Comment

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

10:15

Rick Wolff – Was there any conversation about the sixth grade to MS?

Executive Session

Motion: The Board will vote to enter into Executive Session to discuss negotiations

Motioned By: Trustee Fletcher

Second By: Trustee Spencer

Result: Unanimous

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

Not present: Trustee McKeon

Motion: The Board will vote to exit executive session and re-enter public session

Motioned By: Trustee Fletcher

Second By: Trustee Spencer

Result: Unanimous

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

19. Adjournment

19.01 Adjourn Meeting. Next meeting is Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at the Phoenicia Elementary School (proposed 10:40)

Motion: The meeting is adjourned at 10:40

Motioned By: Trustee Hickey

Second By: Trustee Spencer

Results: Unanimous

Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Hickey, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Osmond

Not present: Trustee McKeon

Board of Education: Ann McGillicuddy, Tony Fletcher, Laurie Osmond, Dan Spencer, Tom Hickey, Rob Kurnit, Michael McKeon

Minutes Recorded By:
Fern Amster, District Clerk

