

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2010

Woodstock Elementary School

1. Opening Items

Information: 1.01 Call to Order

Trustee Osmond called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 pm

Information: 1.02 Tobacco Policy Statement

Information: 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 1.04 Roll Call

Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit

2. Executive Session

Action: 2.01 The Board will enter executive session at approximately 5:30 pm to discuss a specific personnel matter.

Motion: The Board will enter executive session at approximately 5:30 pm to discuss a specific personnel matter.

Motion by Trustee Hickey, second by Trustee McGillicuddy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Now Present:

Trustee Fletcher arrived at approximately 5:35

Trustee McKeon arrived at approximately 5:45

Trustee Hickey arrived at approximately 5:45

Action: 2.02 The Board will re-enter the public session at approximately 7:00 pm

Motion: The Board will re-enter the public session at approximately 7:00 pm

Motion by Trustee Osmond, second by Trustee McGillicuddy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

4. Welcome Address

Information: 4.01 Principal Barbara Schnell will give the welcome address (proposed duration 7:10 10 min)

7:00

The Woodstock Elementary School Jazz Band performed for the Board

3. Tenure Recommendation

Action, Discussion: 3.01 The Superintendent will recommend instructional personnel for tenure (proposed 7:00, duration 10 min)

Resolution: Jacqueline Hanzl, having served a period of probationary status consistent with the Education Law of the State of New York and provisions of the Commissioner's Regulations, and having received continuing satisfactory evaluations of performance, is hereby recommended by the Superintendent of Schools for APPROVAL for TENURE STATUS in the area of Speech.

Motion by Trustee Osmond, second by Trustee Hickey.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

5. Acceptance of Minutes

Action, Minutes: 5.01 The Board of Education hereby accepts minutes of 11/30/10 (proposed 7:20 duration 5 min)

Motion: The Board of Education hereby accepts minutes of 11/30/10

Trustee McGillicuddy asked for clarification from Trustee Spencer on his Request for Information from 11/30/10 about the Parent Portal. The minutes reflect his clarification.

Motion by Trustee Osmond, second by Trustee McGillicuddy.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

6. Task Force Report

Information: 6.01 The Task Force will report on the meeting of 12/6/10 (proposed 7:25 duration 5 min)

7:20

Interim Superintendent Charlotte Gregory reported:

- Continuing with options and pros and cons of each
- Ruled out K-8
 - Don't have enough room
 - This year's low enrollment in Kindergarten is not a trend
- Discussing if the Middle School needs fixing now
- Meeting Thursday, 12/16/10 and Monday, 12/20/10 then again in January
- May need more time, the Task Force knows the Board will be flexible with the time

NOTE: *Italics* below are Interim Superintendent Charlotte Gregory answers

Trustee McGillicuddy asked about ruling out K-8:

- *Projected Kindergarten enrollment next year is in the 90s*
- *Enrollment is declining slowly*

Trustee Fletcher asked the committee to look at if the Middle School is the ideal model or whether some other configuration is educationally sound.

Trustee Kurnit asked if the Task Force is considering a 6-12 model and thinking about the whole school.

- *The Task Force is discussing the age group and the Middle School concept and the quality of the program for that age group.*

7. Board District News

Information: 7.01 The Board will announce district news (proposed 7:30 duration 5 min)
4 superintendent candidates - now spent full days in the district and dinner with the board.

Trustee Osmond reported that the 4 finalist candidate interviews have been completed. The Board is in the process of reading the feedback from the committees. They will meet with representatives from the committees at approximately 9:00pm.

Trustee McGillicuddy reported that the High School concert was wonderful.

Trustee Osmond reported that Friday, 12/17/10 is the rescheduled Film Festival event. At 7:00 pm will be a screening of teen films.

8. Superintendent District News

Action, Information: 8.01 The Superintendent will announce District News (proposed 7:35 duration 10 min)

7:35

Interim Superintendent Charlotte Gregory asked High School Principal Lance Edelman to report:

- Commended orchestra and strings ensemble for an excellent job
- This Wednesday (12/15/10) is the Chorus and small ensemble concert
- Poetry Out loud Poetry was 12/9/10:
 - A hearty congratulations is extended to all our Poetry Out Loud contenders.
 - The recitations were truly impressive
 - The winners were Adi Baum, Kealey Viglielmo, and Sophie Strand. They will advance to the regional competition.
- Onteora DECA's Holiday Helping Hands Telethon was a huge success
 - Within two hours, the DECA members raised \$3,906 with the help of the music groups from the district and high school students who performed.
 - Raised \$1500 more than last year
- Still finishing final details on the Woodstock Film Festival on 12/17/10

Interim Superintendent Charlotte Gregory reported on requested information from the Board on the State Aid and the 2011-2012 budget

- Premature because there will be a new Governor and he is proposing a 2% property tax cap.
- Working on balancing the revenue with expenses

Interim Superintendent Charlotte Gregory called on Assistant Superintendent McLaren to give a report:

- Regents proposal
 - no increase in foundation aid funding this year
 - Recommending that the state guarantee that no district will get a loss of 5%
 - For Onteora a 5% loss = \$326,000 (almost 1% of our levy)
- 2% property tax would equal approximately \$760,000
- Federal aid loss is \$845,000 and Federal grant loss is \$125,000
 - This is 2% of our levy
- Loss in revenue, but expenses are going up
 - Health insurance could go up 10%
 - Salary expense for Onteora Teachers Association range from 5-10% in ONTEA range from little over 5% to little over 10%
- Nothing is final, in January Governor will come out in proposal and they will work on it
- Interest income has decreased substantially
- Onteora has reserve funds that are earmarked, but can be used to offset loss of funding

9. Student Representative Report

Information: 9.01 Student Representative Angie Cross will report (proposed 7:45 duration 10 min)

Student Representative Angie Cross reported

- that the DECA telethon went very well
- Literary Journal, part of National Honors Society is putting out a literary journal
- Spanish club did a fundraiser after school, went very well
- Green Committee met 12/8/10
 - Discussed plans for future
 - Committee is working on many projects

10. Acknowledge the last Public Be Heard

Information: 10.01 Board President Trustee Osmond will acknowledge those who spoke at the last meeting's Public Be Heard (proposed 7:55 duration 5 min)

Lucy Van Leuvan – Concerns about the custodians

Maxanne Resnick - Levon Helm raised just over \$4,200 for the PTA/PTSOs to be used for Music. Superintendent Search concern - be more transparent in the process. Put the Task Force minutes and members on the web.

11. Student Comment

Information: 11.01 Students may comment on any agenda or non-agenda item (proposed 8:00 duration 10 min or more)

No students commented.

12. Public Comment

Information: 12.01 The public may comment on any agenda or non-agenda item (proposed 8:10 duration 10 min or more)

No public comment was made

13. Discussion and Possible Action

Action: 13.01 Multi-year Transportation contract (proposed 8:20 duration 10 min)

7:50

Resolution: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED ON RECOMMENDATION BY THE Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the extension of the student transportation contracts between the Onteora Central School District and Arthur F. Mulligan, Inc. for the 2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014 school years and authorizes the Board of Education President and Superintendent to sign such contracts.

Motion by Trustee Osmond, second by Trustee Spencer.

Craig Lipps from Bernie Bus Company (Arthur F Mulligan is local affiliate of Birnie) reported:

- Contract extension with Kingston and Rondout School Districts renew every 3 years
- History of CPI increases fluctuate from 0% to 7-8%

Interim Superintendent Charlotte Gregory, Assistant Superintendent McLaren and Director of Transportation, Dave Moraca recommend the 3 year contract

Director of Transportation, Dave Moraca reported and Interim Superintendent Charlotte Gregory agreed on why this is best for the district:

- Contractor is responsive to issues
- 3% cap of CPI is beneficial for us, since CPI is likely to increase above that
- Contract states that shared transportation is encouraged- in place already if state insists on transportation consolidation

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action, Discussion: 13.02 Ulster County School Boards Legislative Program (proposed 8:30 duration 5 min)

8:10

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District adopt the 2011 Legislative Program of the Ulster County School Boards Association. Including:

- Phasing out reliance on local property tax to provide a "sound basic education" state-wide in favor of a broader state-wide taxing system including income tax.

- To attract and retain regional education leaders, eliminate the salary & benefit cap on District Superintendents.
- Revision of the Contingency Budget Law to exclude increases in Special Education, energy expenses, and health costs for staff and retirees from the formula.
- Update and enhance the BOCES Aid Formula and encourage additional shared services.
- Wicks Law Reform
- Full funding of mandates.
- Legislation that provides full funding and supports legal reforms (including Triborough Amendment Reform) for the State's public schools to eliminate the need to fund Charter School initiatives.
- Reduce reporting requirements.

Resolution: Motion by Trustee Osmond, second by Trustee Fletcher.

Trustee Kurnit discussed the phasing out of reliance on local property tax and that it may not be beneficial to Onteora residents.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Nay: Trustee Kurnit

NOTE: 2 items removed from the agenda:

- Approval of a Gymnastics team of one
- Approval of a volunteer

14. 5 Min Break

Information: 14.01 5 Minute Break (proposed 8:35)

No break was taken

15. Consent Agenda

Action (Consent): 15.01 Approve consent agenda item numbers 15.02 - 15.07 (proposed 8:40 duration 5 min)

Motion: Approve consent agenda item numbers 11.02-11.07

Motion by Trustee Osmond, second by Trustee Hickey.

Trustee Kurnit asked about Surplus Equipment, Assistant Superintendent McLaren clarified that it is unsafe equipment

Trustee Osmond asked how the equipment will be disposed.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Action (Consent): 15.02 Personnel Agenda

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	SALARY	REASON
Francesse, Danielle	Teaching Assistant – WD	9/2/10 – 6/30/11 *corrected end date	Step 5	LOA replacement

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Burkhardt, Jeannine	AIS Regents Prep (After School) 1	\$920
Rosato, Phyllis	AIS Regents Prep (After School) 1	\$920
Ferraro, Aubree	Belleayre Bash Co-Advisor	\$920
Wood, Sharon	Belleayre Bash Co-Advisor	\$920
McGurgan, Erin	Senior Class Play Assistant Director	\$1000
Whitlow, Edward	Math Club Advisor – HS	\$1,612
Maouris, George	Wrestling Coach	\$0

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
DeSantis, Ernest	Certified Substitute Teacher	\$95/day
Frazier, Xhora	Certified Substitute Teacher	\$95/day
Hommel, Jessica	Certified Substitute Teacher	\$95/day
Hommel, Jessica	Certified Substitute Teaching Assistant	\$10/hr
Korol, Amy	Certified Substitute Teacher	\$95/day
MacGregor, Grian	Uncertified Substitute Teaching Assistant	\$9/hr
Tucciarone, Christine	Uncertified Substitute Teaching Assistant	\$9/hr

APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Burns, LeAnne	Substitute Food Service Worker	\$9/hr
Tucciarone, Christine	Substitute School Monitor	\$9/hr
Tucciarone, Christine	Substitute Food Service Worker	\$9/hr
Cservak, Joshua	Substitute Custodial Worker	\$9/hr

Action (Consent): 15.03 Instruction - Schedule U-The Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations

Resolution: 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, #12/10, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Hickey

Action (Consent): 15.04 ECA Clubs

Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Ontario Central School District approve the following additional Extraclassroom Clubs for the 10/11 school year to hold, raise and expend money in accordance with the Ontario Central School District's Extraclassroom Accounting Manual.

Club name 10/11 Starting Balance

Art Club 0.00
Class of 2016 0.00

Action (Consent): 15.05 Surplus Equipment

Resolution: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District declare the following equipment as surplus and authorizes disposal of these items: Flat Bench #000772 Flat Bench #000771 Tuff Stuff Pulley Machine #10994 Recumbent Bike #000978 Recumbent Bike No # 2 Dumbell Racks No #

Action (Consent): 15.06 Oct 2010 Financials

Resolution: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District has reviewed and hereby approves the FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT for October, 2010.

Action (Consent): 15.07 Levon Helm Benefit Concert Donation

Resolution: The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a donation totaling \$8,407.00, CASH, from HS Parent Alliance & MS PTSO from the Levon Helm Benefit Concert to be used for Arts in Education.

The Superintendent recommends approval to increase the 10-11 Budget per the following donations:

HS Parent Alliance/MS PTSO

A2110.431.01	Supplemental- HS	\$4,203.50
A2110.431.02	Supplemental- MS	\$4,203.50

Trustee Osmond read the following letter:

On behalf of the parent groups from each of our five district schools and our principals, I would like to extend a public and effusive thank you to Levon Helm, his manager, Barbara O'Brien, and all of their colleagues. The concert held on October 22, 2010, was truly a community effort and one of the largest collaborative fundraisers in the Onteora District to date.

It is through the determined efforts of these people, along with the countless (and I do mean countless) hours dedicated to the project by the members of the Concert Committee - Beckie Evans, Gina Maloney, David Nelsen-Epstein, Maxanne Resnick and Sharon Wood - who planned and managed the event, that the evening proved to be so successful.

While those who attended enjoyed a magical and memorable event like no other, in the end it is the students in the Onteora Central School District who will benefit the most. As a result of Levon's generosity and the tremendous support from his fans and the community, more than \$21,000.00 was raised for

Arts in Education in Onteora.

Again, on behalf of all five parent groups in the district and our principals, a heartfelt thank you to one and all.

Sincerely,

Mary Hornung
Coordinator, Parents in Partnership

16. Discussion

Discussion: 16.01 Ongoing discussion of Board Goals (proposed 8:45 duration 15 min)

8:15

Trustee Spencer did not finish the Board goals. Will share the work he did with the Board.

18. Committee Reports -5 min each

Information: 18.01 Audit Committee - Trustee Spencer to report. Next meeting is at 4:30 in the Central Administration Conference Room on 12/20/10 (proposed 9:00)

Trustee Spencer reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting

Information: 18.02 Facilities Committee - Trustee Kurnit to report. Next meeting is at 3:30 in the Central Administration Conference room on 1/17/11

Trustee Kurnit reported that the meeting was postponed due to Superintendent Interviews, will meet on Tuesday, 12/21/10

Information: 18.03 Green Committee - Trustee Osmond to report. Next meeting is at 2:40 in the HS Conference room on 1/5/11

Student Representative Angie Cross reported during her Student Representative report:

- Green Committee met 12/8/10
 - Discussed plans for future
 - Committee is working on many projects

Information: 18.04 Policy Committee - Trustee McGillicuddy to report. Next meeting is in the Central Administration Conference room at 9:30 on 1/11/11

Trustee McGillicuddy reported that the Policy Committee met yesterday, 12/19/10

- Discussed 4 policies to bring to Board for the next meeting January 11:
 - Suicide policy
 - Use of Substitutes
 - Fraud Policy
 - Shared decision making

Information: 18.05 District Committee: Health and Wellness Committee - Assistant Superintendent O'Brien to report. Next meeting is 2:45 pm in the Health Room of the High School on 12/16/10

Assistant Superintendent O'Brien reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting

Discussion: 18.06 District Committee: Technology - Superintendent Gregory to report. Next meeting is 4:00 pm in Room 121 of the H.S. on 12/20/10

Interim Superintendent Charlotte Gregory reported that the Technology committee has not met since last Board meeting

19. Old Business

Discussion: 19.01 The Board will discuss Old Business (proposed 9:30 duration 10 min)

No Old Business was discussed

20. New Business

Discussion: 20.01 The Board will discuss New Business (proposed 9:40 duration 10 min)

No New Business was discussed

21. Request For Information

Discussion: 21.01 The Board will request information (proposed 9:50 duration 10 min)

Trustee Osmond asked how the equipment will be disposed.(from Consent agenda)

Trustee Fletcher asked the committee [Task Force] to look at if the Middle School is the ideal model or whether some other configuration is educationally sound. (from Task Force report)

Trustee Spencer asked for clarification on how to begin the budget process and timeline laid out

- Interim Superintendent Charlotte Gregory reported that it is premature without the Governor's plan
- Working with Assistant Superintendent McLaren on going through budget for expenditures and what to carry over
- The Cabinet is working for the first time on Budget Programming to go through all the expenses
 - By January all expenses completed
 - Look at revenue until late February when information comes from state
 - Insurance information by March
- Started a roll over budget, looking at increases in expenses

Trustee Osmond asked why is owning our buses the smart thing to do?

Trustee Kurnit asked for an assessment of what is going on in Special Education with the current Interim PPS Director and how things are moving forward.

Trustee Fletcher asked about a calendar.

- Fund fund-raising ideas for calendar.
- How much did mailing cost us?

Trustee McGillicuddy asked for an update on kindergarteners and how they are doing

22. Public Comment

Information: 22.01 The public will comment on any agenda or non-agenda item (proposed 10:00 duration 10 min)

Lysa Ingalsbe – Asked what the difference between the mailing of the information to the area and calendar costs. Maybe for 2011-2012, each school could come with the funds to have a calendar

17. Executive Session

Action: 17.01 The Board will enter executive session to discuss a specific personnel matter at approximately 9:00

Motion: The Board will enter executive session to discuss a specific personnel matter at approximately 8:35

Motion by Trustee McGillicuddy, second by Trustee Spencer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

No longer present

Trustee Osmond left at approximately 9:30

Action: 17.02 The Board will re-enter the public session at approximately 9:40

Motion: The Board will re-enter the public session

Motion by Trustee McGillicuddy, second by Trustee Fletcher.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

23. Adjournment

Action: 23.01 Adjourn Meeting. Next meeting 1/11/11 at Bennett Elementary School (proposed 10:10) Happy New Year!

Motion: The Meeting adjourned at approximately (;40

Motion by Trustee McGillicuddy, second by Trustee Fletcher.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

Hickey, Trustee Kurnit

2010– 2011 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

***NOTE: snow dates**

July 6, 2010		Reorganization/Regular Meeting	Middle-High School	6:00 p.m.
August 3, 2010		Regular Meeting	Middle-High School	6:00 p.m.
August 24, 2010		Regular Meeting	Middle-High School	6:00 p.m.
September 14, 2010		Regular Meeting	Woodstock School	6:00 p.m.
September 28, 2010		Regular Meeting	Bennett School	6:00 p.m.
October 12, 2010		Regular Meeting	Phoenicia School	6:00 p.m.
October 26, 2010		Regular Meeting	Woodstock School	6:00 p.m.
November 9, 2010*		Regular Meeting	Bennett School	6:00 p.m.
November 30, 2010		Regular Meeting	Phoenicia School	6:00 p.m.
December 14, 2011		Regular Meeting	Woodstock School	6:00 p.m.
January 11, 2011		Regular Meeting	Bennett School	6:00 p.m.
January 25, 2011		Regular Meeting	Phoenicia School	6:00 p.m.
February 8, 2011		Regular Meeting	Woodstock School	6:00 p.m.
February 22, 2011		Regular Meeting	Bennett School	6:00 p.m.
March 8, 2011		Regular Meeting	Phoenicia School	6:00 p.m.
		Regular Meeting		
		Superintendent's 2010-2011		
March 22, 2011		Budget Recommendation	Woodstock School	6:00 p.m.
		Regular Meeting		
April 5, 2011		2010-2011 Budget Adoption	Middle-High School	6:00 p.m.
April 27 , 2011	<i>Wed</i>	Regular Meeting AND <i>a countywide vote date for BOCES Board Seats and BOCES Administrative Budget</i>	Middle-High School	6:00 p.m.
May 3, 2011		Regular Meeting and <i>Budget Hearing</i>	Middle-High School	6:00 p.m.
May 17, 2011		Budget Vote	All four (4) Elementary Schools	2:00 to 9:00 p.m.
May 17, 2011		Special Meeting (Declaration of Votes Cast)	Middle-High School	9:30 p.m.
June 7, 2011		Regular Meeting	Bennett School	6:00 p.m.
June 21, 2011		Regular Meeting	Phoenicia School	6:00 p.m.
July 5, 2011		Reorganization/Regular Meeting	Middle-High School	6:00 p.m.

* Meetings are held on Tuesdays @ 6:00 p.m. unless the meeting date is a **snow date**, the meeting will be held the **Thursday** of that week, except **November 9th**, snow date **Wednesday**