

# ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

## MINUTES

### REGULAR MEETING

6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2010  
Woodstock Elementary School

#### 1. Opening Items

##### **Information: 1.01 Call to Order (proposed 6:00)**

Trustee Osmond called the meeting to order at approximately 6:15 p.m.

##### **Information: 1.02 Tobacco Policy Statement**

##### **Information: 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance**

##### **Information: 1.04 Present**

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

##### **Information: 1.05 Also Present**

Assistant Superintendent O'Brien, Interim Assistant Superintendent Don Gottlieb, District Clerk, Fern Amster, Student Representative Susie Sofranko and approximately 16 visitors

##### **Information: 1.06 Not Present**

##### **Information: 1.07 Also Not Present**

Superintendent Ford

#### 2. Acceptance of Minutes

##### **Action: 2.01 Acceptance of Minutes of December 15, 2009 and December 21, 2009**

It was moved by Trustee Spencer and seconded by Trustee Osmond to accept the Minutes of December 15, 2009 (with corrections) and December 21, 2009 (as submitted).

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

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

#### 3. Welcome Message

##### **Discussion: 3.01 Principal Barbara Schnell will give the welcome address. (proposed 6:05)**

In Principal Schnell's absence, the welcome was given by Principal Gabriel Buono

- 6th grade residency with Billy Miles, a professional photographer, Roz Dickinson, from the Woodstock Land Conservancy & Liz Unterman from the Centre for Photography in Woodstock
- 3 meetings with 6th grade
- Student reports by Kale Esposito and Ellary Camara

#### 4. District News

##### **Information: 4.01 District news will be discussed/presented at this time: Speaker Series begins 1/21/10, Poetry Slam success**

6:20

- Speaker series
  - 1/21/10 snow date 1/28/10 Local Government/Local Education
    - Brian Hollander to moderate
  - 2/18/10 Local Environment/Local Education

- Poetry Slam
  - Friday before Christmas was well attended, and energetic
  - high quality of poetry
  - credit to honor society and teachers JD Louis and John Wildermuth
- Next café chat in town of Shandaken at Sweet Sue's on January 14, 2010
- RFP process moving along
  - Vendors had meeting
  - Will get proposals in spring
- Duanesburg had \$3 million transferred to overseas account
  - Our business office is working with banks to be sure this will not happen to Onteora.
- Opening and rededication of Auditorium is on January 13, 2010 tickets are required at no cost
- Trustee Osmond thanked Interim Assistant Superintendent Don Gottlieb on behalf of board for his outstanding work with the district
- Concerts in auditorium were well attended and acoustics were great
- Bennett winter concert also very successful

#### 5. Student Representative Report

**Information: 5.01 The Student Representative to the Board, Susie Sofranko, will give a report at this time.**

6:34

Onteora High School Survey Results  
Approximately 210 students participated  
Basic Curriculum

11 students gave a rating of 1  
23 students gave a rating of 2  
71 students gave a rating of 3  
85 students gave a rating of 4  
21 students gave a rating of 5

Arts

17 students gave a rating of 1  
23 students gave a rating of 2  
54 students gave a rating of 3  
58 students gave a rating of 4  
57 students gave a rating of 5

Sports

18 students gave a rating of 1  
22 students gave a rating of 2  
62 students gave a rating of 3  
65 students gave a rating of 4  
40 students gave a rating of 5

Overall Experience

18 students gave a rating of 1  
23 students gave a rating of 2

72 students gave a rating of 3  
76 students gave a rating of 4  
22 students gave a rating of 5

#### Most Popular Issue

there were 84 votes for healthier choices in the cafeteria  
there were 50 votes for replacing the bathroom stalls  
there were 43 votes for beautifying the courtyard  
there were 36 votes for more Purell hand sanitizers  
there were 27 votes for more recycling bins  
there were 20 votes for automatic paper towel dispensers  
there were 20 votes for getting germ sheet to go on bathroom toilets

Please Note: some students voted for more than one issue or left questions blank

Planning on drafting a proposal concerning absence of mirrors in boys rest rooms

#### 6. Response to last meeting's Public/Student Be Heard

**Information: 6.01 The Board will respond to the last meeting's Public/Student Be Heard.**

No public or student comment was made at the last meeting.

#### 7. Student Comment

**Information: 7.01 Students may comment on any agenda or non-agenda items at this time.**

No student comment was made.

#### 8. Public Comment

**Information: 8.01 The public may comment on any agenda or non-agenda items at this time.**

Lisa Ingalsbe – Café chats -send flyers home to population

#### 9. Discussion and Possible Action

**Action: 9.01 First reading of Policy 1336 Duties of Extraclassroom Activities Funds Treasurer(s) (proposed 6:10)**

First reading accepted. Schedule second reading at next meeting

**Action: 9.02 BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central District hereby approve the second reading and adoption of policy # 5570 - Audit Committees.**

Audit Committee has not met since last board meeting, postpone until next meeting.

**Action: 9.03 BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central District hereby approve the second reading and adoption of policy #7242 Student Directory Information.**

It was moved by Trustee Osmond and seconded by Trustee Fletcher .

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

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

**Action: 9.04 RESOLVE, that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District,**

It was moved by Trustee Osmond and seconded by Trustee Flayhan to adopt the 2010 Legislative Program of the Ulster County School Boards Association.

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

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

10. Consent Agenda

**Action (Consent): 10.01 Approve consent agenda item numbers 10.02 - 11.01**

It was moved by Trustee Spencer and seconded by Trustee Fletcher to approve all of the consent agenda except # 10.02.

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

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

It was moved by Trustee Kurnit and seconded by Trustee Osmond to go into executive session at approximately 6:45 to discuss a confidential student matter

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

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

It was moved by Trustee McGillicuddy and seconded by Trustee Hickey to return to regular session at approximately 7:30 pm

**Action (Consent): 10.02 Instruction - Schedule U-The Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations, Schedule U, #01/10, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Kurnit**

It was moved by Trustee Spencer and seconded by Trustee Fletcher to approve the Schedule U-The Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations, Schedule U, #01/10, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Kurnit

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

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

**Action (Consent): 10.03 Personnel Consent Agenda dated 1/5/10**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE: INSTRUCTIONAL**

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
#1228	1/1/10 – 2/14/10 Approximate end date	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave
#2795	1/1/10 – 2/14/10 Approximate end date	Medical – Unpaid Leave
#3053	1/4/10 – 1/15/10	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave
#2691	11/13/09 – 12/31/09	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave
#2691	1/1/10 – 4/7/10 Days granted from sick bank	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave

**APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL**

**PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES**

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Benson, Heather	Home Tutor	\$34/hr
Kuerlemann, Laurie	Certified Substitute Teacher	\$95/day
Reynolds, Megan	Uncertified Substitute Teacher	\$80/day
Trager, Debra	Uncertified Substitute Teacher	\$80/day

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
#2245	1/4/10 – 2/1/10	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave

**PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES**

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Sebald, Katy	Substitute School Monitor	\$9/hr

**Action (Consent): 10.04 Side Letter of Agreement for Sick Bank**

Resolved to approve the Side Letter of Agreement for the Sick Bank

11. Consent Agenda/Business and Finance

**Action (Consent): 11.01 Financial Management report for November**

Resolved to accept the Financial Management report for November 2009.

12. Discussion

**Discussion: 12.01 Ongoing Budget Discussion/ Transportation Contract information to make a decision at the next meeting. (proposed 6:15)**

7:35

Budget discussion ensued.

Discussion about a multi-year transportation contract ensued.

- Multi-year deal must go to voter approval
  - Transportation contracts increases are 3% or the May 15<sup>th</sup> CPI - which ever is lower

Board consensus to finish the agenda, and then go to executive session

13. Committee Reports - 5 minutes each

**Information: 13.01 Audit Committee - Trustee Spencer to report. Next meeting is at 4:30 in the Central Administration Conference Room on 1/15/2010**

Committee has not met since the last board meeting

**Information: 13.02 Communication Committee - Trustee McGillicuddy to report. Next meeting is at 5:45 in the Central Administration Conference Room on 1/11/10**

Committee has not met since the last board meeting

**Information: 13.03 Facilities Committee - Trustee Flayhan to report. Next meeting is at 3:30 in the Central Administration Conference Room on 2/1/10**

Trustee Kurnit reported:

- Met 1/4/10. Discussed:
  - State of auditorium renovation
  - Middle School/High School configuration
  - Energy RFP – preliminary recommendations:
    - Consider 3<sup>rd</sup> party evaluation - hire engineer – possible candidates already familiar with Onteora facilities
    - Send to attorneys to evaluate proposals
  - West Hurley building
- Trustee Flayhan discussed the Woodstock boiler problems
  - Director of Facilities Jared Mance is aware of problems in Woodstock and is working on it

**Information: 13.04 Green Committee - Trustee Osmond to report. Next meeting is at 2:40 pm in the High School Conference Room at 2:40 in the HS Conference Room on 1/6/10**

Committee has not met since the last board meeting

**Information: 13.05 Policy Committee - Trustee Osmond/McGillicuddy to report. Next meeting is at 11:00 in the Central Administration Conference Room on 1/6/10**

Committee has not met since the last board meeting

**Information: 13.06 Arts Task Force - Trustee Fletcher to report. Next meeting is at 4:00 in Room 121C of the High School on 1/21/10.**

Trustee Fletcher reported:

- Dutchess County Arts Council came to discuss arts in education grants available
- John Wildermuth – drama and English teacher is planning a musical this year
- 2 recommendations discussed:
  - idea of sponsorship of seats – use funds for auditorium needs and arts needs
  - so much happening with arts there is a desire to have an independent web site to be updated internally for arts task force or use to announce the arts to get word out

**Information: 13.07 District Committees: Technology - Superintendent Ford to report. Next meeting is at 4:00 pm in the Central Administration Conference Room on 1/8/10**

Assistant Superintendent O'Brien reported:

- Working on 3 year Technology Plan for 2010

**Information: 13.08 District Committee: Health and Wellness Committee - Assistant Superintendent O'Brien to report. Next meeting is at 2:00 pm in Room 207 of the HS on 1/7/10**

Committee has not met since the last board meeting

Special Education Teacher Jill Stempler Olin thanked the board and administration for putting through the Sick Bank Side Letter of Agreement

14. Old Business

**Discussion: 14.01 The Board will discuss Old Business**

Generate Infinite campus report for room utilization in Middle School/High School.

- Only shows classes – does not show other uses for classrooms for extra help, independent study, clubs, etc.
- Roughly 80% of the time it is being used – but does not take extra time into account

Trustee Spencer reported that there will be a meeting this Thursday to come to a solution for the water filter pump

15. New Business

**Discussion: 15.01 Board Members will request new business**

- Hold staff forums for purpose of building budgets and town hall meetings to build good relationships
- Trustee Fletcher wanted to put on the record that employee benefits account for almost 30% of budget - increase is 50% of proposed increase
  - Recognize the increase
- FACTS report November 2008 off by close to 25% in Kindergarten
  - Based on solid data but is not only data
  - High School will go up slightly, Middle School will decline by 42
- Trustee Osmond reported that policy 7680 will allow the recording of CSE meetings is going to policy meeting change to require taping of meetings
  - Approved by attorney
  - Will help to clarify miscommunications

16. Board Members Requests for Information

**Information: 16.01 Board members may request information at this time.**

Trustee Fletcher requested an Excel breakdown of how ONTEA salaries might affect budget

Trustee McGillicuddy requested the number of students in BOCES bus runs

17. Public Be Heard

**Information: 17.01 The public may comment on agenda items at this time.**

No public comment was made.

12.5 Executive Session

**Action: 12.5.01 It is anticipated that the Board will enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION at approximately 7:00 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.**

It was moved by Trustee Osmond and seconded by Trustee Hickey to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter at approximately 9:05 p.m.

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

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

**Action: 12.5.02 Return from Executive Session (proposed 10:00)**

It was moved by Trustee Osmond and seconded by Trustee McGillicuddy to return to the Regular Meeting at approximately 12:00 a.m.

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

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

18. Adjournment/Next Meeting

**Action: 18.01 Meeting Adjourned Next Meeting is 1/19/10**

It was moved by Trustee Fletcher and seconded by Trustee Hickey to adjourn the meeting at approximately 12:00 a.m.

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

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

2009 – 2010 Board of Education Meeting Schedule			
July 7, 2009		Reorganization/Regular Meeting	Middle-High School 6:00 p.m.
August 4, 2009		Regular Meeting	Middle-High School 6:00 p.m.
August 18, 2009		Regular Meeting	Middle-High School 6:00 p.m.
September 8, 2009		Regular Meeting	Woodstock School 6:00 p.m.
September 22, 2009		Regular Meeting	Middle-High School 6:00 p.m.
October 6, 2009		Regular Meeting	Bennett School 6:00 p.m.
October 20, 2009		Regular Meeting	Phoenicia School 6:00 p.m.
November 3, 2009		Regular Meeting	Woodstock School 6:00 p.m.
November 17, 2009		Regular Meeting	Middle-High School 6:00 p.m.
December 1, 2009		Regular Meeting	Bennett School 6:00 p.m.
December 15, 2009		Regular Meeting	Phoenicia School 6:00 p.m.
January 5, 2010		Regular Meeting	Woodstock School 6:00 p.m.
January 19, 2010		Regular Meeting	Middle-High School 6:00 p.m.
February 2, 2010		Regular Meeting	Bennett School 6:00 p.m.
February 16, 2010		Regular Meeting	Phoenicia School 6:00 p.m.
March 2, 2010		Regular Meeting	Woodstock School 6:00 p.m.
March 16, 2010		Regular Meeting	Bennett School 6:00 p.m.
April 6, 2010		Regular Meeting	Middle-High School 6:00 p.m.
April 28, 2010	Wednesday	Regular Meeting	Middle-High School 6:00 p.m.
May 4, 2010		Regular Meeting	Middle-High School 6:00 p.m.
May 18, 2010		<b>Budget Vote</b>	<b>All four (4) Elem.Schools 2:00 to 9:00 p.m.</b>
May 18, 2010		Special Meeting (Declaration of Votes Cast)	Middle-High School 9:30 p.m.
June 1, 2010		Regular Meeting	Woodstock School 6:00 p.m.
June 15, 2010		Regular Meeting	Phoenicia School 6:00 p.m.
July 6, 2010		Reorganization/Regular Meeting	Middle-High School 6:00 p.m.