

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2010

1. Opening Items

Information: 1.01 Call to Order at Bennett School (proposed 6:00)

Trustee Osmond called the meeting to order at approximately 6:17 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

Superintendent Ford, Assistant Superintendent O'Brien, Assistant Superintendent McLaren, District Clerk, Fern Amster, Student Representative Susie Sofranko, and approximately 12 visitors

Information: 1.06 Not Present

Information: 1.07 Also Not Present

Change of Agenda

The Board has consensus to move the opening address, Student Be Heard and Public Be Heard to before Executive Session

3. Welcome Message

Discussion: 3.01 Principal Gabriel Buono will give the welcome address

6:30

Principal Buono announced:

- District wide spelling bee this Friday – all Elementary Schools participating
 - Grades 4, 5, 6 to compete to go to the next level in Albany
- Bennett is working to collect money for Pennies for Patients
 - goal to raise more than \$3000 for cancer patients
- Next week is Valentine's Day and the Sweetheart Breakfast is February 11th at 8 a.m.
- Met with PTAs, they are in support of a district wide Dodgeball Tournament for adults. Get community and all of Onteora staff involved.
 - March 5th in the Middle School/High School gymnasium

7. Student Comment

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

8. Public Comment

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

6:35

1. The DAT Team - possibly cutting the team.
2. Bobby Russell - West Hurley property

1.5 Executive Session

Action: 1.15.01 It is anticipated that the Board will enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION at approximately 6:00 p.m. to discuss a legal issue and negotiations.

It was motioned by Trustee Osmond and seconded by Trustee Hickey to enter Executive Session at approximately 6:50 p.m. to discuss negotiations and a legal issue

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

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

Action: 1.5.02 Return from Executive Session at approximately 6:30 p.m.

It was moved by Trustee Osmond and seconded by Trustee Hickey to return to the Regular Meeting at approximately 8:00 p.m.

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

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

2. Acceptance of Minutes

Action: 2.01 Acceptance of Minutes of January 19, 2010 (proposed 6:30)

It was moved by Trustee Osmond and seconded by Trustee Hickey to accept the Minutes of January 19, 2010.

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

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

4. District News

Information: 4.01 Notable district news will be discussed/presented at this time

8:00

Superintendent Ford reported:

- Update on the chemistry incident
 - Currently cooperating with state police
 - Chemicals and safety plan are reviewed by Michael O'Rourke, BOCES Safety officer
- Next 3 board meetings will have extended Public Be Heard to allow for public comment on the budget
- On February 5th, Justin Kolb will perform in the Middle School/High School auditorium.

- Phoenicia good news:
 - Green Team and Student Council have an initiative to use/reuse silverware and donate silverware to the school
 - Valentine's Day Dance is February 19th
- Middle School good news:
 - Hudson River Playback Theater – interactive theater to end bullying
 - February 3rd for grade 7 and Feb 5th for grade 8.
 - Internet Safety Night by PTSO February 5th
 - Student Council Valentine's Day dance on February 19th
 - French, German and Spanish classes will be making posters for Foreign Language week
 - Battle of the Books teams preparing for preliminary rounds on April 6, 7, 8
- High School good news:
 - The first semester has officially ended. Second quarter report cards will be mailed out towards the end of the week.
 - The next High School Parent Alliance meeting is scheduled for February 11th. At this meeting, attendees will be provided with Parent Portal accounts. Information will also be available about scheduling for the 2010/2011 school year.
 - Onteora High School student Phoebe McCann has been selected to serve as a delegate in the Mid Hudson Delegation to the 2010 Puerto Rican/Hispanic Youth Leadership Institute in Albany, NY, April 17-19, 2010. Astrid Delgado has been selected to serve as an alternate in the Mid Hudson Delegation. As an alternate, Astrid is to attend all of the remaining local training sessions, to be prepared in the event that one of the delegates is unable to attend the Albany conference. If a place for Astrid becomes open in the delegation, we will inform her and you immediately. The Selection Review Committee selected 12 delegates and 3 alternates out of 44 finalists who submitted complete, qualified applications.
 - The High School is pleased to announce that there will be a musical performed this year. Students have been auditioning for "Fame". More details will follow.
 - Homework help is available to all high school students in Math, English, Social Studies, Science, and Languages other than English. An updated schedule has been posted on the high school's website.
- Woodstock good news:
 - Go Green Committee visited classrooms and gave presentations to review recycling practices
 - Science Fair is on February 26th at 6:30
 - The second and third grades started a poetry residence next week

Assistant Superintendent O'Brien reported:

- Friday, February 5th the Senior class is having "Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader"

Trustee Osmond reported:

- Another speakers series on February 28th in auditorium
 - Local Environment/Local Education
 - Representatives from many local groups will come to discuss what is going on in the schools and what is available

Trustee Fletcher reported that Phoenicia Elementary and Middle School had their winter

concerts

- Phoenicia introduced their Jazz Band
- Middle School was a “packed house”

5. Student Representative Report

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

8:05

Student Representative Susie Sofranko reported:

- Doing a survey about the food. Brought draft to show the board

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 Student/Public Be Heard was made at the last meeting

9. Reports/Presentations

Report: 9.01 Update on Water Filter (proposed 6:45)

Tim Moot gave an update on the Water Filter

Report: 9.02 Assistant Superintendent Katie O'Brien will report on the graduation rate. (proposed 7:00)

8:15

Assistant Superintendent O'Brien reported on the graduation rate

- Discussed graduation rates from 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009

9.5 Discussion

Discussion: 9.5.1 Ongoing Budget Discussion (proposed 7:15)

8:55

Superintendent Ford began the budget discussion:

- Administrative Cabinet brainstormed how to get to the desired budget numbers

Discussion ensued on budget

Discussion: 9.5.2 Discussion on putting West Hurley School sale, lease or rent on the ballot (proposed 8:00)

9:50

Discussion ensued about the West Hurley School:

- Do not need voter approval to sell, lease or rent
- Put on ballot out of respect for community
 - Discuss at next meeting or one after that

Discussion: 9.5.3 5 MINUTE BREAK (proposed 8:15)

10:10

10. Discussion and Possible Action

Action: 10.01 Resolution to extend bus contract one year (proposed 8:20)

10:20

Director of Transportation, Dave Moraca reported that the board must vote tonight on extending one year, but don't need to vote on multiple year contract to be put on the ballot tonight.

It was moved by Trustee Osmond and seconded by Trustee Spencer to approve the following:

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 2010-2011 school year and authorizes the Board of Education President and Superintendent to sign such contracts.

The result of the vote was: Pass

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

Abstain: Trustee Flayhan

Action: 10.011 Discussion to put multi-year transportation contract on ballot (proposed 8:50)

It was moved by and seconded by 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 2010-2011 school year and authorizes the Board of Education President and Superintendent to sign such contracts.

No vote was taken. Discussion will continue at a future board meeting.

Action: 10.02 Staff and Public Forum Discussion including town board meetings and PTA meetings (proposed 9:05)

11:00

Discussed staff and public forum discussions and possibly starting a board meeting right after school to give staff an opportunity to come to the meeting and build better relationship between board and staff

Action: 10.03 Board members reimbursement for travel (proposed 9:20)

Consensus to reimburse board members for travel.

Action: 10.04 Allow access for Onteora Web (proposed 9:30)

11:15

Move this to the next Board of Education meeting.

Action: 10.041 5 MINUTE BREAK (proposed 10:00)

No break was taken

Action: 10.05 Be it hereby resolved on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District hereby approve the second reading of Policy 5570 Audit Committee (proposed 10:05)

Move this reading to the next Board of Education meeting

Action: 10.06 Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District hereby approve the second reading of Policy 1336 Duties of Extraclassroom Activities Funds Treasurer(s)

11:15

It was moved by Trustee Osmond and seconded by Trustee McGillicuddy Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District hereby approve the second reading of Policy 1336 Duties of Extraclassroom Activities Funds Treasurer(s).

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

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

Action: 10.07 Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District hereby approve the first reading of Policy 5520 Extraclassroom Activities Fund

First reading of Policy 5520 Extraclassroom Activities Fund was accepted

Action: 10.08 Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District hereby approve the first reading of Policy 3280 Community Use of School Facilities

First reading of Policy 3280 Community Use of School Facilities was accepted

Action: 10.09 Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District hereby approve the first reading of Policy 5640 Tobacco Free, Smoke Free Environment Policy

First reading of Policy 5640 Tobacco Free, Smoke Free Environment Policy was accepted

Action: 10.10 Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District hereby approve the first reading of Policy 7430 Contests for Students, Student Awards and Scholarships

First reading of Policy 7430 Contests for Students, Student Awards and Scholarships was accepted

Action: 10.11 Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District hereby approve the first reading of Policy ##### Medicaid, Fraud Waste and Abuse

First reading of Policy ##### Medicaid, Fraud, Waste and Abuse accepted

11. Consent Agenda

Action (Consent): 11.01 Approve consent agenda item numbers 11.01 - 12.02 (proposed 10:40)

It was moved by Trustee McGillicuddy and seconded by Trustee Spencer to approve the consent agenda item numbers 11.01 – 12.02

It was moved by Trustee Osmond and seconded by Trustee Fletcher to move into executive session to discuss a confidential student matter at approximately 11:30.

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 Flayhan and seconded by Trustee Fletcher to come back to regular session at approximately 12:15 a.m.

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Flayhan, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Hickey, 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): 11.02 Instruction - Schedule U-The Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations, Schedule U, #02/10, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Trustee Flayhan

Action (Consent): 11.03 Personnel Consent Agenda dated 02/02/10
 Approve the personnel consent agenda dated 2/2/10

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: INSTRUCTIONAL

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
#1349	2/13/10 – 3/26/10 Days granted by side letter of agreement dated 12/18/09	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave
#3054	4/19/10 – 5/19/10 Approximate dates	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave
#3054	5/20/10 – 6/24/10 Approximate dates	Medical – Unpaid Family Medical Leave

APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE

NAME	CERTIFICATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	SALARY	REASON
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Rubin, Linda	Speech/Language Therapist	Speech – HS	2/13/10 – 3/26/10	9MA	Leave replacement
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PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Gray, Melissa	Certified Substitute Teaching Assistant	\$10/hr
Haug, Bridget	Rescind: Uncertified Substitute Teacher	\$80/day
Haug, Bridget	Uncertified Substitute Teaching Assistant	\$9/hr
Johnson, Elizabeth	Uncertified Substitute Teacher	\$80/day
Reynolds, Megan	Uncertified Substitute Teaching Assistant	\$9/hr
Story, Susan	Uncertified Substitute Teaching Assistant	\$9/hr
Trager, Debra	Certified Substitute Teacher	\$95/day

APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Gray, Melissa	Substitute School Monitor	\$9/hr
Gray, Melissa	Substitute Clerical Worker	\$9.50/hr
Haug, Bridget	Substitute School Monitor	\$9/hr
Haug, Bridget	Substitute Clerical Worker	\$9.50/hr
Mielcarek, Karen	Substitute Food Service Worker	\$9/hr
Story, Susan	Substitute School Monitor	\$9/hr

12. Consent Agenda/Business and Finance

Action (Consent): 12.01 December Financial Report

Approve the December Financial Report

Action (Consent): 12.02 Approve Internal Auditor additional hours

Be it hereby resolved to pay Internal Auditor Pat Leimgruber for 40 additional hours over her approved hours for the time period 5/8/09 to 7/17/09 at a rate of \$30.38 for a total of \$1,215.20.

13. Committee Reports - 5 minutes each

Information: 13.01 Audit Committee - Trustee Spencer to report. Next meeting is at 3:30 in the Central Administration Conference Room on 2/08/2010 (proposed 10:40)

Information: 13.011 Discussion on the Internal Auditor giving a live or written report on Payroll Audit

No report was given. Moved to the next meeting

Information: 13.02 Communication Committee - Trustee McGillicuddy to report. Next meeting is at 5:45 in the Central Administration Conference Room on 2/22/2010

No report was given. Moved to the next meeting

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

No report was given. Moved to the next meeting

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 2/3/10

No report was given. Moved to the next meeting

Information: 13.05 Policy Committee - Trustee Osmond/McGillicuddy to report. Next meeting is at 9:00 in the Central Administration Conference Room on 3/1/10

No report was given. Moved to the next meeting

Information: 13.06 Arts Task Force - Trustee Fletcher to report. Next meeting is at 4:00 pm in Room 115 of the High School on 2/18/2010

12:15

Trustee Fletcher reported:

- Arts Task Force web site:
 - <http://artstaskforce.blogspot.com/>
 - The Board gave consensus for the ATF to continue working on it
 - Send content to superintendent when major changes occur
 - David Goldin and Barbara Mansfield created web site
 - Put link on school web site in a few weeks
- Next board meeting discuss auditorium sponsorship of seats

Information: 13.07 District Committees: Technology - Superintendent Ford to report. Next meeting is at 4:00 pm in the Central Administration Conference Room on 2/5

No report was given. Moved to the next meeting

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 High School on 2/11/10

No report was given. Moved to the next meeting

14. Old Business

Discussion: 14.01 Which board member will take next 2 weeks to respond to letters to the Board of Education (proposed 11:25)

It was decided for Trustee Fletcher to answer correspondence for next two weeks

15. New Business

Discussion: 15.01 A board meeting will be added - April 20 will be the Budget Adoption (proposed 11:30)

12:25

The meeting must be added because the 2010-2011 Budget must be transmitted to the state by April 21st, the latest date the budget can be adopted in April 20th.

16. Board Members Requests for Information

Information: 16.01 Board members may request information at this time. (proposed 11:40)

No request was made

17. Public Be Heard

Information: 17.01 The public may comment on agenda items at this time. (proposed 11:50)

No public comment was made

18. Adjournment/Next Meeting

Action: 18.01 Meeting Adjourned Next meeting 2/16/10 (proposed 11:55)

It was moved by Trustee Osmond and seconded by Trustee Hickey to adjourn the meeting at approximately 12:30 a.m.

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

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