

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 28, 2010

Middle School/High School

MINUTES

1. Opening Items

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

Trustee Osmond called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00

Information: 1.02 Tobacco Policy Statement

Information: 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 1.04 Present

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

Information: 1.05 Also Present

Superintendent Ford, Assistant Superintendent O'Brien, Student Representative Susie Sofranko, District Clerk, Fern Amster and approximately 15 visitors

Information: 1.06 Not Present

Trustee Flayhan

Information: 1.07 Also Not Present

Assistant Superintendent McLaren

4. District News

Information: 4.01 Notable district news will be discussed/presented at this time (proposed 6:05)

6:12

Superintendent Ford reported:

- Phoenicia Square Dance is 5/7. It is a fundraising event for PTA .
- Kids in the Catskills May Fair is on 5/13
- On 5/18 – Vote Day:
 - Phoenicia will have a Mini Open House and Garden Tour
 - Woodstock will have their Book Fair
 - Bennett is having a Bake Sale
- High School's French Club Talent Show is Friday 5/30 at 7pm
- Early results on PBIS from Bennett is that the program is doing well
- Some DECA students were in Louisville, KY for competition - 16,000 student were there

Trustee McGillicuddy reported on events she attended:

- Softball, Baseball and Track Meet
- Oral History project at Pine Hill Community Center with Phoenicia 6th graders and elders in the community

5. Student Representative Report

Information: 5.01 The Student Representative to the Board, Susie Sofranko, will give a report at this time. (proposed 6:10)

6:15

Student Representative Susie Sofranko reported:

- Student survey was presented to Health and Wellness committee and Christine Downs, School Lunch Manager
- Blood drive on April 30th

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. (proposed 6:15)

Trustee Osmond thanked all comments from the past

7. Student Comment

Information: 7.01 Students may comment on any agenda or non-agenda items at this time. (proposed 6:20)

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. (proposed 6:30)

No public comment was made

9. Discussion

Discussion: 9.02 Criteria on how we define foods for purchase by food services, what we can control (proposed 7:15)

6:20

Trustee Osmond stated that item 9.02 will be discussed before 9.01

Christine Downs, School Lunch Manager had conversation with the Board about the school food program and providing healthy foods for our students

Discussion: 9.01 Special Ed Answers (proposed 6:50)

6:40

The board discussed having more focus on K-2 students behind in reading and speech but not qualified for special education

- Assistant Superintendent O'Brien reported on the programs currently in place to meet this need
- Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Joyce Long explained the Child Study Team at each building, where the teacher identifies a student and reports to the principal who brings them to the Child Study Team, which recommends services for the child

As per the Board's request, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Joyce Long explained Rondout Central School District's programs for Special Education

Consensus to take out pages with names from "Answers to Special Ed" document and put back on Board Docs

10. Discussion and Possible Action

Action: 10.01 2010 - 2011 Ulster BOCES Administrative Budget (proposed 7:35)

7:10

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

It is hereby resolved by the Onteora Central School District Board of Education to approve the Board of Cooperative Educational Services Administrative Budget in the amount of \$2,370,171.

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Flayhan

Action: 10.02 BOCES Board Seat (proposed 7:55)

It was moved by Trustee Osmond and seconded by Trustee Hickey:

It is hereby resolved that the Onteora Central School District Board of Education casts its votes in the annual election of members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the person or persons indicated on the ballots.

The result of the vote was: Pass

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

Nay: Trustee Kurnit

Not Present: Trustee Flayhan

Action: 10.03 Approve Board of Education members' travel reimbursement . (proposed 8:20)

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

Resolved that the Onteora Board of Education members may be reimbursed for travel expenses to and from school district business events which are outside of the district.

The result of the vote was: Pass

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

Nay: Trustee Spencer

Not Present: Trustee Flayhan

Action: 10.05 Legal overages (proposed 8:30)

7:20

Discussion ensued about the amount of attorney hours the district has used and the proposal by the attorney firm

It was moved by Trustee Osmond and seconded by Trustee Hickey to accept an increase in the current attorney retainer by 95 hours at the reduced hourly rate

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Flayhan

7:30

A break was taken

Student Be Heard

7:40

Rachel Kellogg- special education

11. Consent Agenda

Action (Consent): 11.02 Be it hereby resolved that the board approved the Instruction - Schedule U-The Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations, Schedule U, #04/10 and ADDENDUM 04/10 Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Fletcher (proposed 8:45)

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Flayhan

12. Consent Agenda/Business and Finance

There was no Business and Finance agenda

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 5/10/2010 (proposed 8:50)

7:45

The committee has not met since the last Board meeting

Information: 13.02 Communication Committee - Trustee McGillicuddy to report. Next meeting is at 2:45 in the Central Administration Conference Room on 5/24/10 (proposed 8:55)

Trustee McGillicuddy reported:

- Andrew Taylor from BOCES came about the web site and calendar
- There was a volunteer from the community to do copy editing and proofreading
- Discussed students writing press releases
- Discussed having an email list of parents
 - Looking for update from Assistant Superintendent O'Brien about Infinite campus email list
- Recommend to Board that every paper home has the district web site address
- Ask Superintendent Ford and Assistant Superintendent McLaren to write a PSA on the Budget – Superintendent Ford provided it this evening
- The next meeting 5/24 2:45

Information: 13.03 Facilities Committee - Trustee Kurnit to report. Next meeting is at 3:30 in the Central Administration Conference Room on 5/3/10 (proposed 9:00)

7:50

The committee has not met since the last Board meeting

Information: 13.04 Green Committee - Trustee Osmond to report. Next meeting is at 2:40 pm in the High School Conference Room at on 5/5/10 (proposed 9:05)

The committee has not met since the last Board meeting

Information: 13.05 Policy Committee - Trustee Osmond/McGillicuddy to report. Next meeting is at 9:00 in the Central Administration Conference Room on 5/3/10 (proposed 9:10)

The 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 pm in the Vision 21 Room of the High School on 5/20/10 (proposed 9:15)

7:50

Trustee Fletcher reported:

- Dutchess County Arts Council and Arts Task Force applied for 2 grants and one did get approved
 - Onteora High School and Uncle Rock applied for \$1700 for 40 students in grades 10 and 11 in Vision 21 to explore music composition through the genre of rock opera and to create a multi song work using Jack Kerouac's On the Road, which is a required text for Vision 21 10th and 11th grade students
 - Students will write and perform their own rock opera
- Jonah Schenker from BOCES came to talk the Common Grounds conference
 - Mentioned that Commissioner Steiner discussed an Arts Regents in coming years
- Levon Helm will perform a "ramble" in the auditorium in October. The proceeds will be going to the five schools' PTA and PTSO organizations

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 TBD (proposed 9:20)

8:00

Assistant Superintendent O'Brien reported:

- Students presented their survey results
- Continuing conversation about District Wellness policy
- Students reported that another main concern is the quality of the meat in our cafeteria.
- The Salad bar is of main concern

[Note after meeting: The results are in a PowerPoint format, on the Onteora website, under BOE header, under Committees, under Health and Wellness committee, as are the specific meeting minutes] .

Trustee Fletcher reported

- there is a real interest in having a salad bar
- students and parents are creating posters for healthy eating to go up in cafeteria

Dimitri Hernandez and Denise Maltese are teaching teachers yoga and mindfulness to apply in working with children

Superintendent Ford reported on the Technology Committee:

- the 2010-2013 Technology Plan is almost complete
- committee will be working with the CDEP plan

14. Old Business

Discussion: 14.01 The board will complete its self evaluation (proposed 9:25)

8:05

Trustee Osmond will take all comments on the Self Evaluations and synthesize them. The board will discuss this at next meeting

Trustee Kurnit asked if there is another round of NYSERDA grants that of which we are not aware and how we can be apprised

- Trustee Osmond stated that she had just discussed this with her contact at NYSERDA

The board asked for the email from the State informing us that we did not receive grant

Trustee Fletcher asked:

- who is attending town board meetings- discussion ensued on PTA and Town Board meetings
 - Dates and times are on the Onteora web site
- Assigning correspondence replies – discussion ensued
 - Consensus that the District Clerk will respond to Board emails
 - The district clerk will wait 3-4 days to see what board will like to say in the response

15. New Business

Discussion: 15.01 Board Members will request new business (proposed 9:45)

8:30

Trustee Osmond asked:

- Is there any procedure in place to send half sheet home instead of whole sheet?
- Why are students watching movies in class instead of learning or moving around (outdoor play)?

Trustee Fletcher asked what the best way to get budget information out

- It was decided to put the Superintendent's letter/PSA as top link on web site

Trustee Fletcher asked about the budget newsletter timeline

- Assistant Superintendent O'Brien will get timeline to board

Trustee Osmond asked that the newsletter translate the budget as to how much it will cost taxpayer

Trustee Spencer asked that the board put priorities in place

- For example - configuration in schools, the West Hurley property

Trustee Osmond stated that it needs to include staff and community and put on future agenda

Trustee Osmond to write a letter for the newsletter

Trustee Fletcher reported:

- NYSSBA On Board newspaper featured Onteora for BOCES grants
- 35 New York State school districts were able to get concessions from unions

16. Board Members Requests for Information

Information: 16.01 Board members may request information at this time.(proposed 9:55)

8:45

The board asked for the email from the State informing us that we did not receive grant (from Old Business)

Trustee Osmond asked:

- Is there any procedure in place to send ½ sheet home instead of whole sheet?
- Why are students watching movies in class instead of learning or moving around (play)? (From New Business)

Trustee McGillicuddy asked:

- Update on FastForWord
- Update on Visions 21
- Status of iNDIE for next school year

Trustee Fletcher would like to hear anything heard about regents in the Arts

Trustee Spencer asked:

- Points of contact for community gardens in the schools
 - MSHS - needs a 1 or 2 passionate teachers who rally students to keep gardens going

17. Public Be Heard

Information: 17.01 The public may comment on agenda items at this time. (proposed 10:05)

No public comment was made

18. Adjournment/Next Meeting

Action: 18.01 Meeting Adjourned. Next meeting 5/4/10 (proposed 10:15)

It was moved by Trustee Osmond and seconded by Trustee Hickey to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:00 pm

The result of the vote was: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Flayhan

| 2009 – 2010 Board of Education Meeting Schedule | | | |
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| 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 Phoenicia School 6:00 p.m. |
| April 6, 2010 | | Regular Meeting | Middle-High Bennett School 6:00 p.m. |
| <i>Superintendent's 2010-2011 Budget Recommendation</i> | | | |
| April 20, 2010 | | Regular Meeting <i>Onteora Board of Education 2010-2011 Budget Adoption</i> | Middle-High School 6:00 p.m. |
| April 28, 2010 | <i>Wednesday</i> | Regular Meeting | Middle-High School 6:00 p.m. |
| <i>Onteora Board of Education 2010-2011 Budget Adoption (also a countywide vote date for BOCES Board Seats and BOCES Administrative Budget)</i> | | | |
| May 4, 2010 | | Regular Meeting | Middle-High School 6:00 p.m. |
| <i>Budget Hearing</i> | | | |
| May 18, 2010 | | Budget Vote | All four (4) Elementary Schools 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. |
| 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. |