

# ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412**

## *MINUTES*

**SPECIAL MEETING  
5:00 p.m.  
Monday, September 29, 2008  
Middle-High School**

**CALL TO ORDER** Trustee Legnini called the **MEETING** to order at 5:00 p.m.

### **TOBACCO POLICY STATEMENT**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENT** Trustees Legnini, Osmond, Resnick, Wolff, Flayhan, Friedel and McGillicuddy

**ALSO PRESENT** Superintendent of Schools, Leslie G. Ford; Assistant Superintendent, Victoria McLaren; District Clerk, Denise Palmerini; School Attorney John Donoghue and approximately 25 visitors.

**NOT ALSO PRESENT** Student Board Representative, William Melvin

**DISCUSSION**

- Trustees discussed water issues in the Middle/High School and Bennett School campuses.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** Trustee Wolff moved to adjourn and continue the discussion at the next BOE meeting.

Trustee Freidel seconded the Motion.

### **ROLL CALL VOTE**

2 Yes 5 No – Trustees Legnini, Osmond, Resnick, Flayhan, McGillicuddy.

**DEFEATED**

**DISCUSSION**

- Trustees further discussed the water issues and also discussed the Ulster county Board of Health notice of Violation.
- Trustee Legnini read the Notice of Violation and polled the other BOE members asking if they had seen the notice prior to this meeting.
  - Trustees Legnini, Osmond, Resnick, Flayhan and McGillicuddy stated they had not seen the notice.
  - Trustees Wolff and Friedel stated they had not seen the notice however Superintendent Ford had told them about it at previous meetings.

Trustee Resnick left at approximately 6:05p.m.

### **MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION TO CONTINUALLY POST NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

Trustee Osmond moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Onteora Central School District will continually post the Ulster County Board of Health notice of violation, dated 3/19/08, stating the most recent manganese level and give parents sufficient EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) and WHO (World Health Organization), in at least one other state, regarding manganese level in drinking water. New York State has made no determination regarding the health risk levels of manganese.

A print out regarding the above will be sent home to all parents of High School/Middle School and Bennett Elementary School students, along with a copy of the 3/19/08 violation notice. Notices in the HS/MS and Bennett buildings will be at all point of use areas including: Cafeterias, kitchens and water fountains. Trustee McGillicuddy seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Kate Hyman – Did not approve of the lack of public/parental notification.
2. Charlie B – How was public notified of meeting? *Discussion*
3. Paul DeLisio – NYS does not recognize manganese as a health issue?
4. Donna White-Davis – NYS has not determined level. She brought water to the old BOE last year. Kids who cannot afford to buy bottled water have to drink from fountains – kids don't read signs.
5. Tony Fletcher – Communication problems. Duties between District Clerk and Superintendent's Secretary. Doesn't like the BOE notices coming from the Superintendent's Secretary.
6. Pete Freidel – stated "how can you say you weren't notified?"

**MOTION TO  
ADJOURN**

Trustee Wolff moved to adjourn at approximately 6:35 p.m.  
Trustee McGillicuddy seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

Recorded by:  
Denise Palmerini  
District Clerk

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