ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING/WORKSHOP
7:00 p.m.
September 12, 2006
Bennett Elementary School

CALL TO ORDER Trustee D'Orazio called **REGULAR MEETING** to order at approximately 7:01 p.m.

TOBACCO POLICY STATEMENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT Trustees D'Orazio, Bernholz, Patterson, O'Connor, Vanacore, Resnick Rosenfeld

ALSO PRESENT Superintendent, John G. Jordan; Assistant Superintendent, Deborah Fox; Assistant Superintendent, Victoria McLaren; Interim Student Board Representative, Frances Barlow; District Clerk, Jeanne Shultis; and approximately 26 visitors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee O'Connor moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on August 22, 2006, are hereby approved as submitted and the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on August 1, 2006, are hereby approved as resubmitted.
Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.
Discussion. The minutes of the August 22, 2006, meeting were approved as revised.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

Trustee D'Orazio asked Laurie Cassel to say a few words about Mimi McLoughlin who passed away towards the end of this August. She was one of the first kindergarten teachers at Bennett and her children attended Bennett school. Mrs. McLoughlin will be missed.

WELCOME TO BENNETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Bennett Elementary School Principal Laurie Cassel welcomed everyone to Bennett and presented pictures of students on the first days of school and the fifth graders at the Ashokan Field Campus.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW TEACHERS

The following new teachers introduced themselves and were welcomed by the Board of Education:

- Donald Bucher – HS Chemistry
- Richard DeRuvo – HS Physics
- Denise Maltese – MS English
- Kimberly McGuire – HS Earth Science
- Karen McKenna – Elementary Music

- Kristin Muller – long term substitute - MS Science
- Joanne Seche – HS Chemistry
- Christi Nelsen-Epstein – HS French – was not able to be present as she had to attend a graduate class

DISTRICT NEWS

Superintendent Jordan reported that:

- Opening of school went very smoothly. There were some transportation issues, which are reported to have improved. The buses were on time today.
- Opening day Superintendent Conference with the teachers went well. A refresher on mandated reporting was accomplished.
- He had mentioned at the last meeting that we had someone interested in buying the West Hurley School. For the record, we are not selling any buildings at the moment.
- SED has declared the High School a "school in good standing" which is the highest category that they give. This is a measure of academics, attendance, drop out rate and the CDEP.
- There is a concern regarding the FACETs program which is supplied to residents within the District through the Ulster County Mental Health Department. When the school attorneys reviewed this year's contract, they notified us that the NYSED passed a law last September that affects how such a program may be funded and therefore, the program cannot continue to be funded by the District as it has in the past. When contacted, the SED agreed. Ulster County Mental Health representatives have asked for a second opinion on that particular law. We want to see the FACETs program continue, but we want to do it legally, and perhaps we could contract for it in a different manner. Ulster County Mental Health will be making a proposal and submitting a new contract for review by our attorneys.
- He received a Request For Proposal from the Governor's office for a grant offering up to $300,000 to counties in New York State for collaborative efforts on public service organizations. This seems to perfectly fit what FACETs does for our District and for our residents. The application was forwarded to Ulster County Mental Health with the offer to help in any way. Currently he is waiting to hear back from them with the hope that we can be successful.
- He would like to have a report on the INDIE program at the next Board meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Deborah Fox reported that:

- New teacher orientation was held in District this year. The day was well received.
- We had a Central Office Staff Development on team building and customer service, which was based on the popular book "Fish" which is a remarkable way to boost morale and improve results. Morale in Central has improved tremendously and everyone seems to have enjoyed the opportunity to participate in a staff development program specifically designed for our group.
- A Child Abuse and Neglect Mandated Reporter update was held for all staff on Opening Day.
- The right to know and blood borne pathogen updates will be available on

line this year. Those not choosing to complete the training on-line will be required to attend a live training session later this fall.

- There is a CDEP training coming up on September 28, which will be a full day workshop offered by Ulster BOCES and the Principal Center. The work session will be facilitated by Ann Lindenmeyer from Connecticut and is entitled "Continuous Improvement Informed by Data". We have invited our Middle School Administrator, Gayle Kavanagh, and Middle School team members to join us that day as we look at our student achievement data for this year.

REPORT FROM 2006-2007 STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Interim Student Representative Frances Barlow reported that:

- she is a senior at Onteora this year
- everything is going good at the school so far
- the Student Affairs Council has not met yet so she didn't have anything to report

Trustee Patterson asked that as Student Representative she reach out to the elementary schools to represent them at Board meetings as well as the middle and high school students.

STUDENT COMMENT

Trustee D'Orazio requested that any comments be held until later in the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Trustee D'Orazio requested that any comments be held until later in the meeting.

REPORTS/ PRESENTATIONS

Trustee D'Orazio announced that KSQ Architects were present to provide the first of four updates scheduled on the capital project and reorganizing the District buildings and programs. The public was invited to ask the architects questions about the project and for all stakeholder groups to attend the next three Board meetings where they will have the same opportunity.
Assistant Superintendent, Victoria McLaren, introduced KSQ Architects, Armand Quadrini and Scott Hillje, who presented an update on the capital project. Nicolas Andreadis of Triton, the District's construction manager, was also present.

- Overview of Work Completed to Date
- Design Population for YEAR 2011
- Overarching District 'Values" that were heard from Focus Group Meetings
- Report on West Hurley Site/Environmental Review
- Consider Alternative District Grade Configuration – 9 plans plus the 10th plan of doing nothing
- Master Plan A: Plan Description
- Master Plan A: Attributes and Concerns
- Master Plan C: Plan Description
- Master Plan C: Attributes and Concerns
- Central Campus: Plan Description
- Central Campus: Attributes and Concerns
- Comparative Budget Costs of the 3 Plans
- Recommendations and Next Steps
- District Wide Campus Site Plans

The architects and Board members responded to questions from members of the audience.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Rosenfeld moved to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION at approximately 8:36 p.m. to discuss current litigation and the employment history of a particular individual.
Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Trustee O'Connor moved to return to REGULAR SESSION at approximately 9:18 p.m.
Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

PRESENT

Trustees D'Orazio, Bernholz, Patterson, O'Connor, Vanacore, Resnick Rosenfeld

PUBLIC COMMENT

An unidentified community member asked questions about the policy on military recruitment.

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTORNEYS TO INTERVENE IN TAX CERTIORARI PROCEEDINGS

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:
RESOLVED, that the Board of Education authorize its attorneys to intervene in the following tax certiorari proceedings pending in Ulster County Supreme Court:

Index Nos.: 06-2711
06-2701
06-2707
06-2777

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

MOTION TO APPROVE 30 DAY EXTENSION TO LEASE AGREEMENT WITH WEST HURLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:
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 30-day extension to the lease agreement with the West Hurley Public Library, and hereby authorize the Superintendent to sign such lease agreement extension.
Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

Committee Membership:

- Audit Committee – Trustees Bernholz and O'Connor
- Communications Committee – Trustee O'Connor
- Facilities Committee – Trustees Patterson, Bernholz and Resnick
- Policy Committee – Trustees O'Connor and Vanacore

- Technology Committee – Trustee Vanacore
- Future of the District Commission – Trustees D'Orazio, Rosenfeld and Vanacore

MOTION TO APPROVE BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE AT NYSSBA CONFERENCE

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District that Trustee Resnick be authorized to attend the NYSSBA Academy for Public School Governance, September 15-17, 2006, in Albany at an estimated total cost of $480.
Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.
Discussion
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

POLICY

First Reading of Policy for Distribution of Materials and Information To/By Students and Recruitment of Students

PERSONNEL

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: INSTRUCTIONAL

Trustee Vanacore moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
#1362	*10/03/06-01/02/07	Medical – Paid; Family Medical Leave

* Approximate date

Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

RESIGNATIONS: INSTRUCTIONAL

Trustee Vanacore moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATION:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Wagner, Sharlann	Cheerleading Advisor-Fall	7/11/06	Personal

Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL

Trustee Vanacore moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE

NAME	CERTIFI-CATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	SALARY	REASON
Marrin, Heather	Provisional	Guidance – MS/HS	9/18/06-6/30/07	1MA	Replace A. Ricken (Leave)

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
LaMonda, Carol	Middle School Cabinet (05/06)	$1,350*
Lorzing-Wilmoth, Wendy	Middle School Cabinet (05/06)	$1,350*
Opalka, Daniel	Middle School Cabinet (05/06)	$1,350*
VanBaren, Kathleen	Middle School Cabinet (05/06)	$1,350*

* Less pay received for summer cabinet work 7/05-8/05

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
*Hoyt-Friedman, Jacob	Soccer –7/8 grade (Boys)	$1,650
*Weber, Tiffany	Cheerleading Advisor- Fall	$1,523

*pending completion of pre-employment processing

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

NAME	CERTIFICATION	SALARY
DeFino, Dawn	Certified Substitute Teacher	$95/day
Ferris, Bianca	Certified Substitute Teacher	$95/day

Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Trustee Vanacore moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:
WHEREAS, the following employees have been fingerprinted, the fingerprints have been submitted to the New York State Education Department (SED) for processing and the District has not received clearance for such employees as of the date of this meeting**;**
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints the following instructional employees on an emergency conditional basis:

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
*Alter, Lori	Soccer –7/8 grade (Girls)	$1,650

*pending completion of pre-employment processing

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

NAME	CERTIFICATION	SALARY
Vanacore, Ralph	Uncertified Substitute Teacher	$80/day
Woodard, Colette	Uncertified Substitute Teacher & Home Instruction	$80/day

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such emergency conditional appointments shall become conditional appointments upon receipt of State Clearance from SED.

Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Trustee Vanacore moved to approve the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
#2245	8/02/06-8/18/06	Family Medical – Paid; Family Medical Leave
#1905	8/07/06-8/11/06 & 8/16/06-8/25/06	Family Medical – Paid; Family Medical Leave
#1756	8/02/06-8/21/06	Medical – Paid; Family Medical Leave

Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Trustee Vanacore moved to approve the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

NAME	CERTIFICATION	SALARY
Tomlinson, Christmas	Uncertified Substitute Teaching Assistant	$9/hr

Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

TRANSFER: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Trustee Vanacore moved to approve the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL TRANSFER:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	SALARY STEP	REMARKS
Hollander, Francine	Typist (Transportation) Typist (HS Office)	8/21/06	No Change	Replace E.Sopata (Transfer)

Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

RESIGNATIONS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Trustee Vanacore moved to approve the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATIONS:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Thornton, William	District Treasurer	9/29/06	Personal
VanKleeck, Earla	Teaching Assistant – HS	9/01/06	Personal

Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.
Discussion. William Thornton's resignation is approved with regret.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

FINAL NYSED CLEARANCE RECEIVED: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Trustee Vanacore moved to acknowledge the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL FINAL NYSED CLEARANCE RECEIVED:

NAME	POSITION
Katz, Mara	Substitute Food Service Helper and Clerical

Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

FINAL NYSED CLEARANCE HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED:

Trustee Vanacore moved to acknowledge that FINAL NYSED CLEARANCE HAS NOT BEEN RECEIVED for the following:

NAME	POSITION
Becker, Kari	Food Service Helper
Bucher, Donald	Science Teacher
Castellano, Felice	Substitute Uncertified Teaching Assistant & Clerical
Clinton, Jr., Raymond	Auto Mechanic Helper
Eiferd, Mae	Substitute Nurse (RN)
Hass, Barbara	Certified Substitute Teacher
Krebser, Lynn	Substitute Bus Attendant
LaMotte, Monika	Substitute Uncertified Teaching Assistant & Clerical
McKenna, Karen	Music Teacher
Perry, Felix	Football – JV – Assistant Coach
Vos, Christine	Certified Substitute Teacher

Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

INSTRUCTION

MOTION TO APPROVE CSE AND CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS SCHEDULE U, #09/06 A-091206

Trustee Vanacore moved to approve the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations, Schedule U, #09/06 A-091206, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Rosenfeld.
Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCSD AND EDUCATIONAL AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Trustee Vanacore moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approve the agreement between the Onteora Central School District and Educational and Management Services for reviewing state aid filings for additional revenue and authorizes the President of the Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools to sign such an agreement pending legal review.

Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO AWARD THE BEVERAGE BID TO GINSBERG'S INC. AND TO COCA-COLA OF NY, INC.

Trustee Vanacore moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District award the Beverage Bid to the lowest responsible bidder based on the bid documents of September 7, 2006 for the 2006-2007 school year to Ginsberg's Inc. and to Coca-Cola of N.Y. Inc.
Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

BUSINESS REPORTS

MOTION TO APPROVE WARRANT

Trustee Vanacore moved to approve the following 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 following WARRANT:
WARRANTS – Schedule J - # 08/06
Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was introduced at this time.

BOARD MEMBERS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

- Trustee Rosenfeld requested a discussion about what continuous improvement is in regard to what Assistant Superintendent Fox mentioned during District news.
- Trustee Rosenfeld requested information about whether or not, and how, September 11 was used in history classrooms and if the ABC production was utilized.
- Trustee Vanacore requested that the quarterly updates on CDEP be provided as requested at a previous Board meeting.
- Trustee Vanacore requested that research be conducted on the possibility of using a District building for a non-profit District run daycare, which could include a Latch Key Program and our own Universal Pre-K Program, by a committee, if the Board agrees.
- Trustee O'Connor requested that a monthly budget line item report be provided with expenses vs. actual budget
- Trustee Patterson requested the possibility of required High School student supplies being made available for purchase in the school bookstore, possibility with the school logo and also that the lists from teachers be posted on the teachers' web pages.
- Trustee Patterson requested that funding our own District Pre-K program be considered in budget planning for next year with budget impact.
- Trustee Patterson requested that on a future agenda as we are talking about the capital project we review the current policy for class sizes.
- Trustee Patterson requested information regarding the bond process – what it means, the impact, spreading it out over time – at the end of the presentations from KSQ Architects.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made at this time.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Rosenfeld moved to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION at approximately 9:48 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular person.
Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Trustee Bernholz moved to return to REGULAR SESSION at approximately 10:17 p.m.
Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

PRESENT

Trustees D'Orazio, Bernholz, Patterson, O'Connor, Vanacore, Resnick Rosenfeld

MOTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCSD AND LAURIE ZIMNIEWICZ, Z SOLUTIONS AS FACILITATOR FOR BOARD RETREAT

Trustee D'Orazio moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District upon recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the agreement between the Onteora Central School District and Laurie Zimniewicz of Z Solutions for the facilitation of the September 19, 2006 Board Retreat at a cost not to exceed $1200, which includes travel and expenses, be approved and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to sign such agreement.
Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Trustee Resnick moved to adjourn at approximately 10:28 p.m.
Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

Recorded by:
Jeanne Shultis
District Clerk

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