ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING/WORKSHOP
7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 26, 2006
Phoenicia Elementary School

CALL TO ORDER Trustee D'Orazio called **REGULAR MEETING** to order at approximately 7:04 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; Student Board Representative, Frances Barlow; District Clerk, Jeanne Shultis; and approximately 65 visitors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Bernholz moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District that the minutes of the Regular Meeting/Workshop of the Board of Education held on September 12, 2006, and the Special Meeting held on September 20, 2006, are hereby approved as submitted.
Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

WELCOME TO PHOENICIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Phoenicia Elementary School Principal Linda Sella announced that they would be taking time to show everyone what makes all of them at Phoenicia so excited about reading. She then introduced Jane Wolfrom, first grade teacher, and Heidi LaMonda, kindergarten teacher, who gave a snapshot of the reading workshop program at Phoenicia Elementary School.

DISTRICT NEWS

Superintendent Jordan reported that:

- We have two National Merit Scholarship semi-finalists - Matthew Panico and Jonathan Perrin. This honor is only bestowed on the top 1% of the students who have taken the National Merit Scholarship exam.
- Some of our students and our staff have their artwork on display at the Woodstock Artists Association Museum through October 9 and some are on display at the Woodstock School of Art through September 30.
- Saturday, October 14 is Homecoming. Events start at 10 a.m. with a cross-country race, a free clinic at 12 noon on exercise and speed training. The Sports Fans Association will be selling school and team apparel throughout the day. K104 will be here from 11:30 to 1:30. The marching band takes the field at 1:45 p.m. The senior students and parents recognition and the

announcement of Homecoming King and Queen will begin at 2:00. Right after that the football game against Pine Plains will be held. The final culmination for that evening will be the Homecoming Dance at 8:00 p.m.

Assistant Superintendent Fox reported that:

- The Phoenicia teachers are to be complimented for their presentation on the reading program, which is also happening in Bennett and at Woodstock. About 40 teachers are now trained and are training those who could not go to New York.
- Our ELA results for grades 3-8 were outstanding. We are well above where we need to be for the State and the NCLB. Building performance indexes are excellent.
- The CDEP team will be traveling to New Paltz on September 28 for a full day workshop on Continuous Improvement Informed by Data.
- Our District newsletter again received some awards. We received four New York State awards in 2005 and 2 national awards. We just learned that for 2006 the Onteora budget news 2006 received an award of excellence and the article "Learning How to Learn Through Art" received Excellence in Writing and we got awards of merit or honor for the spring 2006 graphics and overall design and the overall community newsletter. They were presented by the New York State School Public Relations Association and Trustees Vanacore and O'Connor will accept the awards on behalf of the District when they go to the NYSSBA Convention. Kudos to the Communication Committee for all their hard work.

REPORT FROM 2005-2006 STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Student Representative Frances Barlow did not have anything to report at this time.

REPORTS/ PRESENTATIONS

High School Principal Barbara Ruben announced that word was recently received that six of our students will receiving letters of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Foundation:

- Jonah Bernhard
- Mallory Cairo
- Sadie Burzan
- Talia Dibbell
- Ethan Goldbeck
- Ryan Jobson

It is an incredible honor to have one National Merit semi-finalist, let alone two. It is even more incredible that we have six who will receive letters of commendation which will make them eligible for college scholarships.

Principal Ruben then introduced Peter Griffin and Taima Smith, who presented information describing the INDIE programs, their organization, funding and results.

STUDENT COMMENT

Parent, Donna Flayhans, spoke in favor of keeping all three elementary/community schools open and about the programs available at Phoenicia, one of which was introduced in the Phoenicia Elementary School last year in Jane Wolfrom's first grade class – a poetry workshop. Her

daughter, Susie Boulay, presented the Board members with copies of a book of students' poems, and read her poem, "I Love Dreaming About".

Capital Project Update – KSQ Architect, Armand Quadrini presented the second in a series of 4 workshops.

- Facility Conditions Report
- Overview of Work Completed to Date
- Current 2005-2006 School District Student Population
- Historical Documentation of Past 10 Year Student Population
- Design Population for Year 2011
- Base-Line Plan: Year 2011 Pupil Distribution based on Current Grade Configuration
- Onteora Elementary Class Size Guidelines
- Overarching District "Values" that we heard from Focus Group Meetings
- Report on West Hurley Site/Environmental Review
- Consider Alternative District Grade Configurations (9)
- 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: Plan Description
- Central Campus Plan: Attributes and Concerns
- Comparative Budget Costs of the 3 Plans
- Recommendations and Next Steps

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

Trustee D'Orazio called for a five minute break at approximately 9:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Emily Scully spoke about the benefits of the FACETs program and against cutting that program.
- Tamara Lang spoke about the importance of keeping Phoenicia School open and provided the board with information about Dome schools.

The following people spoke in support of the new policy on military recruitment:

- Jay Wenk
- Joan Walker Wasylyk
- Jane VandeBogart
- Mary Macarthur
- Bette Nitzky

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

MOTION TO APPROVE THE ONTEORA

Trustee Patterson 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

BASEBALL TEAM TRIP TO FLORIDA IN MARCH 2007

Schools that the Onteora Baseball Team trip to the Bucky Dent Baseball Camp in Delray Beach, Florida, for five days, March 17-24, 2007, be approved, as a school sanctioned self-funded trip, pending coverage for the trip by District's insurance carrier, Utica Mutual, under its umbrella policy with the District. The team will be allowed to use school equipment (uniforms, helmets, etc.) during the trip and the District will provide ground transportation to and from the Albany airport.
Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
Discussion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE FORMATION OF A COMMITTEE TO RESEARCH THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

Trustee Vanacore moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District that the Board of Trustees form a temporary committee to be chaired by Rita Vanacore for the purpose of researching the possible incorporation into the school district curriculum of an early childhood development program that includes day care, latch key and pre-kindergarten. In addition, a Universal Pre-Kindergarten for the entire incoming kindergarten student enrollment will be included in the research. This committee will report its findings at a date designated by the Board.
Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.
Discussion
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO APPOINT VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR THE 2006 NYSSBA ANNUAL MEETING

Trustee D'Orazio moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District that Rita Vanacore is appointed Voting Delegate for the 2006 NYSSBA Annual Meeting beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 28, 2006, and that Cindy O'Connor is appointed alternate Voting Delegate.
Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
Discussion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

POLICY

Second Reading and Adoption of Policy #7413 Distribution of Materials and Information to/by Students and Recruitment of Students

Trustee O'Connor 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 Second Reading and Adoption of Policy #7413 Distribution of Materials and Information to/by Students and Recruitment of Students.
Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
Discussion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

PERSONNEL

APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Ahouse, Joseph	Elementary Rec. – BN	$2,937
Barthel, Suzanne	Elementary Resource – WD	$1,760
Carle, Kathleen	G/T Advisor – BN	$1,973
Margolis, JoAnn	G/T Advisor – WD	$1,973
Mulford, Lori	PPS Coordinator – HS	$3,426
Opalka, Daniel	Middle School Cabinet	$2,855
Ryan, Matthew	Elementary Rec – WD	$2,937
Ryan, Matthew	Elementary Resource (A/V) – WD	$1,760

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

NAME	CERTIFICATION	SALARY
Eisenbeil, Keira	Certified Substitute Teacher	$95/day
Hoyt-Friedman, Jacob	Certified Substitute Teacher	$95/day

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the following EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL 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:

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

NAME	CERTIFICATION	SALARY
Carr, William	Certified Substitute Teacher	$95/day

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such emergency conditional appointments shall become conditional appointments upon receipt of State Clearance from SED.
Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENT:

APPOINTMENT

NAME	POSITION/ SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	SALARY	REMARKS
Wenzel, Robert	District Treasurer	9/27/06 – 10/31/06	$211.54/day	Replace W. Thornton (resigned)
Wenzel, Robert	District Treasurer	11/1/06	$55,000	Replace W. Thornton (resigned)

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the following EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL NON-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:

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

NAME	CERTIFICATION	SALARY
Gritmon, Robin	Uncertified Substitute Teaching Assistant, Monitor, Food Service worker and Bus attendant	$9/hr

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such emergency conditional appointments shall become conditional appointments upon receipt of State Clearance from SED.
Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

PERMANENT STATUS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the following PERMANENT STATUS NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS: The following named NON-INSTRUCTIONAL personnel have served a probationary status and are recommended to a PERMANENT STATUS consistent with the applicable laws and regulations of the State of New York:

NAME	POSITION	PROBATION-ARY DATE	PERMANENT DATE	SALARY/ STEP
Partridge, Larry	Auto Mechanic	5/3/06	9/19/06	Step 17

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

FINAL NYSED CLEARANCES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED:

Trustee Patterson moved to acknowledge that the following **FINAL NYSED CLEARANCES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED**:

NAME	POSITION
Clinton, Jr., Raymond	Auto Mechanic Helper
Ferris, Bianca	Certified Substitute Teacher
Hoyt-Friedman, Jacob	Coach

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

FINAL NYSED CLEARANCE HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED:

Trustee Patterson moved to acknowledge that the following FINAL HYSED CLEARANCES HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED:

NAME	POSITION
Becker, Kari	Food Service Helper
Bucher, Donald	Science Teacher
Castellano, Felice	Substitute Uncertified Teaching Assistant & Clerical
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
Vanacore, Ralph	Uncertified Substitute Teacher
Vos, Christine	Certified Substitute Teacher
Woodard, Colette	Uncertified Substitute Teacher and Home Instruction

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

INSTRUCTION

MOTION TO APPROVE CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS SCHEDULE U, #09/06 A092606

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations, Schedule U, #09/06 A-092606, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Rosenfeld.
Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOTION TO SELL/DISPOSE OF ITEMS

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 declare the items listed on Schedule D as surplus equipment and authorize the sale by sealed bid and/or disposition of these items.
Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO AWARD BID FOR DUMP TRUCK TO LATHAM MOTORS INC.

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District award the Four Wheel Drive Four Ton Ford Dump Truck Bid to Latham Motors Inc. in the amount of $46,293.00 based on the bid documents of September 21, 2006.

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

BUSINESS REPORTS

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 has reviewed and hereby approves the FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT for August 2006.

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE DONATION FOR LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE PHOENICIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Trustee Patterson moved to accept the following RESOLUTION for a donation to the Onteora Central School District with sincere thanks and appreciation for this generous donation to be used by students and staff in the District:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District upon recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the donation from the VRNA LLC in the amount of $1000 for library improvements for the Phoenicia Elementary School be accepted.

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO INCREASE THE 2006-2007 BUDGET

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

- **BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** upon recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approve the increase to the 2006-2007 Budget per the following donations:

VRNA, LLC

A2610.531.04 Supplemental - Phoenicia $1,000.00

Trustee Bernholz 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 Patterson requested information regarding:

- all state regulations and District policies on coaching certification
- policy or state regulations on hiring internal vs. external for

coaching positions
- any policy that exists with regard to elementary employees that may be interested in coaching

Trustee Vanacore requested that concerns be put on future agendas.

Trustee Bernholz requested a consensus regarding experts reporting to the Board on areas relating to the capital project: transportation, decision on a plan, etc.

Trustee Resnick requested that in conjunction with the questions that are accruing, there be a page that says the Board…further audits…

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sante Moesle spoke about the enormity of the task before the Board and what is needed for them to accomplish it.

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Patterson moved to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION at approximately 10:50 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular person.
Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Trustee Bernholz moved return to REGULAR SESSION at approximately 10:50 p.m.
Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Patterson moved to ADJOURN at approximately 11:05 p.m.
Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

Recorded by:
Jeanne Shultis
District Clerk

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