ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING/WORKSHOP
7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 24, 2006
Woodstock Elementary School

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

TOBACCO POLICY STATEMENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

NOT PRESENT Trustee Patterson

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 36 visitors.

Trustee D'Orazio requested a moment of silence in memory of Erne Levins, who recently passed away. She was the West Hurley Elementary School Principal for many years. Mike Shultis, Town of Hurley Supervisor, passed on a request from her son to be allowed to use the Levins Building in West Hurley for her memorial service.

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/Workshop Meeting of the Board of Education held on October 10, 2006, are hereby approved as submitted.
Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.
Trustee Resnick requested the correction of the spelling of Wini Paetow's nickname.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

WELCOME TO WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Woodstock Elementary School Principal Bobbi Schnell wished the Board a Happy School Boards Recognition Week. Mrs. Evans' class made the name signs and Ms. Ohl's class made the crowns for the Board members. She announced the presentation on the culmination of library media specialist Joann Margolis' program which began last year. Students Sal D'Ottovio and John Hagedorn presented a visual aid with pictures of students engaged in the program to the members of the Board and spoke about the program which was a study on the streams and waterways of Woodstock. The students' work is now on display as part of the Woodstock Historical Society's archives.

DISTRICT NEWS

Superintendent Jordan reported that:

- In recognition of National School Boards week and the work that all the Board members do representing their constituents, students Sal D'Ottovio and John Hagedorn presented the Board members with a token of appreciation from Superintendent Jordan.
- At the last Board meeting the High School orchestra members played for us and announced that they have been invited, as one of 15 groups nationally, to perform at Lincoln Center. The Board requested that support of this trip be looked into. The cost of transportation can be covered by the District. In addition to that we have received information through Trustee Resnick that Pamalla Mitchell of the Phoenicia Branch of the Ulster Savings Bank has offered to sponsor one student's costs.
- The Summer Reading Program sponsored by Assemblyman Kevin Cahill had its award program at Phoenicia Elementary School. Students who completed the program were given certificates and had their picture taken with Assemblyman Cahill.
- The baseball trip we approved at our last meeting has had a small change in the plans – the team will fly to Florida from Albany instead of Stewart, which will cost less money.

Trustee Patterson arrived at approximately 7:20 p.m. and reported that the modified field hockey last game ended with a undefeated season with 2 ties and the varsity soccer team won their first sectional playoff game against Roosevelt, who they lost to earlier this year, one nothing in overtime.

Assistant Superintendent Deborah Fox provided an update on a recent CDEP workday. The team met on October 23 and Trustee Resnick worked with the team. BOCES provided training with our team to build not just a District wide team but teams within the buildings to work on analysis and interventions. The team went through a status check on current goals and will be continuing that. The team decided to pare down the implementation section. Information will be provided about that in December.

REPORT FROM 2006-2007 STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Student Representative Frances Barlow had no information to report at this time.

STUDENT COMMENT

No student comments were made at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made at this time.

REPORTS/ PRESENTATIONS

Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2006

- Assistant Superintendent Victoria McLaren introduced Gary Theodore, of Nugent & Haeussler, who presented highlights of the audit report to the Board.

Trustee Bernholz 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 audit report for the 2005-2006 school year performed by the Independent Auditors from Nugent & Haeussler, P.C. be accepted.
Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

- Audit Committee Report – Trustee Bernholz reported that the Committee met on October 14 to interview candidates and on October 26 they will be making recommendations to the Audit Committee of the prevailing candidates for the two open positions.

- Communications Committee – Trustee O'Connor reported that the Committee met on October 23 and discussed a summary of their goals which include a District brochure, making our facilities more welcoming when the public come in, and media relations. Holly Brooker, from Ulster County BOCES, who worked on the calendar and many different media things, was present at this Board meeting. Holly stated that it has been a pleasure working with the District. The fall newsletter will be out in a week. The District will be receiving 2 more State awards when Trustees O'Connor and Vanacore attend the NYSSBA Conference on Friday.

- Facilities Committee – Trustee Patterson reported nothing new at this time.

- Policy Committee – Trustee O'Connor reported that the Committee has met and is working on the attendance policy which is a required policy and also student suspension which refers to the District wide code of conduct. The Committee would like to have the Extra-Curricular Code of Conduct put on a future agenda to discuss the possibility of bringing it back instead of only having an Athletic Code of Conduct.
- Assistant Superintendent clarified the status of the Codes of Conduct in the District.

- Technology Committee – Trustee Vanacore reported that the Committee met Monday, October 23, and went over information about technology and what is needed to be done.

  Assistant Superintendent Debbi Fox reported that the technology plan that is in place expires in June 2007. It needs to be updated through June 2010. The draft needs to be completed by the end of December to submit to BOCES to apply for E-Rate aid. The Committee is establishing goals that are tied into our CDEP plan as well. At the request of the Board, the Building Computer Coordinators duties were changed to include attendance at the Technology Committee meetings instead of having separate meetings.

- Trustee Vanacore reported visiting a Bennett Elementary School kindergarten class where students were working with the Fast For Word Program. Trustee D'Orazio requested a presentation to the Board on this program and other current District programs.

- Overview of Bond Process – Assistant Superintendent, Victoria McLaren, introduced Salvatore T. Pennini of Public Finance Associates, Inc., an independent financial advisory firm, who then walked the Board through the process of structuring a bond.

- Capital Project Update – KSQ Architects, Armand Quadrini and Scott Hillje presented the last in a series of four informational workshops. Chris Pearson of Triton was also present to provide answers.
  - Facility Conditions Report
- Overview of Work Completed to Date
- 2005-2006 School District Student Population
- Current (September) 2006 School District Student Population
- Historical Documentation of Past 10 Year Student Population
- Establish Design Population for Current 10 YEAR Period
- 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
- 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
- Discussion Schedule Late March 2007 Bond Referendum
- Discussion Schedule May 2007 Bond Referendum
- Recommendations and Next Steps
- Total Bond Cost/Budget Table

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

Trustee D'Orazio called for a five-minute break at approximately 9:45 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

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 Schools that the school calendar be revised to include Half Days of Schools K-12 for additional staff development opportunities to support implementation of the CDEP plan on the following dates:

- Friday, December 8
- Friday, January 12
- Friday, April 27
- Thursday, May 24

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

- Trustee Vanacore initiated a discussion on the importance of Board Member attendance at the Ulster County School Boards Association Meetings.

CREATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL POSITION

Trustee Bernholz moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the following position shall be created effective October 25, 2006:

Instructional

Speech .3 FTE

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.
Discussion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

PERSONNEL

RESIGNATION(S): INSTRUCTIONAL

Trustee Bernholz moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATIONS:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	*EFFECTIVE DATE*	REMARKS
Minkel, Susan	Teaching Assistant – PH	October 17, 2006	Retirement

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL

Trustee Bernholz moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

NAME	CERTIFI-CATION	TENURE AREA	PROBA-TIONARY DATES	SALARY STEP	REMARKS
Lohrer, Veronica	Pending Applied for Level 1	Teaching Assistant	9/5/06 – 9/4/09	1	ATAS confirmed passing score
Walters, Danielle	Pending Applied for Level 1	Teaching Assistant	9/5/06 – 9/4/09	1	ATAS confirmed passing score

Golds, Tara	Pending Applied for Level 1	Teaching Assistant	9/5/06 – 9/4/09	1	ATAS confirmed passing score

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL

Trustee Bernholz moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE

NAME	CERTIFI-CATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	SALARY	REASON
Downs, Kelly	Elementary	Elementary Teacher – PH	10/3/06 – 12/22/06	6BA +24	Salary Revision

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Birns, William	Liaison – English	$2,855
Burkhardt, Jeannine	Liaison – Math	$2,855
Chesler, Victoria	School Newspaper – HS	$1,068
Connolly, Brian	Senior Class Co-Advisor	$1,166
Connolly, Brian	Liaison – PPS	$2,855
Fuhr, Gilbert	Yearbook Advisor – MS	$1,426
Gallagher, Michael	Elementary Rec – PH	$2,937
Haaland, Kenneth	Elementary Resource (AV) – BN	$1,760
McGurgan, Erin	Senior Class Co-Advisor	$1,166
Mulford, Lori	PPS Coordinator – HS	$3,426
Cahill, Joseph	Track – Winter – Head Coach	$2,607
Chartrand, Louis	Wrestling – Varsity – Head Coach	$4,217
Cytryn, Herbert	Skiing – Varsity – Head Coach (Girls)	$2,607
Funk, John	Basketball – Varsity – Head Coach (Boys)	$4,217
Haggerty, Michael	Skiing – Varsity – Head Coach (Boys)	$2,607
Hoyt-Friedman, Jacob	Basketball – Jr. H.S. (Boys)	$2,143
Occhi, Andrew	Basketball – Varsity – Head Coach (Girls)	$4,217
Pezzello, Eric	Wrestling – 7/8 Grade – Assistant	$1,712
Ryan, John	Basketball – JV (Boys)	$3,223
Sebald, Jaimy	Basketball – JV (Girls)	$3,223

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

NAME	CERTIFICATION	SALARY
Hadley, Karen	Certified Substitute Teacher Home Tutor	$95/day

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
Discussion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

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

PART TIME APPOINTMENT

NAME	POSITION/ SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	SALARY STEP	REMARKS
Roberts, Carole	Part Time School Monitor (Bus)	9/25/06	1	
Krebser, Lynn	Part Time School Monitor (Bus)	9/25/06	1	

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes No
CARRIED

EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Trustee Bernholz moved to approve the following EMERGENCY CONDITIONAL NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools:

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
Brightly, Carolyn	Uncertified Substitute Teaching Assistant	$9/hr

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

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

FINAL NYSED CLEARANCE RECEIVED

Trustee Bernholz moved to acknowledge the following FINAL NYSED CLEARANCES RECEIVED:

NAME	POSITION
Castellano, Felice	Substitute Uncertified Teaching Assistant & Clerical
LaMotte, Monika	Substitute Uncertified Teaching Assistant & Clerical

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

FINAL NYSED CLEARANCE HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED

Trustee Bernholz moved to acknowledge the following FINAL NYSED CLEARANCE HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED:

NAME	POSITION
Becker, Kari	Food Service Helper
Brightly, Carolyn	Uncertified Substitute Teaching Assistant
Bucher, Donald	Science Teacher
Carr, William	Certified Substitute Teacher
Eiferd, Mae	Substitute Nurse (RN)
Hass, Barbara	Certified Substitute Teacher
Krebser, Lynn	Substitute Bus Attendant
Vanacore, Ralph	Uncertified Substitute Teacher
Vos, Christine	Certified Substitute Teacher
Woodard, Colette	Uncertified Substitute Teacher and Home Instruction

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes No
CARRIED

INSTRUCTION

APPROVAL OF CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS, SCHEDULE U, #10/06 A0102406

Trustee Bernholz moved to approve the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations, Schedule U, #10/06 A-102406, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Vanacore.
Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes No
CARRIED

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

BUSINESS REPORTS

Trustee Bernholz 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 - # 09/06
Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
Discussion. The cover sheet should be amended to include the first check number of 1525.
7 Yes No
CARRIED

DONATIONS

Trustee Bernholz 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 corrected increase to the 2006-2007 Budget per the following donations which were accepted at the October 10, 2006 Board meeting:

ONTEORA RETIRED EDUCATORS

A2610.521.01 Supplemental – Middle-High School $200.00

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes No
CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

- Trustee Vanacore spoke about the need for a traffic light in front of the high school. She has received information that the State just passed a law making the cost of installation the responsibility of the State if a light is determined to be necessary, rather than the District. Superintendent Jordan has already contacted Assemblyman Cahill who has been assisting in this effort.

- Trustee Patterson requested that his previous request for information about coaching policy be put on a future agenda for discussion and possible action at the November 28th Board meeting.

- Trustee Resnick requested an update on FACETs. Superintendent Jordan reported that currently we have received a draft of their latest contract proposal that we requested they revise to meet State Education regulations. It has been sent to the school attorney for review and we are awaiting their reply.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was introduced at this time.

GOALS UPDATE

Trustee D'Orazio reported that we are making progress towards hiring a new superintendent and towards a long-term master plan.

BOARD MEMBERS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Trustee Vanacore requested that information on the GASB45 requirements before we prepare the budget for the 2007-2008 school year.

Trustee Resnick requested that the Board submit any questions they may have to Dr. Judy Fox prior to her presentation.

Trustee Resnick requested that work be started on the capital project operational budget to provide line item information – cost vs. credit - by building.

Trustee Resnick requested that the Facilities Committee have a meeting to start prioritizing the infrastructure improvements.

Trustee Rosenfeld that the Board be provided with information from Dr. Judy Fox prior to her presentation to the Board.

Trustee O'Connor requested that Dr. Fox's presentation be a workshop.

Trustee D'Orazio requested a presentation by Middle School Principal Gayle Kavanagh on the Bard College Mentor Program, with teacher Ed. Whitlow.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Joan Walker spoke about her concerns with military recruiters in the school.

- Woodstock Town Supervisor, Jeremy Wilber, spoke about the change in the law regarding GASBE45.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE

Trustee D'Orazio acknowledged receipt of letters from Charles Krafft, Valerie Hill and Mary and Alan Hornung.

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE VOTING DELEGATE TO VOTE ON THE AMENDED PROPOSALS AT THE NYSSBA CONFERENCE

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 the 2006 Proposed Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions for the NYSSBA Annual Business Meeting as presented by NYSSBA be approved with the amended proposal for immunization requirements.
Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
Discussion
7 Yes 0 NO
CARRIED

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee D'Orazio moved to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION at approximately 10:40 p.m. to discuss the employment of a particular person or persons.
Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO RETURN TO SESSION

Trustee Bernholz moved to return to REGULAR SESSION at approximately 11:19 p.m.
Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Trustee Bernholz moved to adjourn at approximately 11:20 p.m.
Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

Recorded by:
Jeanne Shultis
District Clerk

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