ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

CORRECTED

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, November 28, 2006
Phoenicia Elementary School

CALL TO ORDER Trustee D'Orazio called **REGULAR MEETING/WORKSHOP** to order at approximately 6:01p.m.

TOBACCO POLICY STATEMEN was waived until later in the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

ALSO PRESENT Superintendent, John G. Jordan; Assistant Superintendent, Victoria McLaren; District Clerk, Jeanne Shultis; and approximately 9 visitors.

NOT ALSO PRESENT Assistant Superintendent, Deborah Fox; Student Board Representative, Frances Barlow

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION Trustee Patterson moved to enter into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at approximately 6;02 p.m. to discuss matters leading to the employment of a particular person, the employment history of a particular person or persons and proposed litigation.
Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION Trustee Vanacore moved to return to **REGULAR SESSION** at approximately 7:18 p.m.
Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

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.

TOBACCO POLICY STATEMENT

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 on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held

on November 14, 2006, are hereby approved as submitted.
Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.
Discussion. The creation of a Physical Education Coordinator position is only for one year, ending in June 2007, and this should be corrected in the minutes.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

WELCOME TO PHOENICIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Phoenicia Elementary School Principal Linda Sella welcomed everyone to Phoenicia School and announced that first graders have been working on incorporating the arts as part of their CDEP plan language arts goals. Phoenicia music instructor, David Laks, was working on a very special project with children – a multi-media presentation, Carnival of the Animals by Camille Saint Saens, in front of the blue screen – a project based learning experience that includes technology, language arts, art, dance performance, science, and music.
  The following students performed for the pleasure of the Board and the visitors: John Abreu, Kate-lynn Anspach, Katrina Aten, George Bennett, George Clapper, Lily Rose Comerford, Jared Fisher, Kathryn Fisher, Sarah Grandia, Grace Himberger, Elona Hoffeld, Keegan Jacobsen, Ethan Jobson, Luke Kastel, Kayla Lam Mastrandrea, Milvia "Esmeralda" Mazariego Garcia, Amanda Moore, Emilio Pardi, Jaiah Rashid, Storm Rivera, Pia Roels, Hellen Tejada, Matthew Van Leuvan, Cole Whitehead, Jamie Winne, and Karlie Wolfersteig.

DISTRICT NEWS

Superintendent Jordan announced that:

- Last week he attended some of the sessions of the Middle School Diversity Day, which he found very interesting and informative. He particularly liked some of the dancing going on.
- Later that day he was impressed with the number of parents who came to meet with the teachers when they picked up students' report cards. That is a great program and he commended whoever put it in place.
- The clean up of the illegal dump on the West Hurley School property was accomplished through a tremendous community effort. There were representatives from Olive, Hurley, Woodstock, Ulster County and the District. Spearheaded by Town of Hurley Supervisor, Mike Shultis, this joint effort saved the District an estimated cost of $20,000-30,000. It was nice to see everyone work together for a very good cause and they are to be commended for that. Superintendent Jordan sent letters of thanks to all those who participated.
- All staff should have had their pictures taken by now for their ID badges, which they all should now be wearing.
- Board members received a copy of the Bennett newsletter, which was very well done. The only mistake is that the date of the next Board meeting was incorrectly listed as December 13 and it should be December 12. It is a very nice publication and they are to be commended for that.
- The results of the first quarter honor roll were impressive. In grades 9-12, 55% of the students received an average of 85 or better for the first marking period. In grades 7-8, 68 % of the students made the honor roll. I find this very commendable. Also, we talk about transition being a difficult time for students. He has always found seventh and ninth grade were difficult transitions for students. In this marking period the ninth

grade had the highest percentage of students on the honor roll and the seventh grade had the highest percentage of students on the honor roll. This is also very commendable.

REPORT FROM 2005-2006 STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

No report was made in the absence of Student Representative Frances Barlow.

STUDENT COMMENT

Aja Sherrard reported that there are a number of murals by students going up in the High School art corner.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments at this time.

REPORTS/ PRESENTATIONS

- Audit Committee Report – Trustee Bernholz reported nothing new at this time. The next meeting will be December 5 at 8:30 a.m., with a snow date of December 6.

- Communications Committee – Trustee O'Connor reported that the Committee met on Monday, November 27, and the topic discussed was the calendar for next year. Two ideas were suggested: diversity of school activities or alumni past and present: a journey to success. They are also looking at a District brochure.

- Policy Committee – Trustee O'Connor reported nothing new at this time. They need to set a date fairly soon.

- Facilities Committee – Superintendent Jordan stated that a charge is needed for this Committee in order for it to move forward with Excel Aid and prioritization of infrastructure needs. Assistant Superintendent McLaren was asked to schedule a Committee meeting specifically to discuss these two topics. Consensus was reached by all Board members to charge the Committee to address these two topics. Assistant Superintendent McLaren reported that a Committee meeting had been scheduled in anticipation and will be held on December 7.

- Technology Committee – Trustee Vanacore reported that the next meeting is scheduled for December 4 at 2:30 p.m.

- Early Childhood Committee – Trustee Vanacore reported that the next meeting is scheduled for December 18. A meeting is scheduled at New Paltz to visit the Early Childhood Development program there.

- CDEP Presentation – Assistant Superintendent Deborah Fox provided a brief update on the work the CDEP team has been doing recently to improve the plan. A future presentation modeling this work was requested by Board members. The January 12 staff development half day will provide an opportunity for District building teams to look at student work.

- Middle School Steering Committee - Middle School Principal Gayle Kavanagh, Luke White, Laura Loheide and Peggy Hottum presented a brief summary of the original recommendation for a separate grade 5-8 facility. The full Committee also includes Peggy Haug, Middle School, Bridget Allison, Middle School, Mary Jane Bernholz, Parent, Ginny Occhi, Bennett, Leann Kuhne, Middle School, Sue Barthel, Woodstock, Sharon McInerney, Phoenicia, Kevin LaMonda, Phoenicia, Marge Hodder, Middle School, Luke White, Bennett, Laura Loheide, Middle School, Peggy Hottum, parent, and Gayle Kavanagh, Middle School.

- Bard College Mentor Program – Middle School Principal Gayle Kavanagh introduced Ric Campbell, the Director of the Master of Arts in Teaching program at Bard which is a unique program with a real commitment to helping to change and better public education. This is the first year for the Middle School to participate. Brigette Alison and Laura Loheide also reported on their experience with the program, which supports Bard's students and Onteora's teachers as a team.

Trustee D'Orazio called for a five-minute break at approximately 9:00 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE BOARD MEMBERS' ATTENDANCE AT FISCAL OVERSIGHT WORKSHOP

Trustee Bernholz moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District that Trustees D'Orazio, Resnick and Rosenfeld be authorized to attend the Fiscal Oversight Workshop hosted by Vanacore, DeBenedictus, DiGovanni & Weddell in conjunction with NYSSBA, on December 2, 2006, in Poughkeepsie at an estimated total cost of $450. This will complete their state-required six-hour fiscal training.
Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.
Discussion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO SPONSOR AN AD IN THE ALL-COUNTY MUSIC FESTIVAL PROGRAM

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 Board sponsor an 1/8 page ad in the All-County Music Festival program again this year to read the same as in past years at a cost of $50 to be paid from the Sunshine Fund.
Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.
Discussion. It was requested that the ad be jazzed up with artwork, if possible.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

PERSONNEL

RESIGNATION(S): Trustee Rosenfeld moved to approve the following RESIGNATIONS:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	*EFFECTIVE DATE*	REMARKS
Clayton, Betty	School Monitor – HS	December 22, 2006	Retirement
Short, James	Part-time Bus Monitor	November 15, 2006	Personal

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

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

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON	CURRENT POSITION
#2180	11/3/06 – 11/21/06	Medical – Paid; Family Medical Leave	Teaching Assistant – BN
#2389	11/2/06 – 11/13/06	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave	Teaching Assistant – HS
#2389	11/14/06 – 1/2/07	Medical – Unpaid Family Medical Leave	Teaching Assistant – HS
#2457	10/24/06 – 11/20/06	Medical – Paid; Family Medical Leave	Teaching Assistant – PH
#2323	10/31/06 – 12/1/06	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave	Special Education Teacher – HS

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

APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL Trustee Rosenfeld moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS

NAME	CERTIFI-CATION	TENURE AREA	PROBA-TIONARY DATES	SALARY STEP	REASON
Tomlinson, Christmas	Teaching Assistant	Teaching Assistant	10/1/06 – 3/31/07	Step 3 ($15,759)	Recall from PEL
Nieves, Leana	Teaching Assistant	Teaching Assistant	10/18/06 – 10/17/09	Step 1 ($14,511)	Replaces S. Minkel
Hopper, Elizabeth.	Teaching Assistant	Teaching Assistant	11/29/06 – 11/28/09	Step 1 ($14,511)	Replaces E. VanKleeck

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Seche, Joanne	Science Olympiad Coach – HS	$1,599

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
Wilber, Abigail	Uncertified Substitute Teacher	$80/day
Wilber, Abigail	Home Instruction	$31/hr

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.
Discussion. The order of the Probationary Appointment for the three Teaching Assistants and the probationary dates for Leana Nieves were revised as listed above.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

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

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON	CURRENT POSITION
#2378	12/9/06- 1/11/07	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave	School Monitor – HS
#2378	1/12/07- 1/30/07	Medical – Unpaid Family Medical Leave	School Monitor – HS
#1756	9/11/06 – 11/22/06	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave	Custodian – BN

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

APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Trustee Rosenfeld moved to approve the following 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
Perkins, Lauren	Uncertified Teaching Assistant	$9/hr
Vos, Christine	Uncertified 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 D'Orazio seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

FINAL NYSED CLEARANCE HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED:

Trustee Rosenfeld moved to acknowledge that FINAL SED CLEARANCE HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED for the following employees:

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

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

INSTRUCTION

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS SCHEDULE U, #11/06 A-112806

Trustee Rosenfeld moved to approve the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations, Schedule U, #11/06 A-112806, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Resnick.
Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

- Two resolutions for writing letters to the Town of Olive and the NYS Department of Transportation about the possibility of having a traffic light installed on Rt. 28 in Boiceville should be on the agenda for the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- Trustee Resnick had polled some of the Board about doing some visitations to see some different school district configurations. Trustee Resnick will schedule time in January. Board members were requested to let her know if they are interested in going. Trustee D'Orazio suggested that some District administrators and teachers be invited also.
- Trustee Patterson suggested that the Facilities Committee look into improving the lighting around the school buildings as there are areas that are very dark which could be dangerous.

GOALS UPDATE

Trustee D'Orazio reported that:

- We are continuing to support the development of new teaching and learning strategies
- We are still working on the superintendent hiring situation
- We need to define the next step for the master plan capital project process

A discussion followed on the plans for the next step for the master plan process. Board members are to submit their suggestions to the District Clerk so that they may be discussed at the next Board meeting. The possibility of a survey being included in the newsletter should be put on hold until a later date.

BOARD MEMBERS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

- Trustee Resnick requested information about the half-day staff development days.
- Trustee O'Connor requested information about where the students we lose are going.
- Trustee Vanacore requested a comparison of the demographic report for the last ten years and the actual numbers of the declining enrollment.
- Trustee Rosenfeld requested information on the number our students who are attending private school, home schooling, etc.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made at this time.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee D'Orazio moved to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION at approximately 9:49 p.m. to discuss matters leading to the employment of a particular person.
Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Trustee Patterson moved to return to REGULAR SESSION at approximately 11:01 p.m.
Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Trustee Bernholz moved to adjourn at approximately 11:02 p.m.
Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.
Trustee 7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

Recorded by:
Jeanne Shultis
District Clerk

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