ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, January 23, 2007
Phoenicia Elementary School

CALL TO ORDER Trustee D'Orazio called **REGULAR MEETING** to order at approximately 7:05 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

TOBACCO POLICY STATEMENT

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

NOT PRESENT Trustee Rosenfeld

ALSO PRESENT Superintendent, John G. Jordan; Assistant Superintendent, Victoria McLaren; Student Board Representative, Frances Barlow and approximately 40 visitors.

NOT ALSO PRESENT Assistant Superintendent, Deborah Fox; District Clerk, Jeanne Shultis

MOTION TO APPOINT CLERK PRO TEM Trustee Patterson moved to appoint Terry Snyder as Clerk Pro Tem in the absence of the District Clerk.
Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES 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 minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on January 9, 2007, are hereby approved as submitted.
Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

WELCOME TO PHOENICIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Phoenicia Elementary School Principal Linda Sella welcomed everyone, spoke briefly about the Fast ForWord Intervention Program and introduced Pam Olson and Maryann Fraser who presented a Powerpoint slide show describing how the Fast ForWord Intervention Program helps students develop and strengthen critical thinking, listening, and reading skills. This program has been implemented in the three elementary schools and the Middle School.

DISTRICT NEWS Superintendent Jordan announced that:

- In addressing the lack of storage space for the athletic equipment now stored in the girls' locker room, he is looking into having the Career and Tech Class at BOCES or our technology classes make some storage facilities for us similar to those used by the Marching Band.
- Siemens Control began a Performance Contract Audit for our District.
- 5th graders at Woodstock have started a Family Book Club.
- Thanked Lisa Childers for the article in the Woodstock Times dealing with the improvements in our cafeteria nutritional program.

REPORT FROM 2005-2006 STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Student Representative Frances Barlow reported that at the there would be two guest speakers, Robin Acker and Jeff Cohen, at the High School forum on the genocide in Dafur, Sudan on February 7th and at the second part of the forum on February 13th, the students can speak about the situation in Dafur. Amnesty International will be holding a human rights film festival everyday after school between part one and two of the forum. There is an information booth in the cafeteria and a web page has been set up to raise awareness and money. So far $530 have been raised from the web page and $200 from the sale of bracelets and t-shirts.

STUDENT COMMENT

Bridget Haug, DECA President and Nick Alba reported on the success of DECA at the regional competition.

- 1st place – Apparel & Accessories – Jamie Lopez
- 2nd place – Business Services Marketing – Mallory Cairo
- 1st place – Food Marketing – Briget Haug
- 1st place – Travel & Tourism – Erik Grazier & Emily Rust
- 2nd place – eCommerce – Finn Alvaro & Miranda Bernholz
- 1st place – Financial Analysis – Adam Pollack & Nick Alba
- Placed – Public Speaking – Phil Loizou
- Placed – Sales Demonstration – Giovanni Holmquist
- Placed – Visual Advertising – Veronica Fassbender

Nick thanked the Board for sponsoring them to go to the Nationals last year and for sponsoring DECA to go to the States in March.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A visitor asked if the Dafur, Sudan Forum was open to the public. Student Representative Frances Barlow stated that it was not.

REPORTS/ PRESENTATIONS

Audit Committee Report

Trustee O'Connor reported that the Audit Committee met on January 16th and that the Internal Auditor was on board and working on areas of risk assessment, creating a flow chart for purchasing, and has drafted an Audit Report Request Form; New Financial Software for the Business Office is being looked into; with the New GASB45 regulations Assistant Superintendent McLaren is looking into shared service through BOCES and the district will stick with the external auditors.
Next Meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2007.

Communications Committee

Trustee Resnick reported that the committee is working on the 2007/08 District School Calendar, an informational brochure, and making all the schools more visitor friendly. The new public to be heard document is now available.

Policy Committee

Trustees O'Connor reported that tonight is the second reading of the Title I Parent Involvement Policy.
Next Meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2007

Technology Committee

Trustee Vanacore reported that the committee had not met since the last Board Meeting.
Next Meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2007

Early Childhood Committee

Trustee Vanacore reported that on January 29, 2007 a couple of committee members will be visiting New Paltz Central School District to observe the full day Pre-K and Daycare Programs.
Next Meeting is scheduled for January 29, 2007

Overview of School Physician/Nurse Practitioner Role and Summer Athletic Physical Review

Jane Young, F.P.N.P., P.A. reported on the role of the Nurse Practitioner in the District and reviewed the procedure for Summer athletic physicals.

Pupil Personnel Services Program Overview and Assessment

Interim Assistant PPS Director James Walker summarized his report and focused on developing an understanding of the grasp and spectrum that encompasses the Special Education Department, the strengths of the department, concerns, and his recommendations for the department.

Pupil Personnel Services Annual Report

PPS Director Barbara Boyce summarized the 2006-2007 Annual Report – Profile and Services.

Trustee D'Orazio called a five minute break at approximately 8:56 p.m.

BUDGET

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS – Assistant Superintendent Victoria McLaren

Buildings & Grounds

- Custodial Equipment Requests
- Custodial Staffing Request
- Custodial Line Item Detail
- Custodial Three Year Projection
- Maintenance/Custodial Department Project Initiatives - Custodial
- Maintenance/Custodial Department Initiatives - Maintenance

Technology

- Technology Initiatives Current Year
- Technology Initiatives Long Term
- Proposed Equipment Purchase 2007-2008
- Hardware Refresh Funding
- Proposed 2007-2008 Line Item Expenditures
- Three Year budget Projection

Report on Visit to Taconic Hills Schools

Trustee Bernholz reported that Taconic Hills School had the luxury of 50 acres of raw land, the community wanted new buildings, they received 85% state aid on the project and had 10 political communities not defined as towns. Components thought to be good for consideration were the PE for Life curriculum, the design feels like a mall, new science lab used 100% of the time with the inventory locked up and contracted building maintenance through a large company using district employees and state of the art equipment.

Trustee D'Orazio reported the school was built 9 years ago and took 11 votes to pass. They went from two buildings to one. They built a complex centrally located to be used by the community also.

Trustee Patterson asked what turned the community around and what became of the old buildings?

Trustee D'Orazio reported that after numerous forums the community decided that it was worthwhile to support. It was not centralized until the 11th vote. One of the sites was sold and the other is not usable.

Trustee Resnick reported that on February 1, 2007 they will be visiting Chappaqua and Armonk Middle Schools.

Capital Project Community Forum Planning

The Community Forum is scheduled for Saturday, March 3, 2007 at the MS/HS Cafeteria (snow date of Saturday, March 10, 2007)

Trustee Bernholz provided a handout to the Board.

Trustee Patterson would like to see the answers to the questions already asked at the previous public meetings available in a handout format at the Forum.

Trustee D'Orazio suggested that the Board work on an agenda.

The Board agreed that the draft announcement was ok.

Trustee Patterson would like the invitation sent to the fire departments, Lions Club, Kwianis Club, Senior groups and to each individual Councilperson. Also, ask that the Town Supervisors announce the forum at their meetings.

AMENDED RESOLUTION TO APPOINT LESLIE G. FORD AS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Trustee D'Orazio moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District to amend the appointment of Dr. Leslie Goldring Ford as Superintendent of Schools for a three-year period commencing on February 12, 2007, or per diem if she begins prior to that date, at the rate of $155,000 per year and pursuant to the terms of the amended agreement reached between the Board of the Onteora Central School District and Dr. Leslie Goldring Ford which reflects the actual starting date.

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.

Yes – Trustees D'Orazio, Patterson, O'Connor, Vanacore, Resnick

No – Trustee Bernholz

Absent – Trustee Rosenfeld

CARRIED

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AUTHORIZATIONS FOR BUDGETARY TRANSFERS AND PAYROLL CERTIFICATION

Trustee D'Orazio moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED upon recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Onteora Central School District Board of Education approve the following appointments:

Authorizations:

A. Budgetary Transfers:

Leslie G. Ford, Superintendent of Schools at a rate of -$0- for the 2006-2007 school year, effective February 12, 2007

B. Payroll Certification:

Leslie G. Ford, Superintendent of Schools at a rate of -$0- for the 2006-2007 school year, effective February 12, 2007

Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

Facilities Committee

Trustees D'Orazio reported the committee recommended that the best use of the $662,000 Excel Aid would be to replace the two boilers in the Woodstock Elementary School at a cost of $325,000 and the Auditorium Project which would be a complete overhaul at a cost of 1.6 million that would also be funded from the Capital Reserve Fund.

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT TYPE II ACTION

Trustee D'Orazio moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:
WHEREAS, the Onteora Central School District Board of Education ("Board") is proposing a construction project involving the removal and replacement of boilers and unit ventilators at Woodstock Elementary School, and ADA upgrades, installation of a new heating, ventilating and air conditioning system, lighting system, sound system, stage rigging system, and related improvements to the auditorium at the Onteora Middle/High School ("Proposed Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Project involves the maintenance, repair, replacement, reconstruction and/or rehabilitation involving no substantial changes or expansion beyond 10,000 square feet of existing structures and/or facilities, and is a routine activity of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Project includes no other potential involved or interested agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the information and documentation which describe the design and intent of the project;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board, based upon the record before it, including the general, specific and detailed knowledge of the Proposed Project, and in accordance with the applicable standards of SEQRA and 6 NYCRR Part 617.5, hereby determines that:

a. The Proposed Project is classified as a Type II Action; and

b. No further environmental review of the Proposed Project is required in accordance with SEQRA.

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
Discussion
Yes – Trustees D'Orazio, Bernholz, Patterson, O'Connor, Resnick
No – Trustee Vanacore
Absent – Trustee Rosenfeld
CARRIED

POLICY

SECOND READING AND ADOPTION of #8260 TITLE I PARENT INVOLVEMENT POLICY

Trustee D'Orazio 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 #8260 Title I Parent Involvement Policy.
Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

PERSONNEL

RESIGNATION(S): NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Trustee D'Orazio moved to approve the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATION:

NAME	POSITION/ SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Downs, Christine	Cook – HS	1/24/07	To Accept School Lunch Manager Appointment

Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: INSTRUCTIONAL

Trustee D'Orazio moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
#1984	1/2/07 – 1/19/07	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave
#1423	1/8/07 – 1/19/07	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave

Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL

Trustee D'Orazio moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

SHORT-TERM SUBSTITUTE

NAME	CERTIFI-CATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	SALARY	REASON
Barringer, Lisa	Elementary Education K-6	Special Education Teacher - MAPS	2/5/07 – 3/19/07	1MA	Replace L. VanDeBogart (Leave)

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Hodder, Marjorie	Future Homemakers	$887

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

NAME	CERTIFICATION	SALARY
Frahm, Shanni	Certified Substitute Teacher	$95/day
Morris, Ashton	Certified Substitute Teacher	$95/day
Reynolds, Joan	Certified Substitute Teacher & Home Tutor	$95/day

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
Story, Sue	Uncertified Substitute Teacher	$80/day

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

Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

LEAVE(S) OF ABSENCE: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Trustee D'Orazio moved to approve the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
#1756	1/1/07 – 1/19/07	Extended Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave
#2104	12/28/06 – 1/29/07	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave

Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

PERMANENT STATUS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Trustee D'Orazio moved to approve the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PERMANENT STATUS RECOMMENDATIONS:

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	PROBA-TIONARY DATE	PERMANENT DATE	SALARY/STEP
Downs, Christine	School Lunch Manager	2/15/06	1/24/07	$46,750
Hommel, Gail	Senior Account Clerk/Typist	7/31/06	1/31/07	$39,000

Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Trustee D'Orazio moved to approve the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

NAME	POSITION	SALARY
Gale, Wanda	Substitute Custodial Worker	$9/hr
Gille, Ella	Substitute Custodial Worker	$9/hr
Jansen, Tina	Substitute Custodial Worker	$9/hr
So, King	Substitute Custodial Worker	$9/hr
Sorbellini, Diane	Substitute Custodial Worker	$9/hr
Walters, Nancy	Substitute Custodial Worker	$9/hr

Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

FINAL NYSED CLEARANCE RECEIVED:

Trustee D'Orazio moved to acknowledge that FINAL NYSED CLEARANCE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FOR:

NAME	POSITION
Brightly, Carolyn	Uncertified Substitute Teaching Assistant
Carr, William	Certified Substitute Teacher

Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

FINAL NYSED CLEARANCE HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED:

Trustee D'Orazio moved to acknowledge that FINAL NYSED CLEARANCE HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED FOR:

NAME	POSITION
Aten, Katherine	Substitute Bus Attendant
Eiferd, Mae	Substitute Nurse (RN)
Hass, Barbara	Certified Substitute Teacher
Jacobsen, Julia	Substitute Teaching Assistant
Krebser, Lynn	Substitute Bus Attendant
Marx, Ida	Substitute Teaching Assistant
Perkins, Laurie	Uncertified Substitute Teaching Assistant
Story, Sue	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 Resnick seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

INSTRUCTION

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS SCHEDULE U, #1/07 A-012307

Trustee D'Orazio moved to approve the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations, Schedule U, #1/07 A-012307, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee O'Connor.
Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOTION TO APPROVE BUSINESS REPORTS

Trustee D'Orazio 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 January 2007 and the following WARRANT:

WARRANTS – Schedule J - # 1/07

Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Vanacore reported that the Rhinebeck School District sponsored an EKG clinic at a cost of $40.00 per student and would like research done on the district sponsoring an EKG clinic.
Trustee D'Orazio would like Jane Young asked formally to do this research.

GOALS UPDATE

Trustee Patterson would like the goal of hiring a Superintendent removed and also would like to discuss as a future goal how the district can recruit teachers to become coaches.

Trustee Bernholz noted that the Comprehensive three-year budget plan has started.

BOARD MEMBERS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

There was no request for information at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made at this time.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Bernholz moved to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION at approximately 10:31 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular person or persons and possible litigation.
Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Trustee Bernholz moved to return to REGULAR SESSION at approximately 11:10 p.m.
Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Bernholz moved to adjourn at approximately 11:10 p.m.
Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

Recorded by:
Teresa Snyder
Clerk Pro Tem

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