ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 6, 2007
Woodstock Elementary School

CALL TO ORDER Trustee D'Orazio called **REGULAR MEETING** to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

TOBACCO POLICY STATEMENT

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 20 visitors.

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

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 of the Board of Education held on January 23, 2007, are hereby approved as submitted.
Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

WELCOME TO WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Woodstock Elementary School Principal Bobbi Schnell welcomed everyone to Woodstock and announced that:

- 20-25 students have joined a chess club and they have just won a 6th place trophy in the Kingston chess tournament.
- On Saturday, February 10, an art exhibit will open at the Woodstock Artist's Association with exhibits by Woodstock 5th and 6th graders.

She introduced Woodstock teachers Lois Ostapczuk, Andrew Vail, JoAnn Margolis and Hilary Partridge who presented brief synopsis of their positive experiences with the writing program from the Teachers' College and requested ongoing support for the program. Samples of students' work were read and on display in the lobby.

DISTRICT NEWS

Superintendent Jordan reported that:

- The boys' basketball team is playing in New Paltz and will be featured on Cable Channel 6.
- Denise Maltese, a Middle School teacher, was recently recognized by the National Council of English Teachers for her article which was published in their bi-annual newsletter.
- The FACETS contract is still not complete and is in the hands of the school attorneys. We will continue with only one FACETS counselor until the contract is signed.

- A survey of our businesses and business leaders based on our capital project and possible reconfiguration of our district and what the impact might be on the business community if an elementary school in their area were to be closed will go out later this week and responses will be requested to be returned by the last week in February so that the information can be utilized for the March 3 Community Forum.
- This was his last Board meeting as Interim Superintendent and he thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve Onteora. He will continue to be available in any way he is needed.

REPORT FROM 2005-2006 STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

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

STUDENT COMMENT

No student comments were made at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made at this time.

REPORTS/ PRESENTATIONS

Audit Committee Report – Trustee Bernholz reported that the next meeting will be held on February 12 at 8:45 a.m. with a snow date of February 26.

Communications Committee – Trustee O'Connor reported that the next meeting is scheduled for February 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the MS/HS Library. Committee Chair Kathy Hochman wishes to make a presentation to the Board at the next meeting.

Facilities Committee – Trustee Resnick reported that the Committee met last week and reviewed the infrastructure priority list which is very large. They will continue to review that. Several Committee members toured the Middle-High School building with the architects, Jim O'Neill and Pete Giambrone to see the various improvements that will be necessary. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 14, at 4:00 p.m.

Policy Committee – Trustee O'Connor reported that the Committee is working on a number of policies and will be having a first reading in the next few weeks on the following policies: Musical Instruments, Information Security Breach and Notification, Time Out Rooms, Code of Ethics for All District Personnel, Maintaining Discipline and Conduct, Public Access to Records and Student Attendance.

Technology Committee – Trustee Vanacore reported that the next meeting is scheduled for the beginning of February to discuss the budget that was brought forward.

Early Childhood Committee – Trustee Vanacore reported that the Committee met last week. She visited the full day pre-kindergarten program in New Paltz which has 16 students and is funded completely by New Paltz School District – not by the UPK at all. It is a wonderful program with an amazing teacher. The Committee had a major discussion with people from Head Start and some of our principals. They are investigating to find out more about the

Federal government's designee for New York State who collaborates with Head Start with a view to possibly getting funding for more students.

World Café – Harold Bush, a local resident, parent and mediator, spoke about communication and offered ideas for community dialogue – a way to provide an environment where everyone is listened to and ideas are shared. He proposed that the Board consider a "Café" for a community meeting on the capital project.

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS – Assistant Superintendent for Business – Victoria McLaren

- Athletic Department
  - Athletic "Stats"
  - Equipment Request
  - Proposed 2007-2008 Budget
  - Long Term Budget
- Extra-Curricular/Extra Duty Activities
  - Extracurricular/Extra Duty Budget
- Food Service Department
  - Current Staffing
  - How Many We Serve
  - Projects 2007-2008
  - Projected Sales Budget
  - Long Term Sales Budget
  - Projected Expenditure Budget
  - Long Term Expense Budget
  - Strategic Initiatives

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

BOND RESOLUTION Trustee Vanacore moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District (the "School District"), a school district of the State of New York, located in the counties of Ulster and Greene, as follows:

(1) A special district meeting of the qualified voters of the School District shall be held in the School District at each of the election district polling centers: Phoenicia Elementary School, Bennett Elementary School, West Hurley Elementary School and Woodstock Elementary School on the 29th day of March, 2007, beginning at 2:00 o'clock P.M. (EST), for the purpose of voting upon the propositions described in the Notice of Special School District Meeting hereinafter set forth.

(2) The vote upon such proposition shall be by voting machines, and the polls shall be open for qualified voters of the School District desiring to vote on the propositions from 2:00 o'clock P.M. until 9:00 o'clock P.M. (EST).

(3) The special district meeting shall be called by giving the following notice thereof.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special School District Meeting of the qualified voters of the Onteora Central School District (the "School District"), a school district of the State of New York, located in the counties of Ulster and Greene, will be held at each of the election district polling centers: Phoenicia Elementary School, Bennett Elementary School, West Hurley

Elementary School and Woodstock Elementary School, on the 29th day of March, 2007, beginning at 2:00 o'clock P.M. (EST), to consider (i) a proposition to reconstruct, renovate and equip School District buildings, including boilers and auditorium improvements (collectively, the "Project"), at a total estimated cost of $1,862,711, for which $662,711 principal amount of general obligations of the School District shall be authorized and issued to pay a portion of the Project, and (iii) a proposition to expend $1,200,000 from a capital reserve fund established by the School District on May 16, 2006 to pay a portion of such cost of the Project. The polls shall be open until 9:00 o'clock P.M. (EST). At such meeting taxes to be levied by installment will be proposed. The following propositions will be submitted at said meeting and shall state the taxes to be proposed, the objects or purposes for which such taxes will be authorized, and the maximum amount to be expended for such objects or purposes:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

1. The Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District is hereby authorized to reconstruct, renovate and equip School District buildings, including boilers and auditorium improvements (the school buildings being of Class "A" construction, as that term is defined in section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law), in connection with the receipt of New York State EXCEL aid, and including the acquisition of any applicable equipment, machinery, apparatus, land, rights-in-land, the costs of architects, engineers, attorneys, and any other preliminary and incidental costs related thereto; and

2. The total estimated maximum cost of such purpose, including other related expenses, is One Million Eight Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand Seven Hundred Eleven Dollars ($1,862,711). The Board of Education is authorized to expend for such purpose an amount not to exceed such total estimated maximum cost; and

3. A tax in the amount of $662,711, being a portion of the total of the cost authorized to be expended for such purpose, shall be levied upon all the taxable property in the School District in order to raise the monies required for such purpose and such tax shall be levied in annual installments, which shall be of such amounts and levied in such years as may be determined by the Board of Education; and

4. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to issue bonds or other obligations of the School District, in the aggregate principal amount of up to $662,711, in anticipation of the collection of said tax and a tax shall be levied to pay the interest on said bonds or other obligations as the same shall become due.

PROPOSITION NO. 2

1. The Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District is hereby authorized to expend $1,200,000 from moneys in a capital reserve fund established by the School District on May 16, 2006 for the construction of additions and alterations to, and the reconstruction and renovation of, School District wide facilities, and/or rehabilitation and reconstruction of any of the School District's facilities that are identified in the School District's building condition survey, purposes for which the Project qualifies.

The Board of Education of the School District has determined that the vote upon such propositions shall be by voting machines and that the polls shall be kept open for voters desiring to vote upon such propositions from 2:00 o'clock P.M. until 9:00 o'clock, P.M. (EST).

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Education has provided for personal registration of voters of the School District. The School District's Board of Registration will be located at the four polling centers as follows:

District #1 Town of Shandaken and that part of Lexington (Greene County) already in our School District;
Polling Center: Phoenicia Elementary School, Phoenicia, N.Y.

District #2 Town of Olive and that part of Marbletown already in our School District;
Polling Center: Bennett Elementary School, Boiceville, NY

District #3 Town of Woodstock;
Polling Center: Woodstock Elementary School, Woodstock, NY

District #4 Town of Hurley;
Polling Center: West Hurley Elementary School, West Hurley, NY

on March 22, 2007, from 2:00 o'clock A.M. to 8:00 o'clock P.M. (EST), for the purpose of preparing the register of the School District for the special district meeting to be held on March 29, 2007. The register will include (1) all persons who were registered for the last annual meeting of the School District, (2) all persons who were previously registered for any School District meeting or election and who have voted at any School District meeting or election within four years prior to the preparation of the register, and (3) all qualified voters who are not already included in the register under (1) or (2) but who shall have presented themselves personally for registration for the said special district meeting or who are registered with Ulster or Greene County for a general election. Any person shall be entitled to have his or her name placed upon such register, provided that at such meeting of the Board of Registration he or she is known or proven to the satisfaction of the Board of Registration to be then and thereafter entitled to vote at the special district meeting. No person will be entitled to vote at said special district meeting who is not registered as aforesaid.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that applications for absentee ballots for the special district meeting, in accordance with Section 2018-a of the Education Law, may be obtained from the office of the School District Clerk. The completed application for absentee ballet must be received by the School District Clerk no later than seven (7) days preceding the vote on March 29, 2007. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the office of the School District Clerk on each of the five days prior to the day of the special district meeting, except Sunday. Absentee ballots must be received in the office of the School District Clerk no later than 5:00 o'clock P.M. on the day of the special district meeting.

By the order of the Board of Education of the School District.

Dated: February 6, 2007

JEANNE SHULTIS
School District Clerk

(4) The School District Clerk of the School District is hereby directed to cause a copy of such Notice of Special School District Meeting to be published in the Kingston Freeman, the Woodstock Times, the Ulster County Townsman, the Phoenicia Times and the Olive Press, newspaper published in Ulster County, New York, having a general circulation within the School District, and publication of such notice in such newspaper shall be made four times within seven weeks preceding such special district meeting, and the first of such publications in such newspaper shall be at least forty-five (45) days prior to such meeting.

(5) The following persons who are qualified voters of the School District are hereby appointed to act at such special district meeting as Inspectors of Election:

Hope Gilsinger----------(Chief Inspector – Shandaken/Lexington)
Amanda Winne----------(Chief Inspector – Olive)
Joan Freer----------(Chief Inspector –Hurley)
Karen Shultis----------(Chief Inspector – Woodstock)

(6) The following persons who are qualified voters of the School District are hereby appointed to act at such special district meeting in the capacities as listed below:

SHANDAKEN/LEXINGTON		**OLIVE/MARBLETOWN**
Hope Gilsinger, Chief Registrar/Inspector		Amanda Winne, Chief Registrar/Inspector
Mary Lane, Registrar		Tonya Rothman, Registrar
Delores Harvey, Registrar		Margaret Jones, Registrar
Rosalie M. Boland, Registrar		Carmen Ajce, Registrar
Finola Ryan, Inspector		Arlene Kelly, Registrar
Margery Scow , Inspector		Yolanda Ingram, Registrar
Aldo Valentini, Machine Custodian		Leona Weber, Registrar
Dennis Fisher, Machine Inspector		Jenna Miller, Registrar
Angelo Russo, Chief Machine Inspector		Eulane Osterhoudt, Inspector
		Grace Guendel, Inspector
		Dennis Fisher, Machine Inspector
		Angelo Russo, Chief Machine Inspector/Custodian
WOODSTOCK		**HURLEY**
Karen Shultis, Chief Registrar/Inspector		Joan Freer, Chief Registrar/Inspector
Gail Bonestell, Registrar		Elaine Van DeBogart, Registrar
Priscilla Koehn. Registrar		Tracy Oakes, Registrar
Donna R. Petersen, Registrar		Mille Hoppe, Registrar
Alice Rice, Registrar		Ann Fillipone, Registrar
Jason Shultis, Inspector		Douglas Freer, Registrar
Janet Shultis, Inspector		Maria Oakley, Registrar
Marlin Klinger, Machine Custodian		William Cragan, Inspector
Dennis Fisher, Machine Inspector		Lottie Cease, Inspector
Angelo Russo, Chief Machine Inspector		Dennis Fisher, Machine Inspector/Custodian
		Angelo Russo, Chief Machine Inspector

(7) The following person who is a qualified voter of the School District is hereby appointed to act at such special district meeting as Permanent Chairman: Jeanne Shultis

(8) The School District Clerk is hereby authorized to give written notice of appointment to the persons herein appointed to act as Inspectors of Election, Registrars, and Permanent Chairman at such special district meeting.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board of Education of the School District.

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
Discussion. This will be at no additional cost to District taxpayers through the use of Excel aid and Capital Reserve funds.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

PERSONNEL

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: INSTRUCTIONAL

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

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
#2328	5/9/07 – 6/22/07 *	Extended Medical – Unpaid Family Medical Leave
#2457	1/20/07 – 3/19/07	Extended Medical – Unpaid Family Medical Leave
#1046	2/13/07 – 3/16/07	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave
#3054	2/8/07 – 3/22/07 *	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave
#3054	3/23/07 – 4/10/07 *	Extended Medical – Unpaid Family Medical Leave

*Approximate date

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL

Trustee Rosenfeld moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

SHORT-TERM SUBSTITUTE

NAME	CERTIFI-CATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	SALARY	REASON
Thongs, John	Speech & Hearing Handicapped	Speech Language Pathology	2/13/07 – /16/07	1BA	Replaces P.Olson

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Cayea, Krista	Musical-Vocal Coach	$968
Knoche, Stephen	Diversity Club	$557
Rose, Jean	Musical-Director	$3,322
Rushkoski, Sharon	Musical-Coordinator	$416
Robertson, Jessica	6th Teaching Assignment Beginning Approximately 3/26/07	$6,685 *
Rosato, Phyllis	6th Teaching Assignment Beginning Approximately 3/26/07	$6,685 *

Prorated amount to be determined

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

NAME	CERTIFICATION	SALARY
Brightly, Carolyn	Certified Substitute Teaching Assistant *	$10/hr
Jones, Adile	Certified Substitute Teacher *	$95/day
Strauss, Elizabeth	Certified Substitute Teacher *	$95/day
Warren, Kristen	Certified Substitute Teacher	$95/day

* Certification 2/1/07

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

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

NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
#1756	1/20/07 – 1/26/07 *	Extended Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave

* Applied to sick bank

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

PERMANENT STATUS:

Trustee Rosenfeld 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	PROBATIONARY DATE	PERMANENT DATE	SALARY/ STEP
Clinton, Raymond	Auto Mechanic Helper	8/2/06	2/2/07	Step 3

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

FINAL NYSED CLEARANCE HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED:

Trustee Rosenfeld 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
Huben	Substitute Teaching Assistant
Jacobsen, Julia	
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 Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

INSTRUCTION

Trustee Rosenfeld moved to approve the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE)

Recommendations, Schedule U, #02/07 A-020607, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee D'Orazio.
Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED TAX EXEMPTION

Trustee Rosenfeld moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approve the senior citizen and disabled tax exemption new law income level effective for the 2007 tax year.

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has previously adapted the provisions of Sections 459-c of the Real Property Law (providing for a partial exemption from taxation on residential property owned by qualified, disabled persons) and Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law (providing for a partial exemption from taxation on residential property owned by qualified persons at least 65 years of age), to the maximum extent provided by those respective statutes; and

WHEREAS, Sections 459-c and 467 of the Real Property Tax Law have been amended, respectively, by Chapters 201 and 202 of the 2002 Laws of the State of New York, to raise the maximum income limits for persons qualifying for said partial exemptions from $24,000 to $27,000;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education does hereby establish the maximum income limit for the partial real property tax exemptions for qualified persons with disabilities and for qualified persons at least 65 years of age to be $27,000 in accordance with the amendments to Sections 459-c and 467 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

BUSINESS REPORTS

Trustee Rosenfeld 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 REPORTS for September 2006.

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.

GOALS UPDATE The goal to hire a superintendent has been accomplished and should now be removed from the list.

BOARD MEMBERS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION Trustee Patterson requested a change in the last budget presentations. He would like to see line items presentation to include a 2-3 year comparative of what it was for the year and what the actual audit was. He stated it is time for this Board to look at ways to budget with what we are actually spending, not budgeting and throwing 4% on it each year. He would also like to receive the projected end of year balance for this year.

PUBLIC COMMENT No public comments were made at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION No motion was made to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION at this time.

Trustee D'Orazio and all members of the Board thanked Interim Jack Jordan for stepping into our District and helping out in enumerable ways with boundless energy and honesty.

MOTION TO ADJOURN Trustee Vanacore moved to adjourn at approximately 8:28 p.m.
Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

Recorded by:
Jeanne Shultis
District Clerk

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