

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412**

MINUTES

**WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING
Middle-High School
Thursday, March 29, 2007
6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER Trustee D'Orazio called the **WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING** to order at approximately 6:10 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

TOBACCO POLICY STATEMENT

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

NOT PRESENT Trustee Bernholz

ALSO PRESENT Superintendent, Leslie Ford; Assistant Superintendent, Deborah Fox; Assistant Superintendent, Victoria McLaren; and approximately 90 visitors.

NOT ALSO PRESENT District Clerk, Jeanne Shultis and Interim Student Board Representative, Frances Barlow

APPOINTMENT OF CLERK PRO TEM Trustee Patterson moved to approve the following **RESOLUTION**:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District hereby appoints Teresa Snyder as Clerk Pro Tem in the absence of the District Clerk.
 Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.
 6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

BUDGET PRESENTATION REVISION

Superintendent's 2007-2008 Budget Recommendations
 Superintendent Leslie Ford and Assistant Superintendent for Business Victoria McLaren

- First Presentation
- Additional Environmental Information – Comparison to OCSD
- Budget Structure
- Recommendation
- Adjustments
- Additional Changes
- Adjusted Budget Recommendation
- Contingent Budget Implications
- Long Term Planning Items for Consideration
- Tax Certiorari Current District Reserves

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- Tax Certiorari Proceedings without Designated Reserves
- Total Unreserved Liability for NYC Proceedings
- Pending June 2008 Retirements
- Fund Balance
- Long Term Effects of Eliminating Fund Balance
- Fund Balance
- Effect on Tax Levy of Elimination of Fund Balance
- Review of Budget Building Issues
- Current Budgeting Process
- Risk Associated with Zero Increase Budget
- Recommendations for future planning
- 2007-08 Suggested Budget Reductions
- 2007-08 Suggested Budget Additions
- Current Budget Recommendations

STUDENT COMMENT The following students spoke in support of the Music Department:

- 8 students from Woodstock Elementary School
- Caitlin Kanuch
- Raegan Loheide
- Rejoice Scherry
- Paul Scherry

PUBLIC COMMENT The following people spoke in support of the Music Department:

- Mary Leonard
- Winne Paetow
- Vinnie Martucci
- Ric Dragon
- Fran Hollander also spoke in support of the Indie Program and commented on substitutes for ONTEA Members
- Sam Hood commented on the Indie Program.
- Jim Sofranko commented on the proposed budget.

Trustee D’Orazio called for a break at approximately 9:10 p.m. for the purpose of witnessing the tally of the votes cast on the Excel Aid Bond Vote.

Trustee D’Orazio called the meeting back to order at approximately 9:59 p.m.

PRESENT Trustees D’Orazio, Patterson, O’Connor, Vanacore, Resnick,

NOT PRESENT Trustee Bernholz and Rosenfeld

ALSO PRESENT Superintendent, Leslie Ford; Assistant Superintendent, Victoria McLaren; Clerk Pro Tem Teresa Snyder and District Clerk, Jeanne Shultis.

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

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MOTION TO ACCEPT VOTES CAST Trustee Vanacore moved to accept the votes cast as reported by the District Clerk for Proposition #1.

MARCH 29, 2007 – EXCEL AID BOND VOTE
DECLARATION OF VOTES CAST

Proposition #1

Yes 743 No 167

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.

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

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**MOTION TO ACCEPT
VOTES CAST**

Trustee O'Connor moved to accept the votes cast as reported by the District Clerk for Proposition #2.

MARCH 29, 2007 – EXCEL AID BOND VOTE
DECLARATION OF VOTES CAST

Proposition #2

Yes 734 No 153

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 o f the School District's facilities that are identified in the School District's building condition survey, purposes for which the Project qualifies.

Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**MOTION TO
ADJOURN**

Trustee Patterson moved to adjourn at approximately 10:01 p.m.

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

Recorded by:
Teresa Snyder
Clerk Pro Tem
