

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 10, 2007
Middle-High School**

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

TOBACCO POLICY STATEMENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

NOT PRESENT Trustee Vanacore

ALSO PRESENT Superintendent, Leslie G. Ford; Assistant Superintendent, Victoria McLaren; Substitute Student Representative, Nicholas Alba; District Clerk, Jeanne Shultis; and approximately 75 visitors.

NOT ALSO PRESENT Assistant Superintendent, Deborah Fox

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Trustee Patterson 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 March 20, 2007, and the Workshop/Special Meeting held on March 29, 2007, are hereby approved as submitted.

Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

WELCOME Middle School Principal Gayle Kavanagh welcomed everyone and reported on the recent and successful Science Fair.

Trustee Vanacore arrived at approximately 7:05 p.m.

DISTRICT NEWS No district news was reported at this time.

REPORT FROM 2006-2007 STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE Substitute Student Representative Nicholas Alba reported that:

- He is being considered as the summer representative
- AP exams are coming up next month and they are very costly for students - \$83 per exam plus \$20 for the review book. He requested that in the future, payment for these expenses could be supplemented by the District.
- The INDIE program is considered by many students as a good opportunity to explore other interests.
- The German exchange program has begun and he voiced his support for that program.
- The ceilings in the rooms that had leaks have been fixed and students are glad.

REPORTS/ PRESENTATIONS Audit Committee Report – Trustee Bernholz reported that the next meeting will be on April 12 at 8:45 a.m.

Communications Committee – no report was given at this time.

Facilities Committee – Trustee Resnick reported that now that the Excel Aid Bond Referendum has been approved by the voters, the architects will begin design work over the summer on the auditorium and there will be a meeting with the Green Committee to discuss possibilities for the boiler replacement at Woodstock School.

Policy Committee – no report was given at this time.

Technology Committee – Trustee Resnick reported that the next meeting will be sometime in May.

Early Childhood Committee – Trustee Vanacore reported that the next meeting would be held on April 16 at 4:00 p.m. There will be people attending that meeting who are interested in putting together an after school care program. There will also be brainstorming on requirements and how the extra money allotted to the UPK program will be disbursed.

Community Forum – Superintendent Ford presented a summary of the input and feedback, which resulted from the work done at the March 3 Community Forum. She covered all the aspects of each segment looked into. The full report and the summary will be posted on the District website. She thanked everyone who came to this very productive event.

BUDGET PRESENTATION REVISION

Superintendent's 2007-2008 Budget Recommendations

Superintendent Leslie Ford and Assistant Superintendent for Business Victoria McLaren

- Budget Process
- Prior Presentations
- Long Term Recommendations
- Previously Reviewed Adjustments
- Further Adjustments
- Adjusted Budget Recommendations
- Fund Balance Appropriation/Tax Levy Scenarios for Proposed Budget
- State Aid Increase
- New Contingent Budget Language
- Contingent Budget Calculation
- Contingent Budget Implications
- 2007-08 Suggested Budget Reductions
- 2007-08 Suggested Budget Additions
- Fund Balance Considerations
- Current Budget Recommendations

STUDENT COMMENT

Many students were present and stood up as a group in support of the INDIE program.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people spoke against the proposed teaching and teaching assistant budget cuts:

- Corey Cavallaro
- Harvey Boyer

The following people spoke against cutting the INDIE program:

- Trevor Grassi – he also spoke against bringing the program back into the High School building
- Kristin Garnier
- Sarah and Jen
- Seamus Barry
- Cody Cook
- Clark Garnier
- Robert Richardson
- Sebastian Myers
- Peter Griffin
- Phillippe

Trustee D’Orazio called for a five-minute break at approximately 8:11 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

MOTION TO ADOPT THE 2007-2008 BUDGET PROPOSITION #1

Trustee D’Orazio moved, upon the recommendation by the Superintendent, to adopt the following Budget Proposition:

Proposition # 1 – 2007-2008 Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Onteora Central School District Board of Education be and is hereby authorized to expend the sums set forth under the various headings which are voted upon in gross and not in detail in the total amount of \$46,775,318 (which includes \$20,000 to support public library) for the year commencing July 1, 2007 and ending June 30, 2008, and the Board is authorized to levy and collect the necessary tax thereof on the taxable property of the District.

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion. Discussion

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- 5 Yes – Trustees D’Orazio, Bernholz, O’Connor, Resnick and Rosenfeld
- 2 No – Trustees Patterson and Vanacore

CARRIED

MOTION TO TAX LEVY

Trustee O’Connor moved that the Board of Education projects an increase in the tax levy pursuant to its budget of 3.89%.

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.

Discussion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- 5 Yes – Trustees D’Orazio, Bernholz, O’Connor, Resnick and Rosenfeld
- 2 No – Trustees Patterson and Vanacore

MOTION TO ADOPT PROPOSITION #2 - PURCHASE OF VEHICLES

Trustee Bernholz moved, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, to adopt the following Proposition #2:

Proposition #2 – Purchase of Vehicles

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District submit the following proposition to be included on the ballot for the purchase

of vehicles during the 2007/08 school year at the Annual Meeting and Election, to be held on May 15, 2007:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ontario Central School District Board of Education be and is hereby authorized to purchase: one (1) 2007 29 passenger wheelchair school bus not to exceed \$60,238; one (1) 2007 66 passenger school bus not to exceed \$87,378; one (1) 2007 20 passenger school bus not to exceed \$44,843; and one (1) 2007 65 passenger school bus not to exceed \$87,378; in accordance with bids previously and conditionally accepted by the Board of Education, or with obtaining State Contract prices, the total sum of all such vehicles not to exceed \$279,837; and to levy the necessary tax therefor on the taxable property of the District and collect in annual installments, and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District may be issued.

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion. *Discussion.*

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- 6 Yes – Trustees D’Orazio, Bernholz, Patterson, O’Connor, Resnick and Rosenfeld
- 1 No – Trustee Vanacore

CARRIED

PERSONNEL

RESIGNATION(S):

Trustee D’Orazio moved to accept the following RESIGNATION:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Fuhr, Gilbert	Math Teacher – MS	6/30/07	Resignation

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:
INSTRUCTIONAL

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

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
#2328	3/29/07 – 6/1/07 Amended date	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave
#2457	1/20/07 – 5/10/07	Extended Medical – Unpaid Family Medical Leave
#2795	3/17/07 – 5/4/07	Extended Medical – Unpaid Family Medical Leave
#2689	5/9/07 – 6/22/07 Approx date	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**APPOINTMENTS:
 INSTRUCTIONAL**

Trustee D’Orazio moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:
SHORT-TERM SUBSTITUTE

NAME	CERTIFICATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	SALARY	REASON
Brightly, Carolyn	Teaching Assistant	Teaching Assistant – HS	4/11/07 – 6/22/07	Step 1	Replace M.Gray
Gaebel, Monica	Uncertified Teaching Assistant	Teaching Assistant – HS	4/11/07 – 6/22/07	Step 1	Replace C.McGraw

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Burkhardt, Jeannine	Belleayre Bash – Advisor (9/01/06 – 3/20/07) Amend previous appt 10/10/06)	\$1,103
Burkhardt, Patrick	Belleayre Bash – Advisor (3/21/07 – 6/30/07)	\$568
Burkhardt, Patrick	Belleayre Bash – CoAdvisor (9/01/06 – 3/20/07) Amend previous appt 10/10/06)	\$368
Holmquist, Nicole	Belleayer Bash – CoAdvisor (3/21/07 – 6/30/07)	\$189

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

Discussion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:
 NON-
 INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
#1060	3/7/07 – 3/26/07	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave
#2403	3/17/07 – 5/2/07	Extended Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave
#1803	3/17/07 – 4/9/07	Extended Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**APPOINTMENTS:
 NON-
 INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

NAME	POSITION/ SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	SALARY	REMARKS
Hornung, Mary	Tax Collector	4/11/07	\$15/hour	As needed – Replace R. Loveless

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SALARY</u>
Spisak, Barbara	Substitute Typist B&G	\$9/hr

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**FINAL NYSED
CLEARANCE
RECEIVED:**

Trustee D'Orazio moved to acknowledge that FINAL NYSED CLEARANCE has been received for the following employees:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Perkins, Lauren	Certified Teaching Assistant
Woodard, Colette	Uncertified Substitute Teacher and Home Instruction

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

7 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 the following employees:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Aten, Katherine	Substitute Bus Attendant
Eiferd, Mae	Substitute Nurse (RN)
Hass, Barbara	Certified Substitute Teacher
Huben Jacobsen, Julia	Substitute Teaching Assistant
Krebser, Lynn	Substitute Bus Attendant
Marx, Ida	Substitute Teaching Assistant
Masterson, Vanna	Substitute Food Service Worker
Smith, Estelle	Substitute Food Service Worker
Story, Sue	Uncertified Substitute Teacher
Turck, Sarah	Uncertified Substitute Teacher
Vos, Christine	Uncertified Substitute Teacher and Teaching Assistant
Wilber, Abigail	Uncertified Substitute Teacher and Home Instruction

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

INSTRUCTION

**MOTION TO
APPROVE CSE/CPSE
RECOMMENDATIONS
, SCHEDULE U,
#04/07 A-041007**

Trustee D'Orazio moved to approve the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations, Schedule U, #04/07 A-041007, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Rosenfeld.

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOTION TO APPROVE THE COOPERATIVE BIDDING BLANKET RESOLUTION

Trustee D'Orazio moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS it is the desire of the participating school districts of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Ulster County, adopting this resolution to jointly request bids for certain commodities to be determined by the Superintendent of this school district from time to time for the 2007-08 school year,

NOW, therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Onteora Central School District hereby agrees to participate with other school districts of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Ulster County, New York, in the joint bidding of commodities to be requested by the school district Purchasing Agent and approved by the Superintendent; and be it further

RESOLVED that the specifications as prepared by the Steering Committee of participating school districts and presented to this Board of Education will be used and that this Board, if it desires to purchase these commodities agrees to purchase said commodities at the lowest bid price recommended by the Steering Committee of the joint school districts; provided, however, that each participating Board of Education in exercising its legal responsibilities, has the right to reject and/or modify the recommendation of the Steering Committee in the awarding of the bid; and be it further

RESOLVED that the invitation to bid will be advertised by BOCES in the Kingston Daily Freeman, the Middletown Times Herald Record and the Poughkeepsie Journal in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 of the General Municipal Law.

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR COPIERS

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 approve the Purchase Option Plan Agreement between Onteora Central School District and Xerox as per New York State Contract #PC59472 (Award #01649-E*) for copiers to be placed in District Buildings and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such agreements.

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

BUSINESS REPORTS

MOTION TO APPROVE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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

**REPORTS AND
WARRANTS**

REPORTS for APRIL 2007, and the following WARRANT:

- WARRANTS – Schedule J - # 04/07

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

Discussion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

DONATIONS

The acceptance of the following donation(s) to the Onteora Central School District is with sincere thanks and appreciation for these generous donations to be used by students and staff in the District.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT
DONATION FROM
THE ULSTER
COUNTY STOP-DWI
PROGRAM**

Trustee D’Orazio moved to accept the donation from the County of Ulster STOP-DWI Program in the amount of \$800.00 in financial support towards the cost of the Annual After Graduation Event at the Belleayre Ski Center following graduation on June 22, 2007.

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Bernholz moved to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION at approximately 9:25 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular person, the discipline of a particular person and the superintendent’s evaluation.

Trustee O’Connor seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**RETURN TO
REGULAR SESSION**

Trustee Bernholz moved to return to REGULAR SESSION at approximately 10:09 p.m.

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**MOTION TO EXTEND
TEMPORARY
APPOINTMENT OF
INTERIM ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR OF PPS**

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 James Walker’s temporary appointment to the position of Interim Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services at the rate of \$500 per day, effective October 30, 2006, be extended to June 22, 2007, not to exceed a total of 90 days.

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee D’Orazio requested that the 3020-a proceedings be put on the next agenda on the recommendations for the Board to consider the referendum by NYSSBA (Taylor Law).

Trustee D’Orazio requested that a letter be sent to Assemblyman Cahill thanking him for getting us more state aid.

Trustee D’Orazio requested that the voters be thanked in the next newsletter for their support of the Excel bond.

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee Resnick requested that a committee be started called “Vision” for new initiatives, ways of funding.

Trustee Bernholz requested that a change be made in the policy for water for the Board at meetings.

Trustee Bernholz requested that the creation of the Budget Advisory Committee be put on a future agenda.

Trustee O’Connor requested that a resolution to reinstate the music position be put on the next agenda.

GOALS UPDATE

No update on the Board goals was given at this time.

BOARD MEMBERS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Trustee Patterson requested that the question of whether or not the contingency budget must be voted on be answered at the next meeting.

Trustee Patterson requested that the number of bus runs done by the District staff and how many are done by the contractor be provided – not including after school bus runs, just regular daily bus runs.

Trustee Vanacore requested information on contracting out all of the District bus runs vs. what we are now expending. Include the cost of buying people out of contracts.

Trustee Patterson requested a financial analysis of converting to complete contracted busing. The Board reached consensus on this request.

Trustee Resnick requested an update on the point of negotiations.

Trustee Vanacore requested an evaluation report for the Board on the contract for transportation with figures for removing the elementary summer school with a resolution for the next agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made at this time.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Trustee Bernholz moved to adjourn at approximately 10:43 p.m.

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

Recorded by:
Jeanne Shultis
District Clerk
