ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, May 1, 2007
Middle-High School

CALL TO ORDER Trustee Bernholz called **REGULAR MEETING** to order at approximately 7:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

TOBACCO POLICY STATEMENT

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

NOT PRESENT Trustee D'Orazio

ALSO PRESENT Superintendent, Leslie G. Ford; Assistant Superintendent, Deborah Fox; Assistant Superintendent, Victoria McLaren; Alternate Student Representative, Nicholas Alba; District Clerk, Jeanne Shultis; and approximately 27 visitors.

DISTRICT NEWS Superintendent Ford reported that:

- The modified track teams have their own t-shirts
- The girls' track team is off to a great start 2-1
- The boys' track team finished second with the Kingston Invitational and is 3-0
- The tennis team is 5-1 and is in second place in the league
- The baseball team is 9-0 and is ranked 7th in the State
- We had a Countywide staff development(the first of its kind) put on by our BOCES with lots and lots of participants including many of our own teachers who did a wonderful job providing staff development for all of the teachers in the area. The quality of the keynote speaker at the site I attended was very impressive and had us thinking a lot about technology and our place in it versus kids place in the world of technology. Each group that broke out had teachers represented from our elementary schools who did. It was a very professional job.

REPORT FROM 2006-2007 STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE Alternate Student Representative Nicholas Alba, who will be replacing Student Representative Frances Barlow, reported that

- the Student Affairs Council is organizing their first Field Day on Tuesday, June 12, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for High School students only to socialize, have fund and celebrate the end of the school year. Activities will include sporting events, live music and food provided by Onteora DECA and the cafeteria. If it rains, most activities can be held inside.
- Members of the Onteora Chapter of the NYS DECA Club attended the Universal Career Development Conference in Orlando, Florida.
- SAC has heard about the new Onteora Green Committee and would like to participate in a recycling program if it is possible.

STUDENT COMMENT

No student comments were made at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people spoke in opposition to the proposed music department budget cuts:

- Paul Schubert
- Judy Peters
- Roberta Jehu
- Webb Leonard

REPORTS/ PRESENTATIONS

- Audit Committee Report – Trustee Bernholz reported that the last meeting was held on April 12 and the Committee adopted purchasing procedures and backed them up with an employee certification to ensure universal understanding. They also reviewed the risk assessment matrix for the District with the Internal Auditor and changed the live quarterly check runs to semi-annually beginning next year. The Committee is looking at consumables which include the food service department, procedures at the gas pumps, our fuel delivery and procedures in the supply room and are looking at overtime in the District. They reviewed the District's fixed assets and RFPs for three companies and are making recommendations to the Board to engage professional underwriters who gave a quote on February 8. The next meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2007 at 8:45 a.m. The public is invited to these meetings.

- Communications Committee – Trustee O'Connor reported that the budget newsletter would be coming out very soon. The photo contest for the calendar will be underway soon. The May 7 meeting will be rescheduled.

- Facilities Committee – no report was given at this time.

- Policy Committee – Trustee O'Connor reported that the next meeting will be held on May 7, 2007, at 8:45 a.m.

- Technology Committee – Assistant Superintendent Fox reported that the CDEP technology plan has been submitted to BOCES for review by the April 1 deadline so that the District will qualify for E-Rate funding. It will be presented to the Board at the June 5, 2007, Board meeting. Since the technology plan is for 2007-2010, the Committee will not be meeting again this year.

- Early Childhood Committee – Trustee Vanacore reported that the next meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2007, at 4:00 p.m.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

- Trustee Resnick read her disclosure statement for a possible conflict of interest in response to the District policy on conflicts of interest.

BUDGET HEARING

Superintendent Ford and Assistant Superintendent McLaren summarized the proposed budget for 2007-2008:

- District Priorities
- Proposed Budget By Category

- Budget In Three Components
- Proposed Budget
- Contingent Budget Calculation
- Contingent Budget Implications
- Current Proposed Budget

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Trustee O'Connor moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approves supporting the creation of the sewer district in the Town of Olive and hereby authorizes the President to vote on its behalf on the proposition that is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8, 2007, whether to create the sewer district in Boiceville.
Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.
Discussion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

Trustee Vanacore 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 that the Statement of the Chairperson for the Excel Aid Bond Vote held on March 29, 2007, be approved as submitted by the District Clerk.
Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO DISMISS ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS AT 1:00 P.M. ON MAY 15, 2007

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Education upon recommendation of the Superintendent of the Onteora Central School District that elementary schools be dismissed at 1:00 p.m. on the day of the Annual Budget Vote and Election – May 15, 2007.
Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM AND SUMMER PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

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 Elementary Summer School Program including Pre-Kindergarten be reinstated as part of the 2007-2008 District elementary educational program funded from the 2006-07 fund balance – with no budget increase for 2007-08.
Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
Discussion. Motion amended to read "with no budget increase for 2007-2008 School Year.
ROLL CALL VOTE:
3 Yes – Trustees Patterson, O'Connor and Vanacore
3 No – Trustees Bernholz, Resnick and Rosenfeld
TIED

PERSONNEL

INSTRUCTION

MOTION TO ABOLISH MUSIC POSITION

Trustee Patterson 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 that the following position shall be abolished effective June 30, 2007.

Instructional

Music 0.6 FTE

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
ROLL CALL VOTE:
3 Yes – Trustees Bernholz, Resnick and Rosenfeld
3 No – Trustees Patterson, O'Connor, and Vanacore
TIED

MOTION TO ABOLISH TEACHING ASSISTANT POSITIONS

Trustee Patterson 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 that the following position shall be abolished effective June 30, 2007.

Instructional

Teaching Assistant 7 FTE

Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.
ROLL CALL VOTE:
6 Yes – Trustees Bernholz, Patterson, O'Connor, Vanacore, Resnick and Rosenfeld
0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO ABOLISH NON-INSTRUCTIONAL BIA POSITION

Trustee O'Connor 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 abolishment of the following positions effective June 30, 2007:

Non-Instructional

Behavior Intervention Assistant 1 FTE

Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

PERSONNEL

MOTION TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION(S)

Trustee Patterson moved to accept the following RESIGNATIONS:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	*EFFECTIVE DATE*	REMARKS
Chaikin, Francine	Reading – PH	June 30, 2007	Retirement
Fisher, Jeffrey	Math – HS	June 30, 2007	Retirement
Hellenschmidt, Joyce	Elementary – BN	June 30, 2007	Retirement
Mandano, Linda	Social Worker – HS	June 30, 2007	Retirement
Schermerhorn, JoEllen	Family/Consumer Science – MS	June 30, 2007	Retirement

Gunther, Susanne	Part Time Bus Driver	April 27, 2007	Personal

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO TERMINATE INSTRUCTIONAL STAFF

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the TERMINATION of the following INSTRUCTIONAL staff members upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools. These terminations are in accordance with and subject to the Education Laws of New York State, the rules and regulations of the Commissioner of Education, and the policies of the Onteora Board of Education.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District that the following individuals, having the least seniority in the tenure area affected by the abolishment, shall be laid off from their positions with the District effective June 30, 2007.

Any individual who is laid off shall have his or her name placed on a preferred eligibility list consistent with the requirements of the Education Law.

NAME	FTE/TENURE AREA
Golds, Tara	1.0/Teaching Assistant
Hopper, Elizabeth	1.0/Teaching Assistant
Lohrer, Veronica	1.0/Teaching Assistant
May, Barbara	1.0/Teaching Assistant
Nieves, Leana	1.0/Teaching Assistant
Perkins, Lauren	1.0/Teaching Assistant
Walters, Danielle	1.0/Teaching Assistant

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.
Discussion. The termination of Karen McKenna, 1.0 FTE Music Teacher position was pulled from the agenda due to the tie vote on the abolishment of that position.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
#2810	4/16/07 – 6/25/07 *	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave
#2795	3/19/07 – 6/1/07 *	Extended Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave

*Sick Bank Days Granted

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENT

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENT:

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Connolly, Brian	A.I.S./Regents Prep (After School)	$1671

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE NON-INSTRUCTIONAL TERMINATION

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL TERMINATION, upon recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools. These terminations are in accordance with and subject to the Education Laws of New York State, the rules and regulations of the Commissioner of Education, and the policies of the Onteora Board of Education.

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NAME	FTE/TENURE AREA
Greene, Susan	1.0/Behavior Intervention Assistant

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE NON-INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVES OF ABSENCE

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

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
#2403	5/3/07 – 6/30/07 *	Extended Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave
#1756	4/19/07 – 6/7/07 *	Extended Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave

*Sick Bank Days Granted

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

NAME	POSITION	SALARY
Padusnak, David	Substitute Custodial Worker - Summer	$9/hr

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE FINAL NYSED CLEARANCE HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED

Trustee Patterson moved to acknowledge that FINAL NYSED CLEARANCE HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED for:

NAME	POSITION
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
Turner, Robert	Uncertified Substitute Teaching Assistant
Vos, Christine	Uncertified Substitute Teacher and Teaching Assistant

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

INSTRUCTION

MOTION TO APPROVE CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS SCHEDULE U, #05/07 A-050107

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations, Schedule U, #05/07 A-050107, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Vanacore.
Trustee Vanacore 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 Town of Olive has donated the use of a voting booth to the Bennett School so there will be three instead of two on Vote Day which will help considerably with the large turnout there.

Trustee Patterson requested that the voting district groups be formally notified to call in their votes before they adjourn for the evening on May 15 so that the delay on March 29 will not be repeated.

Trustee Resnick requested that she become a member of the Technology Committee. She will make her request to the Board President.

GOALS UPDATE

Trustee Patterson requested an update meeting on the goals before the end of the term of this Board for the Superintendent to take into next year with her staff.

BOARD MEMBERS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

No requests were made at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mary Ann Shepard spoke on behalf of the PTA Council and invited the Board members to attend the Meet the Candidates night on May 7, 2007.
- Judy Peters requested additional information about the budget changes as a result of the things voted on at this meeting.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Patterson moved to enter into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at approximately 8:10 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular person or persons.
Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Trustee Rosenfeld moved to return to REGULAR SESSION at approximately 8:41 p.m.
Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

PRESENT

Trustees Bernholz, Patterson, O'Connor, Vanacore, Resnick, Rosenfeld

MOTION TO APPROVE

Trustee O'Connor moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, that Employee #5107, identified to the Board in Executive Session have their probationary appointment extended through July 11, 2008, pursuant to the terms of the agreement reached between the parties.
Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Trustee Patterson moved to adjourn at approximately 8:42 p.m.
Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

Recorded by:
Jeanne Shultis
District Clerk