ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

M I N U T E S

REGULAR MEETING
7:00 p.m.
Phoenicia Elementary School
Tuesday, June 5, 2007

CALL TO ORDER Trustee D'Orazio called the meeting to order at approximately 7:10 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

TOBACCO POLICY STATEMENT

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

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 47 visitors.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee O'Connor 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 Meetings of the Board of Education held on April 25, 2007, and May 1, 2007, and the Special Meeting of the Board of Education held on May 15, 2007, are hereby approved as submitted and the minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education held on May 30, 2007, are approved as amended.
Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

WELCOME TO PHOENICIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Phoenicia Elementary School Principal Linda Sella welcomed everyone and introduced a sixth grade student and a fourth grade student who presented a snapshot of the spring concert under the direction of music teacher David Laks. "There Is a Boy I Dream Of", a number from the musical "It Is a Family", was performed for the pleasure of the Board and visitors.

DISTRICT NEWS

- Middle School Principal Gayle Kavanagh thanked Bridget Allison and Julie Maille who introduced three seventh grade students who were present to read the letters they wrote to authors which received honorable mention awards in the NY Center for Books Letters About Literature Contest.
- Superintendent Ford reported that Principal Bobbi Schnell had 9 kindergarten teachers from Saugerties School come to Woodstock School to see the reading program. Commissioner Mills commended Woodstock School for being one of the high performance schools in the state.

- Superintendent Ford announced that Ulster County BOCES at a meeting on May 23, Bennett school librarian, Maureen Spada, was appointed council chair.
- Helen Cordo extends invitation to the Board to attend the Flag Day Ceremony at Phoenicia Elementary School on Thursday, June 14, 2007, at 10:00 a.m.

Assistant Superintendent Deborah Fox announced that:

- Phoenicia was also selected as a high performing/gap closing school
- We will be hosting a Teachers College home grown institute here at Onteora this summer in writing. We will be able to train 50 teachers during the 3 days. We will also be sending teachers to the reading institute in New York City.

REPORT FROM 2006-2007 STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Alternate Student Board Representative Nicholas Alba reported that all high school and middle school students are thrilled that the end of the year is coming. The Student Affairs Council is proud to announce there will be a field day on Tuesday, June 12. He thanked all those who made it possible. Seniors request that they can use both of the courtyards to socialize. Students are complaining that they may not use their lunch accounts to make purchases at the bookstore or breakfast cart.

STUDENT COMMENT

No student comments were made at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made at this time.

REPORTS/ PRESENTATIONS

- Middle School Reading Program Report – Middle School Teachers Julie Maille, Laura Loheide and Bridget Allison reported on the scope and success of their middle school reading program that provides extra help for students in reading with benefits throughout all of the students' curriculum areas.

- Audit Committee Report – Trustee Bernholz reported that the committee met on May 22 and received the internal auditor's report, which updated the committee on the risk matrix. They went over new draft for fuel oil delivery where one of the things covered was that there will not be any more off school hour deliveries and a school employee will supervise and certify the readings with the driver when they do deliver. They are looking to reduce overtime in the district and a couple areas looked at so far were buildings and grounds and transportation. The internal claims auditor report included recommendations such as uniform practices across the district. The committee has received a report from the comptroller who said that after a test, it was determined that our fixed assets procedures were fine. The one area that we need to improve is the lack of segregation of duties in the treasurer's function and when we get our new financial system that will make the system more secure. The next meeting will be with the external auditor and is scheduled for June 22, 2007, at 8:45 a.m.

- Communications Committee – Trustee O'Connor reported that the committee is working on the photo contest for the calendar. Assistant Superintendent Fox announced that the deadline for photo submissions is Friday, June 15, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. Photos are to be sent to Margaret Harkin in the District Office. The next meeting will be June 18, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. prior to the Middle School Moving Up night.

- Facilities Committee – no report was given at this time
  - Green Subcommittee – Chairman Tobe Carey reported on the work done by the subcommittee and provided Board members with summaries. They meet every two weeks and the next meeting is scheduled for June 21, 2007. They will decide the summer schedule at that time. Board members received packets of information from the committee including their Mission, Recommendations, and reports. Christine Himberger and Rick DeRuvo presented information on recycling possibilities for the District. Goals and possibilities were presented. Ulster County Legislator Brian Shapiro spoke about the County's plans to focus on environmental issues and he offered to help facilitate the District's application to NY Smart Community and recycling. Tracy Bartels, chair of the County recycling oversight committee requested that he partner with the District. Mr. Shapiro responded to questions from the Board regarding recycling procedures. Trustee Vanacore inquired about the availability of grants. Trustee D'Orazio thanked Tobe Carey and his committee for all their work. Tobe Carey thanked the District staff who assisted the committee.

Trustee O'Connor requested that the Green Committee's recommendations be included as agenda items at a Board meeting in July or August. The Board agreed by consensus to do this.

- Policy Committee – Trustee O'Connor reported that they are working on the attendance policy with the Administrative Cabinet. She requested that the approximately twelve policies that legally have to be updated yearly by the Board also be included on the Reorganization agenda for the meeting in July.

- Technology Committee – Assistant Superintendent Victoria McLaren reported that the last meeting was cancelled and the next meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2007, at 3:00 p.m.

- Early Childhood Committee – Trustee Vanacore reported that the committee is scheduled to meet on June 11, 2007, at 4:00 p.m.

- NYS School Report Card – Assistant Superintendent Deborah Fox and Director of Elementary Education Laurie Cassel presented the results of the 2005-2006 testing as reported by the State. Improved results were shown for many areas and Onteora's results were excellent compared to statewide results.

Superintendent Ford thanked everyone, particularly Dr. Laurie Cassel, for the planning, since it was her final launch into that large amount of data, much of which was new. Great job, Laurie ! Thanks to everyone – Barbara, Gayle, Deb and everyone for a great job. Next year we will have to borrow Laurie back from BOCES.

PERSONNEL

RESIGNATION(S): ADMINISTRATIVE

Trustee Vanacore moved to approve the following ADMINISTRATIVE RESIGNATION:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	*EFFECTIVE DATE*	REMARKS
Cassel, Laurie	Principal - BT	June 30, 2007	Personal

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

RESIGNATION(S): INSTRUCTIONAL

Trustee Vanacore moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATIONS:

NAME	POSITION/ SCHOOL	*EFFECTIVE DATE*	REMARKS
Carney, Sarah	Teaching Assistant –	June 30, 2007	Retirement
Dickinson, Rosalind	Elementary – WD	June 30, 2007	Retirement
Downey, Sydni	Elementary – WD	June 30, 2007	Retirement
Holland Kern, Elizabeth	Teaching Assistant – PH	June 30, 2007	Personal
Mulford, Lori	Special Education Teacher – HS	June 30, 2007	Personal

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: INSTRUCTIONAL

Trustee Vanacore moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

NAME	EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECT-IVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON	CURRENT POSITION
DeFelice-Haverly, Michelle	#2574	9/4/07 – 6/27/08	Extended Medical – Unpaid Parental Leave	Special Education Teacher

Nguyen, Jamie	#2323	5/4/07 – 6/22/07 *	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave Extended	Special Education Teacher – HS
VanDeBogart, Leigh	#2772	9/4/07 – 6/27/08	Medical – Unpaid Parental Leave	Special Education Teacher

*sick bank days

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

APPOINTMENTS;

ADMINISTRATIVE

Trustee Vanacore moved to approve the following ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT:

BE IT HEREBY APPROVED upon recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approve the voluntary transfer of Gabriel Buono from his current position as Assistant Principal of the High School which is a Secondary Assistant Principal tenure area to the tenure area of Principal with an assignment as Principal at Bennett Elementary School in accordance with the terms of Gabriel Buono's letter dated June 5, 2007.

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

APPOINTMENTS:

INSTRUCTIONAL

Trustee Vanacore moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

A. PROBATIONARY

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

NAME	CERTIFI-CATION	TENURE AREA	PROBA-TIONARY DATES	SALARY	REMARK
A. PROBATIONARY					
Gabriel Buono	Permanent School District Administrator	Principal	7/1/07 – 6/30/10	$98,000	Replace resignatio of L. Cassel BN

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

NAME	POSITION	PERIOD	RATE OF PAY	REMARKS
Bachor, JoAnne	Special Education Teacher/Evaluator *	7/1/07 – 8/31/07	$32/hour	Summer School
Fraser, MaryAnn	Speech/Language Therapist *	7/1/07 – 8/31/07	$32/hour	Summer School

Hartmann, Hayden	Psychologist *	7/1/07 – 8/31/07	$32/hour	Summer School
Siegel, Myra	Occupational Therapist	7/1/07 – 8/31/07	$32/hour	Summer School
Thongs, Melissa	Special Education Teacher	7/1/07 – 8/31/07	$32/hour	Summer School
Weiser, Ginger	Special Education Teacher *	7/1/07 – 8/31/07	$32/hour	Summer School

* As needed

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Cook, Debra	A.I.S./Co-Instructor (After School)	$835.50
Via, M. Scott	A.I.S./Co-Instructor (After School)	$835.50
Seche, Joanne	A.I.S./Regents Prep Chemistry (After School)	$835.50
Bucher, Don	A.I.S./Regents Prep Chemistry (After School)	$835.50
Robertson, Jessica	A.I.S./Regents Prep (Math)	$835.50
McGuire, Kimberly	A.I.S./Earth Science (After School)	$1,671
LaFera, Nicholas	Track – Spring – Assistant	$2,854
Murphy, Steven	Orchestra Director	$692

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

NAME	CERTIFICATION	SALARY
Bennett, Jeanenne	Certified Substitute Teacher (effective 5/29/07)	$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:

NAME	CERTIFI-CATION	TENURE AREA	PROBA-TIONARY DATES	SALARY	REMAR
A. PROBATIONARY					
*Paul Schwartz	Permanent School District Administrator	Principal	7/15/07 7/14/10	$98,000	Replace retiremen G. Kavan MS

*pending completion of pre-employment processing

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

NAME	CERTIFICATION	SALARY
Thompson, Sarah	Uncertified Substitute Teaching Assistant	$9/hr

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such emergency conditional appointments shall become conditional appointments upon receipt of State Clearance from SED.
Discussion. Jessica Robertson's extra duty stipend is reduced from $1,671 to $835.50 as she will be sharing it with another teacher. Margit

Kaindl-Richer's appointment as Foreign Language Liaison was removed from the list since it had been previously approved.
Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

RESIGNATION(S): NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

Trustee Vanacore moved to approve the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATIONS:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	*EFFECTIVE DATE*	REMARKS
Morelli, John	Maintenance Mechanic	May 29, 2007	Personal
Rossman, Dana	School Bus Monitor	May 7, 2007	Terminated
Shultis, Brigid	Typist – Central Offices	July 30, 2007	Retirement

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

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

NAME	EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON	CURRENT POSITION
Busch, Carol	#2740	4/27/07 – 5/14/07	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave	Head Bus Driver

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

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

TRANSFER

NAME	FROM	TO	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Skilowich, Linda	Typist – PPS	Typist – Bldg & Grnds	6/17/07	Replaces B. Spisak

POSITION CHANGES

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
Beesmer, Donna	From 10-month to 12-month Typist	7/1/07

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	FROM - TO	PAY RATE
Barringer, Tiffany	Summer Custodial Worker Substitute	6/25/07 – 8/31/07	$9/hr
Carr, April	Summer Custodial Worker Substitute	6/25/07 – 8/31/07	$9/hr
Cook, Mary	Summer Custodial Worker Substitute	6/25/07 – 8/31/07	$9/hr
Gale, Wanda	Summer Custodial Worker Substitute	6/25/07 – 8/31/07	$9/hr

Gille, Ella	Summer Custodial Worker Substitute	6/25/07 – 8/31/07	$9/hr
Jansen, Tina	Summer Custodial Worker Substitute	6/25/07 – 8/31/07	$9/hr
Padusnak, Amber	Summer Custodial Worker Substitute	6/25/07 – 8/31/07	$9/hr
Padusnak, David K.	Summer Custodial Worker Substitute	6/25/07 – 8/31/07	$9/hr
Robbins, Kristen	Summer Custodial Worker Substitute	6/25/07 – 8/31/07	$9/hr
Robbins, Mindy	Summer Custodial Worker Substitute	6/25/07 – 8/31/07	$9/hr
VanLeuvan, Amanda	Summer Custodial Worker Substitute	6/25/07 – 8/31/07	$9/hr
VanLeuvan, Dillon	Summer Custodial Worker Substitute	6/25/07 – 8/31/07	$9/hr
VanLeuvan, Maria	Summer Custodial Worker Substitute	6/25/07 – 8/31/07	$9/hr
Walters, Nancy	Summer Custodial Worker Substitute	6/25/07 – 8/31/07	$9/hr

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:

PART TIME APPOINTMENT

NAME	POSITION/ SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	SALARY STEP	REMARKS
Palmer, Janice	Part Time School Monitor (Bus)	6/6/07	1	Pending Drug Screening

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	FROM - TO	PAY RATE
Elmendorf, Marissa	Summer Custodial Worker Substitute	6/25/07 – 8/31/07	$9/hr

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

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

FINAL NYSED CLEARANCE RECEIVED:

Trustee Vanacore moved to acknowledge that FINAL NYSED CLEARANCE HAS BEEN RECEIVED for the following employees:

NAME	POSITION
Story, Susan	Uncertified Substitute Teacher

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

FINAL NYSED CLEARANCE HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED:

Trustee Vanacore moved to acknowledge that FINAL NYSED CLEARANCE HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED for the following employees:

NAME	POSITION
Eiferd, Mae	Substitute Nurse (RN)
Elmendorf, Marissa	Substitute Custodial Worker - Summer
Hass, Barbara	Certified Substitute Teacher
Huben Jacobsen, Julia	Substitute Teaching Assistant
Krebser, Lynn	Substitute Bus Attendant
LaFera, Nicholas	Track – Spring – Assistant
Marx, Ida	Substitute Teaching Assistant
Masterson, Vanna	Substitute Food Service Worker
Smith, Estelle	Substitute Food Service Worker
Thompson, Sarah	Uncertified Substitute Teaching Assistant
Turck, Sarah	Uncertified Substitute Teacher
Turner, Robert	Uncertified Substitute Teaching Assistant
Vos, Christine	Uncertified Substitute Teacher and Teaching Assistant

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

INSTRUCTION

MOTION TO APPROVED CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS, SCHEDULE U, #06/07 A-060507

Trustee Vanacore moved to approve the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations, Schedule U, #06/07 A-060507, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Patterson.
Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
Discussion. Schedule U is approved with the correction of a clerical error.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CHANGE TO THE PURCHASE OPTION PLAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCSD AND XEROX

Trustee Vanacore 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 change to 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 the Maintenance Department and Central Administrative Office and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such agreements.
Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT BETWEEN OCSD AND WATER SERVICES, INC.

Trustee Vanacore 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 contract between the Onteora Central School District and Water Services Inc. for the operations and maintenance of the waste water treatment facility and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.
Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO AWARD CEILING TILE BID TO ONE WAY CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, INC.

Trustee Vanacore 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 award the bid for the removal and replacement of ceiling tiles, support system and lighting in an approximately 1800 sq. ft. classroom at the Middle Senior High School to One Way Construction Services, Inc. for the amount of $37,373.00.
Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CALENDAR FOR THE 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR

Trustee Vanacore 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 calendar for the 2007/2008 school year.
Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
Discussion. Calendar is approved as amended, adding staff development days – November 14 – full day, November 9 – half day, and January 28 – half day.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

BUSINESS REPORTS

Trustee Vanacore 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 following:
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT – JUNE 2007
WARRANTS – Schedule J - # 6/07
Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

Superintendent Ford introduced the new administrators, Paul Schwartz, the new Middle School Principal, and Gabriel Buono, who will be the new Bennett School Principal, congratulated them and welcomed them to Onteora and their new positions.

Trustee D'Orazio called for a ten-minute break at approximately 9:20 p.m.

Trustee D'Orazio thanked Cathy Neal and the Phoenicia PTA for the refreshments.

Superintendent Ford shared Dr. Laurie Cassel's letter of resignation as Bennett Elementary School Principal.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

MOTION TO ACCEPT 2007-2008 PUBLIC SCHOOL FIRE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORTS AND SUMMARIES

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 that the 2007-2008 Public School Fire Safety Inspection Reports and Summaries from Dr. Michael O'Rourke (BOCES Safety Compliance Officer) for the Onteora Central School District be accepted.
Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

CUSTODIAL UPDATE

Superintendent Ford introduced Head Custodian Peter Giambrone who reported on the current status of the custodial department and the pressing need for to replace staff that was cut in the past in order to allow for improvement in the upkeep of the buildings while keeping overtime expenses to a minimum.

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 that the creation of two (2) Part-Time Custodial Worker positions is hereby authorized.
Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.
Discussion. The motion was amended to indicate the two part-time positions as .5 FTE each.
ROLL CALL VOTE:
4 Yes – Trustees D'Orazio, Bernholz, Resnick and Rosenfeld
3 No – Trustees Patterson, O'Connor and Vanacore
CARRIED

EDUCATIONAL MASTER PLAN DECISION MAKING FINAL TALLY OF RUBRIC SCORES

Superintendent Ford led the Board in an exercise utilizing a rubric to facilitate the process for the making of a decision about the configuration for the future of the Middle School. It was the consensus of the Board that the Central Campus plan is not under consideration at this time. It was also the consensus of the Board that the Middle School configuration is the most important item to be decided on at this time. Following an in-depth discussion of all the work done, the recommendations made by the Future of the District Committee, the Middle School Steering Committee and all the information received on the District's options during the past two years regarding the educational master plan,

MOTION TO VOTE ON MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFIGURATION

Trustee D'Orazio moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education tonight cast a vote regarding the Middle School configuration for our District.
Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
ROLL CALL VOTE:
6 Yes – Trustees D'Orazio, Bernholz, Patterson, O'Connor, Vanacore, Resnick
1 No – Trustee Rosenfeld
CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFIGURATION AS GRADES 5-8

Trustee Patterson moved that the Onteora Central School District Middle School configuration for the master plan proposition will be 5-8.
Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.
ROLL CALL VOTE:
4 Yes – Trustees Bernholz, Patterson, O'Connor, Vanacore
3 No – Trustees D'Orazio, Resnick, Rosenfeld
CARRIED

PUBLIC BE HEARD

- Gail Lester from Phoenicia spoke in opposition to the grade 5-8 middle school configuration.
- Jane Wolfrom a parent and Phoenicia teacher, requested that the Board consider locating the Middle School in the Bennett building and keeping Woodstock and Phoenicia Elementary Schools open.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was introduced at this time.

GOALS UPDATE

Trustee D'Orazio announced that another goal - making the decision about the Middle School configuration – has been fulfilled.

Trustee Patterson requested that he and Trustee Vanacore would like to have the reading teachers' proposal from tonight's presentation made a district wide initiative and a goal to be advanced across all grades next year.

BOARD MEMBERS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Trustee Bernholz requested tools to evaluate the Board.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee D'Orazio moved to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION at approximately 11:00 p.m. to discuss proposed litigation and the employment history of a particular person or persons.

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Trustee Vanacore moved to return to REGULAR SESSION at approximately 11:28 p.m.

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

PRESENT

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

MOTION FOR SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FOR 3020-a

Trustee D'Orazio moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District authorizes the Superintendent to enter into a Settlement Agreement and Release ("Agreement") to settle §3020-a charge "02-20-07" providing for Employee "02-20-07" to (i) pay a fine equal to two (2) months gross salary during the 2007-2008 school year and (ii) participate in a rehabilitation program. Such fine shall be deducted, and other obligations upon Employee "02-20-07" shall be imposed, in accordance with the material terms and conditions of the Agreement which shall be on file with the Clerk's office upon the effective date of the Agreement. The underlying charge shall be withdrawn with prejudice.

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Trustee Rosenfeld moved to adjourn at approximately 11:29 p.m.
Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

Recorded by: _____
Jeanne Shultis
District Clerk