ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

M I N U T E S

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, January 31, 2006
Middle-High School
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Trustee Vanacore called **REGULAR MEETING** to order at approximately 7:02 p.m.

TOBACCO POLICY STATEMENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT Trustees Vanacore, D'Orazio, Bernholz, O'Connor

NOT PRESENT Trustees Patterson, Rosenfeld, Flournoy

ALSO PRESENT Superintendent, Justine Winters; Assistant Superintendent, Deborah Fox; School Business Administrator, Victoria McLaren; District Clerk, Jeanne Shultis; and approximately 74 visitors

MOTION TO APPROVE 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 10, 2006, are hereby approved as submitted.
Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.
4 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

Trustee Flournoy arrived at 7:08 p.m.

WELCOME TO ONTEORA HIGH SCHOOL

- High School Principal Barbara Ruben welcomed everyone to the High School. She provided Board Members with folders containing information about:
  - Foreign Language Department events
  - A Cultural Exchange Proposal/Foreign Language Department/Spanish
  - Social Studies Department News
  - A Photography Exhibition, "Teen Perspectives"
  - The visit to Queens High School on Glen Oaks Campus
  - A copy of the December 29, 2005 Ulster County Townsman column, "The Student Voice"

Mrs. Ruben then introduced Onteora Orchestra Instructor Winnie Paetow, who announced that the following students were recognized for participation in the Area All-State Music Festival held at Wallkill High School:

Kayla Battaglini, voice
Sadie Burzan, flute
Talia Dibbell, viola
Bayla Laks, harp

Melissa Leighton, voice
Catherine Magielnicki, viola
Kayla Mason, voice
Rosalie Rion, cello

Rosalie Rion was recognized for participation in the All-State Orchestra at the NYSSMA conference in Rochester, New York. (This is the highest possible honor for a New York state high school musician.)

In addition, Rosie Rion performed a piece entitled, Healing, that she has composed on the cello. Rosie dedicated this piece to anyone who has ever lost someone they love.

A New York State School Music Association Award was presented to Rosalie Erin Rion by Trustee Vanacore in recognition of her Selection for the Conference All-State Performing Group Symphony Orchestra.

DISTRICT NEWS

Superintendent Winters:

- Welcomed the Teaching Assistants receiving tenure and their families
- Welcomed Barbara Boyce who is back from leave
- This is a new semester for the secondary students and they are well on their way to working into their new schedules
- The Athletic Director, Mike Kocher, reported to her that the JV Girls Basketball team just won their 12th game in a row. Congratulations to them and their coach, Jamie Sebald.
- The District newsletter will be coming out in about two weeks
- Introduced Robin Sears who explained an exciting new Onteora Student Hotline Card created by Patti Rosenbloom, some ASPIE students and members of the Case Assessment Team. Cards were presented to the Board members and are available to students throughout the school.

REPORT FROM 2005-2006 STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Alternate Student Representative Frances Barlow reported that SAC is working with the social studies department on the forum and they are trying to plan a field day for the High School at the end of the year.

STUDENT COMMENT

No student comment was made at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Winnie Paetow, High School Strings Teacher spoke about two topics, a school safety issue and the Music Department Coordinator Position.

REPORTS/ PRESENTATIONS

- Audit Committee Report – Trustee Bernholz reported that a meeting was held on January 24, 2006, to review the RFP for External Auditor. They began to discuss the Internal Auditor position and what would have to be budgeted for that which is coming due at the end of 2006.

- Communications Committee – It was announced that Chairman Kathy Hochman will present their report next week.

- Facilities Committee – Trustee Flournoy reported that this committee has not met yet. The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2006, at 4:00 p.m. in the District Conference Room.

- Future of the District Commission – Trustee Vanacore reported that the next meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2006, at 5:30 p.m. at Bennett School prior to the Board meeting.

Policy Committee – Trustee O'Connor provided a mid-year report on the progress and plans of the Policy Committee. ** So far this school year they have revised the following Policies:*

- *Duties of the District Treasurer and Purchasing Agent*
- *District Investments*
- *Purchasing*
- *Accounting of Fixed Assets*
- *Tuition Policy*
- *Property Tax Exemption for Senior Citizens*
- *Contingency Budget*
- *Audit Committees*
- *Tobacco Policy*

The next Policies they plan to address are:

- *Drug and Alcohol Policy*
- *Wellness Policy*

* The information in italics was included in the minutes by request of Trustee O'Connor at the February 7, 2006 Board of Education meeting.

- Technology Committee – Trustee Flournoy reported that the committee met last night and the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2006, at 3:45 p.m. in the District Conference Room.

Trustee Vanacore announced that, with the consent of Business Administrator Victoria McLaren, the Budget Presentations were deferred so that the Consent Agenda could be addressed next.

PERSONNEL

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: INSTRUCTIONAL SCHEDULE Q #01/06

Trustee Flournoy 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 following request(s) for LEAVE OF ABSENCE (Instructional) for the period indicated:

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
#1880	1/19/06 – *2/24/06	Medical – Paid; Family Medical Leave

*dates are approximate

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
5 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

APPOINTMENT(S): INSTRUCTIONAL SCHEDULE N #01/06

Trustee Flournoy 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 following INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

NAME	CERTIFICATION	TENURE AREA – SCHOOL	PROBA-TIONARY PERIOD	TENURE DATE	SALARY STEP	REMARKS
Massee, Elizabeth	School Media Specialist (Library)	School Media Specialist – MS/HS	1/23/06 – 1/22/09	1/22/09	3M+6	Replace C. Wildermuth (retired)

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTES

NAME	POSITION/ SCHOOL	FROM – TO	STEP	REMARKS
VanDeBogart, Leigh	1.0 FTE Special Education - BN	1/30/06 – 6/30/06	12M+24	Replace H. Schauman (leave)

SHORT-TERM SUBSTITUTE

NAME	POSITION/ SCHOOL	FROM – TO	STEP	REMARKS
Downs, Kelly	Elementary Teacher – PH	1/23/06 – 2/24/06	5B+24	Replace S. McInerney (leave)

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

NAME	POSITION	SALARY
Beyl, Ruth	Certified Substitute Teacher	$95/day
Contini, Grace	Nurse Substitute (LPN)	$80/day
Shepard, Mary Ann	Nurse Substitute (RN)	$95/day
Wainwright, Kathleen	Nurse Substitute (RN)	$95/day

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Clinton, Lynn	Elementary Resource (AudioVisual) – BN	$1,696

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
5 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SCHEDULE QQ #01/06

Trustee Flournoy 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 following request(s) for LEAVE OF ABSENCE (Non-Instructional) for the period indicated:

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
#1948	1/20/06 - *4/21/06	Medical – Unpaid; Family Medical Leave

#2394	1/30/06 – *4/4/06	Medical – Paid; Family Medical Leave
#2394	4/5/06 – *4/30/06	Medical – Unpaid; Family Medical Leave
#2265	12/14/05 – ½/06	Revise date of Medical – Paid; Family Medical Leave

*dates are approximate

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
5 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

APPOINTMENT(S): NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SCHEDULE NN #01/06

Trustee Flournoy 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 following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

SUBSTITUTES

NAME	POSITION	RATE OF PAY
Devens, Kim	Non-Teaching Substitute	$9.00/hr
Golds, Tara	Non-Teaching Substitute	$9.00/hr
Klein, Vera	Non-Teaching Substitute	$9.00/hr
McDowell, Tia	Food Service Substitute	$9.00/hr

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
5 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

RESIGNATION(S): NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SCHEDULE OO #01/06

Trustee Flournoy 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 accept the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATIONS:

NAME	POSITION/ SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Davis, Nanette	Teaching Assistant – ASPIE	1/31/06	Personal
Guglielmetti, Jacqueline	Part-Time School Monitor (Bus)	1/1/06	Personal
Klein, Vera	Teaching Assistant – BN	2/1/06	Retirement

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
5 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

TERMINATION: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SCHEDULE VV #11/05

Trustee Flournoy 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 following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL TERMINATIONS:

NAME	POSITION/ BUILDING	EMPLOYMENT STATUS	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Schneider, Patricia	Teaching Assistant – MS	Probationary	2/1/06	Failed to meet certification requirements
VanEtten, Blanche	Teaching Assistant – MS	Probationary	2/1/06	Failed to meet certification requirements

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
5 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

APPOINTMENT(S): FINAL SED CLEARANCE

Notification that the applicant named below has filed their fingerprints with the New York State Education Department and has been cleared for employment:

NAME	POSITION
Sebald, Jamie	Coach
Weiser, Ginger	Certified Substitute Teacher
Worczak, Heather	Coach

TENURE APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL SCHEDULE P # 1/06

Trustee Flournoy moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED upon recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approve for TENURE STATUS the following named INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL, who have served a period of probationary status consistent with the Education Law of the State of New York, and provisions of the Commissioner's Regulations; and who have received continuing satisfactory evaluations of performance :

NAME	CERTIFICATION	TENURE AREA	PROBATIONARY DATE	TENURE DATE
Allison-Conway, Barbara	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Baker, Lisa	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	3/24/06
Baldwin, Deborah	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/10/06
Beesmer, Carol	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Briggs, Janet	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/10/06
Caprotti, Patricia	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Carboni, Carol	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/17/06
Carney, Sarah	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Cocozza, Susan	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Compton, Jo	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Davidson, Julieanne	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Donadio, Margaret	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Fedorowicz, Bernadine	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Formont, Cheryl	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Free, Pamela	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06

Fuller, Joyce	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Genna, Linda	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Gray, Melissa	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/10/06
Haran-McGraw, Cathy	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Hoffman, Lois	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Holland Kern, Elizabeth	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Hopper, Ann Marie	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Hoy, Laurie	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Inge, Karen	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Kellogg, Charlene	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Kopf, Donna	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Kraus, Barbara	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Kwarteng, Chantel	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Lane, Tina	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
LeClerc, Lisa	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Leshkevich, Deborah	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Lundberg, Janet	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Michalicka, Rebecca	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Minkel, Susan	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/2/06
Morley, Christine	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Negron, Dorothy	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Nichols, J. Allyson	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Oakes, Janet	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
O'Connor, Heidi	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Parisio, Nancy	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Parker, Janet	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Persons, Jacqueline	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	3/9/06
Phillips, Carole	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Prutzman, Mary	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Quick, Tracy	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/7/06
Raszcewski, Kimberly	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Rebock, Melissa	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/7/06
Reynolds, Melanie	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Roosa, Esther	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Rushkoski, Sharon	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Salters, Patricia	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Samodulski, Maryellen	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Scheible, Elizabeth	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Shultis, Mary	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Shultis, Sandra	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/9/06
Smith, Jennifer	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Stevens, Patricia	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Stropoli, Joanne	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Suozzo, Ardelle	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
TenEyck, Andrea	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Thomas, Linda	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/6/06
VanEtten, Deborah	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
VanKleeck, Earla	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Warren, Isabella	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
White, Elaine	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Williams, Katherine	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06
Wilson, Tammy	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/7/06
Wright, Barbara	Continuing	Teaching Asst.	2/1/04	2/1/06

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
5 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

INSTRUCTION

MOTION TO APPROVE THE CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS SCHEDULE U #01/06 A-011706 AND A-013106

Trustee Flournoy 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 following Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations, Schedule U, #01/06 A-011706 and A-013106, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee O'Connor.
Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
5 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOTION TO AWARD BID FOR PURCHASE OF ELECTRICITY TO CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY, INC.

Trustee Flournoy 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 award the bid to purchase electricity from **Constellation NewEnergy, Inc.** (Cooperative Bid through Ulster County BOCES), and that the School Business Administrator is hereby authorized to sign such agreement effective January 26, 2006.
Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
5 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT BETWEEN WARREN AND PANZER ENGINEERS, P.C. FOR THE ENGINEERING DESIGN AND TECHNICAL SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF THE UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK AT THE WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Trustee Flournoy 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 contract between **Warren and Panzer Engineers, P.C**. and the Onteora Central School District in the amount of $16,000 with a maximum reimbursable expenses amount of $3,500 for the engineering design and technical services in connection with the removal and replacement of the underground storage tank at the Woodstock Elementary School, and that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to sign such agreement.
Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
5 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE BUSINESS REPORTS

Trustee Flournoy 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 following BUSINESS REPORTS:

- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT – October 2005
- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT – November 2005
- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT – December 2005
- WARRANTS – Schedule J - # 11/05
  # 12/05
  # 01/06

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
5 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

DONATIONS

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF AN ELECTRIC STOVE FOR THE PHOENICIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Trustee Flournoy 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 accept of the donation by Earl B. Feiden, Inc. to the Phoenicia Elementary School of a used Whirlpool, self-cleaning electric stove valued at $350.00.
Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
5 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF A COLOR TV FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Trustee Flournoy 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 accept the donation by the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) of a 20" Color TV valued at approximately $100 that was purchased with the money collected from the box tops. The TV is to be placed in Room 143 at the Middle School.
Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
5 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

Trustee Vanacore called for a ten minute break at approximately 7:43 p.m. to celebrate with the Teaching Assistants who received Tenure tonight. Refreshments were served.

- BUDGET PRESENTATIONS – Victoria McLaren
  - Technology
    - Department Initiatives
    - Proposed Equipment Purchase 2006-2007
    - Hardware Refresh Funding
    - Line Item Expenditures
    - Additional Long Range Technology Initiatives for Consideration in Capital Project or 2006-2007 Budget
  - Athletics/Extra-Curricular
    - Athletic "Stats"
    - Equipment Request

- Restructuring of Football Program Proposal
  - Cost Impact of Football Proposal
- Line Item Detail
- Athletic Trainer Proposal
- Line Item Detail with Athletic Trainer Services

POLICY
SECOND READING AND ADOPTION – Policy #5640 – Revised Tobacco-Free, Smoke-Free Environment Policy

Trustee Bernholz 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 Second Reading and Adoption of Policy #5640 Revised, Tobacco-Free, Smoke-Free Environment Policy.
Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.
5 Yes 0 NO
CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee O'Connor reported that she has recently spoken with Paul Smart of the Olive Press and the Phoenicia Times about the possibility of the Board having a column to report to the public what the Board has been working on.
Trustee Vanacore responded that she thought it could work very well to let people know what is going on.
Trustee Bernholz suggested that it could be a function of the Communication Committee.
It was agreed that this would be put on a future agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business at this time.

BOARD MEMBERS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Trustee D'Orazio requested more information about Winnie Paetow's concerns. It was agreed to put this on the agenda for the February 14, 2006, meeting.

Trustee O'Connor requested that a copy of the School Policy Encyclopedia be purchased for the Policy Committee.

Trustee Bernholz requested historical data for a three-year period of the injuries relating to sports.

Trustee Flournoy requested comparison injury data for other schools, possibly from the State Education Department.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made at this time.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Trustee D'Orazio moved to adjourn at approximately 9:02 p.m.
Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
5 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

Recorded by:
Jeanne Shultis
District Clerk

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