

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, March 28, 2006
Middle-High School
7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Trustee Patterson called **REGULAR MEETING** to order at approximately 7:03 p.m.

TOBACCO POLICY STATEMENT

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT Trustees Patterson, Flounoy, Rosenfeld, Bernholz, O'Connor

NOT PRESENT Trustees Vanacore and D'Orazio

ALSO PRESENT Superintendent, Justine Winters; Assistant Superintendent, Deborah Fox; School Business Administrator, Victoria McLaren; Student Board Representative, Louis Jargow; District Clerk, Jeanne Shultis; and approximately 100 visitors.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES Trustee Flounoy moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District hereby approve the minutes of the following meetings as submitted:

- Special Meeting of the Board of Education held on March 10, 2006
- Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on March 14, 2006
- Special Meeting of the Board of Education held on March 21, 2006

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
5 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

WELCOME TO HIGH SCHOOL High School Principal Barbara Ruben welcomed everyone to the High School and reported that:

- 15 German exchange students arrived this morning with their chaperone. They will be here through the spring break.
- Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. the INDIE students will be hosting a dinner and a screening of their film works.
- Thursday the Guidance Department will host a College Admissions Workshop in the Music Room. Everyone, especially all students who are Juniors and their parents are invited to this worthwhile event.
- The final push is on for the Belleayre Bash Fundraiser.

DISTRICT NEWS Superintendent Winters announced that:

- At the High School a letter was received from the Ulster County Music Educators Association commending the District for supporting Ulster County Music Students throughout the year and a special thanks to Krista Cayea for chairing the All County High School Vocal Jazz Choir at the recent countywide music festival.

- A High School Music Department Fund Raiser is being proposed with a concert by Levon Helm and his Band which will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2006, in order to raise funds for the Onteora Music Department. This is a very generous offer on the part of Levon and his Band to support the Music Program.
- Woodstock Elementary School students participated in an opening at the Woodstock Artists' Association on March 11th. They were part of a larger opening with other artists' work displayed.
- Phoenicia Elementary School 's Library Media Specialist, Steve Patschke, initiated participation in a program called the National Letters About Literature Program. Last year 5th grade student Peter Vesely won an honorable mention. This year Dillon Binder, a 5th grade student, received honorable mention for his letter to author Judy Blume which was chosen out of over 600 submissions for this honor. We commend and congratulate the students and thank Mr. Patschke for his continued support of this program.
- Francine Chaikin, a reading teacher at Phoenicia, has been selected by the State Education Department to participate in the New York State Testing Passage Review Workshop being held this week in Saratoga Springs. She had very important responsibilities to select test passages from the 2006 ELA Field Test to be used for future testings. We commend and thank her for her participation in this important role.

REPORT FROM 2005-2006 STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Student Representative Louis Jargow reported that:

- The Forum is scheduled for Friday, March 31, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. for all grade 10-12 on the Future of Ulster County
- His recommendation for next year's student representative to the Board of Education is to nominate Frances Barlow
- Students are complaining about the proposed cuts of teachers

STUDENT COMMENT

Latoscia Butler, spoke against the proposed special education budget cuts

PUBLIC COMMENT

- The following people spoke against the proposed Special Education budget cuts:
 - Sharon Crego
 - Elizabeth Carr
 - Justin Finnegan
 - Kathy Gordan
 - Tom Martin
 - Melanie Kaftan read a letter from her brother, Chris Kaftan
 - Nancy Gill
 - Rich Williams sent a letter and a video tape (Jason Calinda introduced the video tape which was played in Mr. Williams' absence
 - Arthur Kahn
 - Corey Cavallaro
- Barbara O'Brien spoke about the Music Program Fundraiser with Levon Helm which is scheduled for May 6 at 8:00 p.m. in the High School
- Jane VandeBogart spoke against having the Military in the High School

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**REPORTS/
PRESENTATIONS**

Architectural Update - Master Plan – KSQ Architects – Armand Quadrini presented a summary of the Elementary Principals Roundtable Education Workshop held on March 7, 2006.

- Audit Committee Report – Trustee Bernholz reported that the next meeting has been scheduled for April 25, 2006, at 8:45 a.m.
- Communications Committee – Trustee Patterson has resigned from the Committee. Trustee O'Connor is taking his place and she reported that the Committee needs direction from the Board as to what they need to work on. Suggestions for the Committee to research are the District wide Calendar, a District brochure, a new logo, and research into the meaning of the old logo. Trustee O'Connor will provide a resolution for the next Board meeting agenda.
- Facilities Committee – Trustees Patterson and Bernholz will join Trustee Flournoy in this Committee. Trustee Patterson reported that they have discussed four items:
 - Woodstock School's Underground Storage Tank Replacement
 - Woodstock School's Storm Drain Project
 - Stage Rigging at the High School
 - Master Plan Update

The next meeting has been scheduled for May 9, 2006, at 4:00 p.m.

- Future of the District Commission – Trustee Rosenfeld reported that the Commission met tonight just prior to the Board meeting and unanimously passed the following resolution: In light of the various alternatives the school board is considering, this Commission wishes to suspend its work until the Board reaches a resolution on a particular plan and further charges the Commission.
- Policy Committee – Trustee O'Connor reported that they need to reschedule the last meeting, which was postponed.
- Technology Committee – Trustee Flournoy reported that this week's meeting was canceled and needs to be rescheduled.

**BUDGET
PRESENTATION**

Superintendent's 2006-2007 Budget Recommendations

Superintendent Justine Winters and School Business Administrator Victoria McLaren

- Employee Benefits
- General Support
- Themes of Superintendent's Recommended Budget
- Superintendent's Recommended Budget
- Summary of 2006-2007 Budget Highlights
- Implications of Contingent Budget

Trustee Patterson called for a five-minute break at approximately 8:40 p.m.

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PERSONNEL

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:
INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
#2770	*5/11/06 – 6/23/06 *Dates are approximate	Medical – Paid; Family Medical Leave

Trustee Flournoy seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**RESIGNATIONS:
INSTRUCTIONAL**

Trustee Rosenfeld moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATIONS:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Croswell (Sanchez), Mary	Foreign Language (French) – HS	6/30/06	Personal

Trustee Flournoy seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**APPOINTMENTS:
INSTRUCTIONAL**

Trustee Rosenfeld moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENT:

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Cohen-Yannatos, Wendy	Sixth Teaching Assignment (Math A1)	\$3,221.50

Trustee Flournoy seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:
NON-
INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
#2394	1/30/06 – 3/22/06	Amend dates; Medical – Paid; Family Medical Leave

Trustee Flournoy seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

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RESIGNATIONS:
NON-
INSTRUCTIONAL

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

NAME	POSITION/ SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Fedorowicz, Bernadine	Teaching Assistant – HS	6/30/06	Retirement
Byrnes, John	Bldg Maintenance Mechanic	3/29/06	To accept Custodial Worker Position

Trustee Flournoy seconded the Motion.
5 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

APPOINTMENTS:
NON-
INSTRUCTIONAL

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

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

NAME	POSITION/ SCHOOL	FROM - TO	STEP	REMARKS
Byrnes, John	Custodial Worker	3/29/06 – 9/29/06	8	To replace B. Davis (recalled to Custodian)

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

NAME	POSITION	SALARY
McCallum, Patricia	Non-Teaching Substitute	\$9/hour

Trustee Flournoy seconded the Motion.
5 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

INSTRUCTION

**MOTION TO
APPROVE THE
CSE/CPSE
RECOMMENDATIONS
SCHEDULE U**

Trustee Rosenfeld moved to approve the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations, Schedule U, #03/06 A-032806, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Rosenfeld.

Trustee Flournoy seconded the Motion.
5 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**BUSINESS AND
FINANCE**

**SALE OF SURPLUS
EQUIPMENT**

Trustee Rosenfeld 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 declare the Westone Laboratories Conversor (hearing aid companion) as surplus equipment and authorize the sale of this surplus equipment to the Kingston City School District for the amount of \$654.50.

Trustee Flournoy seconded the Motion.
5 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

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**CORRECTION OF
STORM DRAINAGE
SYSTEM AT
WOODSTOCK**

Trustee Rosenfeld 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 agreement between Onteora Central School District and SJM Associates, Consulting Engineers for Professional Engineering services for correction of the storm drainage system at the Woodstock Elementary School for the amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 plus reimbursable expenses and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement pending legal review and approval.

Trustee Flournoy seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**PROPOSITION FOR
PURCHASE OF
VEHICLES**

Trustee Rosenfeld 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 submit the following proposition to be included on the ballot for the purchase of vehicles during the 2006/07 school year at the Annual Meeting and Election, to be held on May 16, 2006:

PURCHASE OF VEHICLES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Onteora Central School District Board of Education be and is hereby authorized to purchase: one (1) 2006 30 passenger wheelchair school bus not to exceed \$75,000; and one (1) 2006 International 66 passenger school bus not to exceed \$81,000; 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 \$156,000; 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 Flournoy seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**ESTABLISHMENT OF
A CAPITAL RESERVE
FUND**

Trustee Flournoy moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District (hereinafter "Board of Education" or "District") desires to establish a capital reserve fund, pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law, for the specific purpose of appropriating sufficient funds necessary for capital improvement projects the Board determines to be necessary for its District-wide facilities and to rehabilitate and reconstruct any of its facilities that are identified in the building condition survey conducted pursuant to Part 155.4 of the Commissioner's Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education submit the following proposition to be included on the ballot at the Annual Meeting and Election, to be held on May 16, 2006:

Shall the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund, pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law, for the following objects and purposes: construction of additions and alterations to, and reconstruction and renovation of, District wide facilities, and/or rehabilitation and reconstruction of any of the District's facilities that are identified in the District's building condition survey, in the

ultimate amount not to exceed \$3,000,000; and that the sum of \$3,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised from the unexpended and unencumbered funds levied upon and collected from the taxable parcels of property situate, lying and being in the District over a probable term not to exceed five years?

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the District Clerk be authorized to publish notice of said proposition in the manner required by Section 2004 of the Education Law.

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.

Discussion.

5 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

BUSINESS REPORTS

Trustee Rosenfeld 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 REPORT for February 2006 and the Warrants Schedule J #02/06.

Trustee Flournoy seconded the Motion.

Discussion. Correction should be made as follows: Warrant 16 should read that it covers checks numbered 45828 through 45948 and should also include check number 43786.

5 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was introduced at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed at this time.

**BOARD MEMBERS
REQUEST FOR
INFORMATION**

Trustee Flournoy requested that data on the proposed special education budget cuts presented by the OTA and others be verified by the Special Education Department and Administration.

Trustee Patterson requested a presentation on the special education budget cut information at the next Board meeting.

Trustee Rosenfeld requested a discussion on the issue of the military in the school and a possible resolution on the agenda for the next Board meeting.

Trustee Patterson requested more information on our guidelines and the District's responsibility under NCLB for the military in the school.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Nick Alba spoke about his concerns with the military recruiters in the schools.

**MOTION TO ENTER
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Rosenfeld moved to enter into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at approximately 9:20 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular person and the employment of a particular person or corporation.

Trustee Flournoy seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

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MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Trustee Flournoy moved to return to REGULAR SESSION at approximately 10:05 p.m.
Trustee Bernholz seconded the motion.
5 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

PRESENT

Trustees Patterson, Flournoy, Rosenfeld, Bernholz, O'Connor

NOT PRESENT

Trustees Vanacore and D'Orazio

ALSO PRESENT

Superintendent, Justine Winters; School Business Administrator, Victoria McLaren; and approximately 0 visitors.

NOT ALSO PRESENT

Assistant Superintendent, Deborah Fox; Student Board Representative, Louis Jargow; and District Clerk, Jeanne Shultis

MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSITION #3

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Education submit the following proposition to be included on the ballot at the Annual Meeting and Election, to be held on May 16, 2006:

Proposition #3 – Transportation Contracts 2007-2008 and 2008-2009

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to contract for all transportation of students (regular home to school, field trips and summer school) for an additional two years at an estimated annual cost of \$1,916,928.00 for the 2007 - 2008 school year and \$2,012,815.80 for the 2008 - 2009 school year?

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
5 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Trustee Bernholz moved to adjourn at approximately 10:10 p.m.
Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.
5 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

Recorded by:
Justine C. Winters
Clerk Pro Tem

Recorded by:
Jeanne Shultis
District Clerk
