ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

M I N U T E S

REGULAR MEETING
Tuesday, April 18, 2006
Middle-High School
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER Trustee Patterson called the **REGULAR MEETING** to order at approximately 6:03 p.m.

The **TOBACCO POLICY STATEMENT** was waived

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT	Trustees Patterson, Vanacore, Flournoy, Rosenfeld, O'Connor
NOT PRESENT	Trustee D'Orazio, Bernholz
ALSO PRESENT	Assistant Superintendent, Deborah Fox; School Business Administrator, Victoria McLaren; District Clerk, Jeanne Shultis, and approximately 1 visitor
NOT ALSO PRESENT	Superintendent, Justine Winters; Student Representative, Louis Jargow
MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION	Trustee Vanacore moved to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION at approximately 6:04 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations and the appointment of a particular person. Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion. 5 Yes 0 No ***CARRIED***

Trustee Bernholz arrived at approximately 6:05 p.m.

MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION	Trustee Patterson moved to return to REGULAR SESSION at approximately 6:48 p.m. Trustee Flournoy seconded the Motion. 6 Yes 0 No ***CARRIED***

Trustee D'Orazio arrived at 7:02 p.m.

Regular session called to order at approximately 7:03 p.m.

TOBACCO POLICY STATEMENT

PRESENT	Trustees Patterson, Vanacore, Flournoy, Rosenfeld, D'Orazio, Bernholz, O'Connor
ALSO PRESENT	Jeffrey Hanna; Assistant Superintendent, Deborah Fox; School Business Administrator, Victoria McLaren; Student Representative, Louis Jargow; District Clerk, Jeanne Shultis, and approximately 72 visitors.

NOT ALSO PRESENT Superintendent, Justine Winters

APPROVAL OF 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 April 4, 2006, and
  - Special Meeting of the Board of Education held on April 5, 2006,

  are hereby approved as submitted.

Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

Trustee Patterson announced that Jeff Hanna will be our Acting Superintendent of Schools in the absence of Superintendent Winters who is at home due to her health.

WELCOME TO HIGH SCHOOL

High School Principal Barbara Ruben welcomed everyone to the High School and reported that:

- The High School is approaching the busiest time of the year with many activities coming up such as Academic Awards Assembly, Quiz Bowl on April 28, Coffee House on May 12.
- Eric Pezzello and Andy Occhi sponsored a 3 on 3 basketball tournament "Hoops for Hearts" and raised $2,200 for the Heart and Lung Association
- The Art Department has 5 students on their way to the NYS Summer School of the Arts program at SUNY Brockport – Megan Frano, Emmy O'Connor, Enrica Rosato, Amber Weber and Bayla Laks, as an Alternate.
- Science news – Kachina Gosselin was selected to represent the Mid-Hudson Chapter of the American Chemical Society in the United States National Chemistry Olympiad.
- Rosie Winn received a Presidential Scholarship for science research at Cornell
- Evelyn Jaworski received a $1000 AFS Award for excellence in scholarship
- Graduation is scheduled for Friday night, June 23, at 6:30 p.m.

She introduced Donna Marrin, liaison for the science department and Geoffrey Bare, the assistant coach, who presented certificates to the following students who qualified for the Regional Science Olympiad at West Point: Talia Dibbel, Ethan Goldbeck, Kachina Gosselin, Chris Marsten, Rosie Winn, and Carly Wolfrom.

Trustee Patterson thanked Donna Marrin, who is retiring, for all her years of dedication.

DISTRICT NEWS

Assistant Superintendent Deborah Fox reported that:

- The Phoenicia Elementary School and the Catskill Center formed a partnership to bring "The Living Network", a wall mural depicting the science behind the stream ecology to the Phoenicia School building.

The New York State DEP and the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development have long supported the Stream Watch Project at Phoenicia and this will be a pilot project to incorporate the arts as a next step in their phase. If it is successful, we hope to carry it on to the other elementary schools and they will donate up to $2,000 for the cost of hiring the local artist, Carol Field, and the completion date is scheduled for June 2006.

- The Onteora Central School District and the PTA Council are sponsoring a Family Health and Fitness Expo on Saturday, April 29, 2006, from 11:00 - 2:00 p.m. here at the Middle-High School.
- The next spring District newsletter will be out soon and will focus on the arts, "Learning how to learn through art". The budget newsletter will be out in a few weeks.

REPORT FROM 2005-2006 STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Student Representative Louis Jargow had no news to report at this time.

STUDENT COMMENT

Jillian Kahn spoke against the proposed special education budget cuts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following people spoke in opposition to the proposed special education budget cuts:

- Hayden Hartmann
- Celeste Kitsos
- Debbie Franke-Ogg
- John Miller
- Dimitri Hernandez
- Victoria Stanley
- George Becker III
- Donna Flayhan

Linda Leeds spoke about limiting recruiters in our schools.

REPORTS/ PRESENTATIONS

No Committee updates were made at this time.

Trustee Patterson called for a 15-minute break at approximately 7:58 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

- Teacher of the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Position

Trustee Rosenfeld moved that the Teacher of the Deaf position be retained.
Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.
Discussion.
Roll Call Vote:
3 Yes – Trustees Flournoy, Rosenfeld and D'Orazio
4 No – Trustees Patterson, Vanacore, Bernholz and O'Connor
DEFEATED

2006-2007 BUDGET ADOPTION

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the following:

Proposition # 1 – 2006-2007 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 $44,644,222.00 (which includes $20,000 to support public library) for the year commencing July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007, 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:
6 Yes – Trustees Patterson, Vanacore, Flournoy, D'Orazio, Bernholz and D'Orazio
1 No – Trustee Rosenfeld
CARRIED

PERSONNEL

APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL

Trustee Vanacore moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL appointment:
C. PER DIEM

- **Jeffrey Hanna** Acting Superintendent of Schools, in the absence of Justine Winters, at the rate of $584 per diem, effective immediately, as needed, not to exceed 30 days.

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

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 hereby approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

NAME	CERTIFICATION	SALARY
Deitz, Tracy	Certified Substitute Teacher	$95/day

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

LEAVES OF ABSENCE: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

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 hereby approve the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVES OF ABSENCE:

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
#2740	4/1/06 – 4/16/06	Extend Medical – Paid; Family Medical Leave
#2321	4/11/06 – 5/2/06	Medical – Paid; Family Medical Leave
#2104	3/20/06 – 4/30/06	Medical – Paid; Family Medical Leave

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

RESIGNATION: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

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 hereby approve the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATION:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Stancage, Maureen	Transportation Supervisor	May 12, 2006	Personal

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
Discussion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

AUTHORIZATIONS AND DESIGNATIONS

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 hereby approve the following AUTHORIZATIONS AND DESIGNATIONS for the 2005-2006 school year:
BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED upon recommendation by the School Business Administrator that the Onteora Central School District board of Education approve the following appointments:

Authorizations:

A. Payroll Certificate:
Deborah L. Fox, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction -$0-

B. Alternate Budgetary Transfers:
Jeffrey Hanna, Acting Superintendent -$0-

Designations:

A. Additional Official Bank Depository: Hudson United Bank a division of TD Banknorth

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
Discussion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

TENURE APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL SCHEDULE P #04/06

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 hereby approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL TENURE APPOINTMENTS:
The following named INSTRUCTIONAL PERSONNEL, having 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 having received continuing satisfactory evaluations of performance are hereby recommended by the Superintendent of Schools for APPROVAL for TENURE STATUS.

NAME	CERTIFI-CATION	TENURE AREA	PROBATION-ARY DATE	TENURE DATE
Hamilton, Shelly	Provisional	Art	9/1/03	9/1/06
Occhi, Andrew	Provisional	P.E.	9/1/03	9/1/06
Ricken, Amanda	Provisional	School Counselor	7/1/03	7/1/06

Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.
6 Yes 0 No - Trustee Vanacore abstained.
CARRIED

INSTRUCTION

MOTION TO APPROVE CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS SCHEDULE U

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 hereby approve the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations, Schedule U, #04/06 A-041806, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee D'Orazio.
Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOTION TO APPROVE RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH PITNEY BOWES

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 rental term agreement between Onteora Central School District and Pitney Bowes for two Digital Mailing Systems for the amount not to exceed $5,880.00 and authorizes the School Business Administrator to sign such an agreement.
Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT FOR EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT IN THE SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approve a contract with Dr. Richard Lerer to provide services as an educational consultant in the search for a Superintendent at a cost not to exceed $18,000.00 (Eighteen thousand Dollars), plus expenses, and authorize the President of the Board of Education to sign such agreement.

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE COOPERATIVE BIDDING BLANKET RESOLUTION

Trustee Vanacore 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 2006-07 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 Record and the Poughkeepsie Journal in accordance with the provisions of Section 103 of the General Municipal Law.

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

DONATIONS

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 hereby accept the following donation 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.

- A donation from Brian Wunderlich of a SWR Workingman's 2004 Bass Amplifier, 200 watts, valued at approximately $300.00 and a Crate 1X15xt Bass Cabinet, valued at approximately $100.00 to the Woodstock Elementary School Music Program.

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Trustee D'Orazio suggested that the District develop a policy regarding limitations for the military in the school. Trustee Patterson referred this to the Policy Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

- Decision of Future of the District Commission to suspend its work until the Board reaches a resolution on a particular plan and further charges the Commission – Trustee Vanacore questioned this decision by the Commission. Chairman Joseph DeCaro was present to explain the history behind the Commission's decision.

Trustee Vanacore moved that this discussion be put on an agenda for a future meeting.
Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.
Discussion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

Trustee Bernholz requested an update on the status of the newspaper column by the Board. Trustee O'Connor reported that she had a meeting with Assistant Superintendent Fox, Paul Smart and Brian Hollander regarding this topic. No forward movement was decided on at that time.

BOARD MEMBERS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

No requests for information were made at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were made at this time.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Trustee Bernholz moved to adjourn at approximately 9:34 p.m.
Trustee Flournoy seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

Recorded by:
Victoria McLaren
Clerk Pro Tem

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Recorded by:
Jeanne Shultis
District Clerk

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