

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING
6:00 p.m.
Monday, July 26, 2004
Onteora Middle-Senior High School

CALL TO ORDER

President Marino D'Orazio called SPECIAL MEETING to order at approximately 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT

Trustees Marino D'Orazio, Neil Eisenberg, Lev Flournoy, Kathleen Hochman, David Patterson,
Thomas Rosato, Herb Rosenfeld

ALSO PRESENT

Superintendent of Schools and Clerk Pro Tem, Justine C. Winters; Business Administrator, Charles
Snyder; School Attorney, John Donoghue, and approximately 0 visitors.

NOT ALSO PRESENT

District Clerk, Wendy A. Stefano

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Waived

MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Eisenberg moved to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION at approximately 6:05 p.m. to discuss
litigation and the employment history of particular individuals.

Trustee Rosato seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Trustee Rosato moved to return to REGULAR SESSION at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Flournoy seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

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CALL TO ORDER

President D'Orazio called SPECIAL MEETING to order at approximately 7:04 p.m.

MOTION TO APPOINT JEANNE SHULTIS CLERK PRO TEM

Trustee D'Orazio moved to appoint Jeanne Shultis Clerk Pro Tem.

Trustee Eisenberg seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

PRESENT

Trustees Marino D'Orazio, Neil Eisenberg, Lev Flournoy, Kathleen Hochman, David Patterson, Thomas Rosato, Herb Rosenfeld

ALSO PRESENT

Superintendent of Schools, Justine C. Winters; Business Administrator, Charles Snyder; Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Barbara A. Boyce; Interim Student Representative, Jessie Cosme; Clerk Pro Tem, Jeanne Shultis, approximately 60 visitors.

NOT ALSO PRESENT

District Clerk, Wendy A. Stefano

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

Trustee D'Orazio moved to approve Minutes of the following:

- Special Meeting held July 8, 2004.
- Reorganizational/Regular Meeting – July 12, 2004

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

Discussion followed. Superintendent Winters noted that there is a correction needed for the July 12, 2004 Meeting Minutes.

Trustee D'Orazio amended the motion to only approve the Minutes for the July 8, 2004 Special Meeting.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

DISTRICT NEWS

- No District news was presented at this time.

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REPORT FROM 2003-2004
STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Trustee D'Orazio introduced Interim Student Representative, Jessie Cosme. No Student Board Representative report was made at this time.

STUDENT COMMENT

No Student Comment was made at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Lisa Childers** – Spoke about the anti-bullying program at Woodstock and how budget cuts might affect Special Education.
- **Jim Sofranko** – West Shokan resident – expressed his concern about (1) revisiting a decision made before the budget vote and (2) a major hazard at the High School created by a recent rainstorm

REPORTS

FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no Facilities Committee Report at this time. Trustee Rosato noted that they did receive some information from the architect about the parking situation at Woodstock, but the Committee did not have a chance to review it.

BUDGET

Contingent Budget

- Business Administrator Charles Snyder reported that there has been no closure on this yet. The remaining cuts required to bring it down to the contingent level have been made by the Administrators and the Superintendent. The possibility of a grant to fund the purchase of the computerized system for the lunch program will be investigated.
- Director of Food Services, Gary Ecklund, presented the results of a State analysis of the menu and outlined the progressive changes being made to the menu, as well as changing from a salad bar to pre-made salad plates.
- Trustee Eisenberg invited Gary Ecklund to go with them to see Kevin Cahill.
- Trustee Flournoy expressed concern about the condition of the track. Mr. Snyder reported that the resurfacing is scheduled to be done in August.

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DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**RESCIND DECISION TO CLOSE THE WEST HURLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL***Discussion.*

ROLL CALL VOTE:

3 Ayes: Trustees D'Orazio, Patterson, Rosenfeld

4 Nays: Trustees Rosato, Eisenberg, Flournoy, Hochman

Board reaffirmed previous decision to close West Hurley Elementary School.

MOTION TO APPROVE 2004-2005 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE

Trustee Eisenberg moved to approve the 2004-2005 Board of Education Meeting Schedule.

Trustee Rosato seconded the Motion.

Discussion: Meeting scheduled for November 2, 2004, on Election Day. Additional meeting should be scheduled for August 3, 2004, at the High School. The Meeting Schedule is approved with two exceptions: August 17 and November 2. Also, the location for the August 17, 2004 meeting is to be changed from Woodstock to the High School Auditorium.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED**PERSONNEL****RESOLUTION TO APPOINT DEBORAH L. FOX, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

Trustee D'Orazio moved to approve the following Resolution

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Deborah L. Fox, certified as a School District Administrator, is hereby appointed to a 3-year probationary appointment starting on 08/26/2004 and ending on 08/27/2007 in the tenure area of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. The annual salary for the 2004-2005 school year will be \$87,000.00 pro-rated effective 08/26/2004.

Trustee Hochman seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED**MOTION TO APPROVE LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS**Trustee Patterson moved to approve the following requests for **LEAVE OF ABSENCE (Non-Instructional)**, Schedule QQ. #07/04:

- **Christine Matteson** Teaching Assistant – HS 5/6/04-6/30/04 Med-Pd; FML
- **John Whipple** School Monitor – HS 5/24/04-6/9/04 Med-Pd; FML
- **John Whipple** School Monitor – HS 6/10/04-6/30/04 Med-Unpd;FML

Trustee Hochman seconded the Motion.

Discussion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

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**MOTION TO APPROVE THE REINSTATEMENT
OF PREVIOUSLY ABOLISHED INSTRUCTIONAL POSITIONS**

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District passes a resolution at its meeting held on April 19, 2004, abolishing positions within the OTA bargaining unit and excessing individuals,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District, that the positions set forth below previously abolished shall not be abolished, and consequently, the following positions scheduled to be excessed on June 30, 2004, shall not be excessed.

Instructional

Music	2
Reading	1

Trustee Hochman seconded the Motion.

Discussion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE
REINSTATEMENT OF PREVIOUSLY
ABOLISHED INSTRUCTIONAL POSITIONS**

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District that positions set forth below previously abolished shall not be abolished, and consequently, the following individuals who were scheduled to be excessed on June 30th, 2004, shall not be excessed.

NAME	FTE/TENURE AREA
Church, Erica	1.0/Music
Jachimiak, Marianne	1.0/Music
Longway, Angela	1.0/Reading

Trustee Hochman seconded the Motion.

Discussion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

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BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT
WITH REIS GROUP/COMMERCIAL
RAVELERS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the contract between the Onteora Central School District and **Reis Group/Commercial Travelers Mutual Insurance Company** for Blanket Student Accident Renewal policy for the period from July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005 in an amount not to exceed \$12,369.30 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

Trustee Hochman seconded the Motion.

Discussion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE THE
MAINTENANCE OF UNIVERSAL
PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM
AT FIRST STEPS DAY CARE

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the maintenance of the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program at **First Steps Day Care**, Overlook United Methodist Church, Woodstock, New York for the 2004-2005 school year. Program to accommodate 20 students with a rollover of three slots to be held in abeyance for the 2005-2006 school year as per grant award. The Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement pending state grant approval.

Trustee Hochman seconded the Motion.

Discussion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE
THE CONTRACT WITH
KINGSTON FIRE EQUIPMENT, INC.

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the contract between the Onteora Central School District and **Kingston Fire Equipment, Inc.** for the inspection and servicing of the fire extinguishers for the 2004/2005 school year in an amount not to exceed \$3,000.00 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

Trustee Hochman seconded the Motion.

Discussion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

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**MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT
WITH ARCHITECT FIRM OF DODGE
CHAMBERLIN, SUZINE, WEBER ASSOCIATED**

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the contract between the Onteora Central School District and **Dodge Chamberlin, Luzine, and Weber Associated** for architectural services related to the Woodstock Elementary School in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for the 2004-2005 school year and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

Trustee Hochman seconded the Motion.

Discussion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE
PURCHASE OF TWO (2) STORAGE
SHEDS DECLARED AS AN ORDINARY
CONTINGENT EXPENSE (A HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUE)**

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education is hereby declaring as an ordinary contingent expense the **purchase of two (2) storage sheds**, at a price not to exceed \$7,720.00 for the purpose of storing equipment, the presence of which presents a hazard to the health and safety of the staff and students at the Woodstock Elementary School. The expenditures will be funded from the 2004-2005 unreserved/unrestricted fund balance.

Trustee Hochman seconded the Motion.

Discussion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**MOTION TO APPROVE SALE
OF A SURPLUS 10,000-GALLON
WATER TANK LOCATED AT THE
WEST HURLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education approve the **sale of the surplus 10,000 gallon water tank** located at the West Hurley Elementary School campus for \$1.00 to the West Hurley Fire Department. The buyer assumes all responsibilities and costs for removal, transportation and installation of the 10,000-gallon water tank.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the buyer agrees to provide a certificate of insurance naming the Onteora Central School District as an additional insured and have obtained all permits necessary from governmental agencies prior to the sale being finalized.

Trustee Hochman seconded the Motion.

Discussion.

7 Yes 0 No

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INSTRUCTION

MOTION TO APPROVE CSE/CPSE,
SCHEDULE U, #07/04

Trustee D'Orazio moved to approve Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations, Schedule U, #07/04, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Marino D'Orazio.

Trustee Hochman seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

- Charles Snyder responded to Trustee D'Orazio's question that the absolute last date for the Board to adopt as resolution for the Large Parcel Legislation is August 22, 2004.
- The Town of Olive has invited Superintendent Winters and Trustee D'Orazio to listen to them on July 29, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

- Trustee Hochman asked what the Board could do to support the Head Start Program so that it will not be closed.
- Trustee Rosenfeld requested more information about a program that Bard offers that would be a much more comprehensive program than a Bridge program for Juniors and Seniors. Superintendent Winters will follow up with Bard about this when she meets with them about student teachers.
- Trustee D'Orazio requested that volunteers be solicited right away for the Commission. Experts are needed: from local colleges, architects, doctors, educators, teachers, parents.

FURTHER DISCUSSION ON CONTINGENT BUDGET

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Mark Goldfarb**, from Woodstock, took exception to the comments made by Trustee D'Orazio about the voters.
- **Jodie Ackerman** expressed concern about Onteora not being in compliance with the physical education requirements set by the State Education Department
- **Margaret Pickard** asked if past courses will be in place this year – Science Olympiads, SACS, SAD, etc.
- **Douglas Eighmey**, a West Hurley resident, spoke about the budget and a way to save a million dollars every year that no one has mentioned. Trustee D'Orazio requested that his recommendation be sent to Superintendent Winters for her review.
- **Lucille Beesmer**, has nine grandchildren in the District and welcomed Mrs. Winters and Ms. Fox. She spoke against closing West Hurley School.
- **Lori Kleine** spoke against closing West Hurley School and quoted excerpts from a letter to the Board from S.E.E.
- **Matt Beesmer** spoke against closing West Hurley School.

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MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Flournoy moved to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION at approximately 8:55 p.m. to discuss the employment history of particular employees.

Trustee Hochman seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Trustee Hochman moved to return to REGULAR SESSION at approximately 9:24 p.m.

Trustee Flournoy seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

CALL TO ORDER

President Marino D'Orazio called SPECIAL MEETING to order at approximately 9:25 p.m.

PRESENT

Trustees Marino D'Orazio, Neil Eisenberg, Lev Flournoy, Kathleen Hochman, David Patterson, Thomas Rosato, Herb Rosenfeld

ALSO PRESENT

Superintendent of Schools, Justine C. Winters; Business Administrator, Charles Snyder; Clerk Pro Tem, Jeanne Shultis, approximately 10 visitors.

NOT ALSO PRESENT

District Clerk, Wendy A. Stefano

MOTION TO APPROVE THE
CONTINGENT BUDGET AS
PRESENTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION

Trustee Rosato moved to approve the contingent budget as presented by the Administration.

Trustee Flournoy seconded the motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

Trustee Patterson suggested that a list be made of each of the items being cut.

Trustee D'Orazio requested that the list be posted on the web site.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Rosato moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:28 p.m.

Trustee Eisenberg seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

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Recorded by: _____
Justine Winters
Clerk Pro Tem

Recorded by: _____
Jeanne Shultis
Clerk Pro Tem