

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

7:00 P.M.

Tuesday, January 25, 2005
Phoenicia Elementary School

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee D'Orazio called the REGULAR MEETING to order at approximately 7:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT

Trustees Marino D'Orazio, Kathy Hochman, Neil Eisenberg, Lev Flournoy, David Patterson

NOT PRESENT

Trustee Herb Rosenfeld

ALSO PRESENT

Superintendent of Schools, Justine Winters; Assistant Superintendent, Deborah Fox; School Business Administrator, Victoria Garone; Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Barbara Boyce; Alternate Student Representative, Dean McGee; District Clerk, Jeanne Shultis, and approximately 25 visitors.

WELCOME TO PHOENICIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Phoenicia Elementary School Principal Linda Sella described their progress with the Local Assistance Plan. They have a very enthusiastic English-Language Arts initiative. On Monday, January 24, 2005, they had a kick-off assembly for the school-wide reading incentive program which is an integration of curriculum and technology and in partnership with teachers, students, and parents.
- The very creative promotional digital video incorporating blue screen technology was edited and presented to the Board of Education.

DISTRICT NEWS

Superintendent Winters reported that:

- The ongoing Concert season – tomorrow night (Wednesday, January 26, 2005) the Woodstock Elementary School Concert will be held at the High School, depending on the weather.
- Work continues on the Large Parcel Legislation issue with David Little, Government Relations Representative from New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA), who suggested we have a follow-up meeting with Senator Bonacic.
- This is Regents Week with exams at the High School.
- Appreciation be extended to Betty Hughes for the fine work and long hours spent on decisions for school cancellations and delays. The support of all of our Town road crews and Highway Supervisors is very much appreciated.
- She just returned from the New York Superintendents Conference in Albany. Senator Saland and Assemblyman Sanders anticipate that this will be another late budget year in Albany. That will leave school districts in a dilemma as to their funding from the State. She attended a number of informative sessions.

Trustee Eisenberg reported that he enjoyed the MTV show made by Dov Rubenstein. Onteora as a whole was portrayed in a really good way and the students did a great job. Congratulations, Dov!

Trustee Hochman attended a program presented by Holly Brooker which was a Gold Award Winner for New York State and the presentation was excellent, enlightening and comprehensive. Notes will be provided for all Board Members. The presenter is the same person who is developing our District Newsletter.

REPORT FROM 2004-2005 STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Alternate Student Representative Dean McGee reported that the parking lot is full by the time students arrive if they have an off campus program first thing in the morning. High School Principal Barbara Ruben has agreed to have parking tickets with detention for students parking illegally.

He requested information from the elementary school students so that they could contribute to the report made to the Board.

STUDENT COMMENT

No student comment was made at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Pia Davis spoke about her concern over the type of snacks being served in the schools. She provided Board members with a packet of information.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

- Future of the District Commission Update – Marino D’Orazio
 - The Commission has been meeting very regularly to look into the best use of District facilities for both the short-term and the long-term and, more specifically, how many elementary schools are needed, both short-term and long-term. Also being looked at is the possibility of redistricting, and other facilities issues that may be faced in the future, such as Middle School issues. Representatives from the Commission will make a presentation of the Commission’s recommendations to the Board at the February 15, 2005, meeting. Members of the Commission should be commended for their participation.
- Communications Committee Update – David Patterson
 - The last meeting was held on January 4, 2005, and the minutes will be going out, hopefully, tomorrow. The biggest thing we spoke about is the newsletter. The overall theme will be “Welcome to Onteora”. If you have something you would like to have included, please send it to Justine or Jeanne. We do have limited space. After this first newsletter, we will be looking at another one in the spring, possibly around the budget vote and new Board member elections.
 - The subcommittee that is looking into District-Wide Stake Holders Council will be putting some things together to be included in the newsletter. The publication date we are trying for is the end of February.
 - The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2005.
- Regents Data Follow-Up – Deborah Fox
 - It was realized at the end of our Special Education presentation and we learned after the fact that some of the data on the New York State Report Card needed to be corrected. An updated chart that accurately reflects the percentages was provided to Board members. It is not known if other districts in the State need to correct their information, or if they have already done so.
- Budget Presentations - Victoria Garone
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- Transportation – Information was presented that included current staffing, current year bus runs, vehicle inventory, District owned buses (this showed scheduled replacement dates), proposed vehicle purchases for 2005-2006, proposed equipment purchases for 2005-2006, line item expenditures, Transportation Advisory Services Report information, specifications of recommendations, and proposed schedule for BID/RFP
 - Interim Transportation Supervisor Betty Hughes was present to answer questions.
- Cafeteria – Information was presented that included current staffing, total number of meals served per year (215,000), proposed equipment purchases 2005-2006, projected sales budget, and projected expenditure budget.
 - Food Service Director Gary Ecklund was present to answer questions.

Trustee D’Orazio called for a ten-minute break at approximately 8:34 p.m.

Alternate Student Representative Dean McGee left during the break.

- Technology – Information was presented that included department initiatives, responsibilities of technology support staff, proposed equipment purchase 2005-2006, and line item expenditures.
 - The District website was discussed.
 - Computer Coordinator Kathy Conklin, from BOCES, was present to answer questions.
- Long Term Debt - Information was presented about the long-term debt payments for the 2 projects. These payments will decrease slightly for next year.
 - District Treasurer William Thornton was present to answer questions.

Trustee D’Orazio commended Victoria Garone and Justine Winters for the budget presentations.

CONSENT AGENDA

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:
INSTRUCTIONAL SCHEDULE Q #01/05

Trustee Hochman moved to approve the following request(s) for LEAVE OF ABSENCE (Instructional) for the period indicated:

NAME	CURRENT POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO*	REASON
Pamela Ciaccio	Special Education – HS	12/5/04 – 1/3/05 *Exclude 12/9/04, 12/13/04(½ day); 12/16/04(½ day); 12/23/04(½ day)	Extend Medical – Unpaid; Family Medical Leave

Trustee Flournoy seconded the Motion.
 5 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

APPOINTMENT(S):
INSTRUCTIONAL SCHEDULE N#01/05

- A. PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT**
- B. PART-TIME**
- C. TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT**
- D. SUBSTITUTE**
- E. REGULAR SUBSTITUTE**
- F. TRANSFER**
- G. EXTRA DUTY STIPEND**

Trustee Hochman moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

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:

D. PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE

NAME	CERTIFICATION	SALARY
*Julia Lucas	Certified Substitute Teacher	\$85/day
Ginger Weiser	Certified Substitute Teacher	\$85/day

*pending completion of pre-employment processing

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

G. EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Connolly, Brian	AIS/Regents Prep (After school) History	\$1,553
Marrin, Michael	AIS/Earth Science (After School)	\$1,553
Thompson, Carolyn	Yearbook Advisor – MS (2003-2004)	\$1,280
Thompson, Carolyn	Yearbook Advisor – MS	\$1,325

Trustee Flourney seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SCHEDULE QQ #01/05

Trustee Hochman moved to approve the following request for NON-INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE for the period indicated:

NAME	CURRENT POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
Robert Boland	Custodial Worker	11/26/04-1/31/05	Medical Leave Without Pay; Family Medical Leave
Janet Briggs	Teaching Assistant – WD	15 Mondays ½ days (PM) 1/24/05;1/31/05;2/7/05;2/14/05;2/28/05;	Leave Without Pay

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Christine Matteson	Teaching Assistant – HS	3/7/05;3/14/05;4/4/05;4/11/05;4/18/05; 4/25/05;5/2/05;5/9/05;5/16/05;5/23/05 1/21/05 – 5/1/05	Medical Leave Without Pay; Family Medical Leave
Isa Warren	Teaching Assistant – WD	1/10/05 – 1/28/05	Medical Leave With Pay; Family Medical Leave

Trustee Flournoy seconded the Motion.
5 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

APPOINTMENT(S):
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SCHEDULE NN#01/05

- A. PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT**
- B. PART-TIME**
- C. TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT**
- D. SUBSTITUTE**
- E. REGULAR SUBSTITUTE**
- F. TRANSFER**

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

NAME	POSITION	RATE OF PAY
<u>D. SUBSTITUTE</u>		
Susan Greene	Non-Teaching Substitute	\$7.50 per hour

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:

Holly Biesele	Substitute Non-Teacher
Jessica Herrera	Substitute Teacher

Trustee Flournoy seconded the Motion.
5 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE
CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Trustee Hochman moved to approve Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations, Schedule U, O1/05

- for Board meeting – January 11, 2005
- addendum for Board Meeting – January 11, 2005
- for Board Meeting – January 25, 2005,

Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Patterson.
Trustee Flournoy seconded the Motion.
5 Yes 0 No
CARRIED

Business Reports

Trustee Eisenberg moved to approve the increase to the 2004-2005 Budget per the following donations:

Dutchess County Arts Council

A2110.431.01 Supplemental Contractual – High School \$1,600.00

Catskill Watershed Corporation

A2110.431.03 Supplemental Contractual – Bennett \$3,250.00

A2110.431.04 Supplemental Contractual – Phoenicia \$1,827.00

Lower Esopus River Watch, Inc.

A2110.531.01 Supplemental Supplies – High School \$ 750.00

Onteora Retired Teacher Organization

A2610.531.01 Supplemental Supplies – High School Library \$ 200.00

A2610.531.03 Supplemental Supplies – Bennett Library \$ 100.00

A2610.531.04 Supplemental Supplies – Phoenicia Library \$ 100.00

A2610.531.07 Supplemental Supplies – Woodstock Library \$ 100.00

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.

Discussion. Trustee D’Orazio thanked the organizations who donated the funds listed.

5 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

Business and Finance

Motion to Approve Resolution

To Purchase Bus

Trustee Hochman moved to approve the following **RESOLUTION**:

WHEREAS, one 20-passenger school bus (1998 Ford) has been determined to be a total loss by the Onteora Central School District’s insurance carrier, Utica Mutual, as a result of an accident that occurred on or about October 7, 2004, and accordingly is no longer fit for use to transport pupils residing within the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education needs to replace such lost vehicle in order to meet legal obligation to transport pupils within the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District, Ulster County, New York, pursuant to §1709[25][a] of the Education Law, be authorized to purchase one 20 passenger school bus at an estimated maximum cost not to exceed \$41,708, which total estimated maximum sum of \$41,708 or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be paid from the unencumbered funds in the general fund for the 2004-05 school year, and any insurance proceeds, to the extent available.

Trustee D’Orazio seconded the Motion.

Discussion. Trustee Eisenberg moved to table the motion.

Trustee D’Orazio seconded the Motion to table the motion.

5 Yes 0 No

TABLED

Discussion. Original resolution should be amended to reflect correct description of bus as 20 passenger, not 68 passenger.

5 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**Motion to Increase Budget
To Purchase Bus**

Trustee Eisenberg moved to increase the 2004-2005 Contingent Budget in the amount of \$41,708.00 to purchase one (1) 20 Passenger Bus. The funds are to come from Insurance Recoveries (\$5,589.00) and Unencumbered Fund Balance (\$36,119.00).

A5510.210.15 Bus Purchases \$41,708.00

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.

Discussion. The description of the bus will be corrected to read "20 passenger", instead of 22 passenger.

5 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

BUSINESS REPORTS

Trustee Hochman moved to accept the following BUSINESS REPORTS:

- **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT** – December 2004
- **FINANCIAL WARRANT REPORT** – December 2004

Trustee Flournoy seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

BOARD MEMBERS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

No requests for information were made at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Paul Samuldosky spoke about the lack of text books for math
 - Trustee D'Orazio wanted to provide Mr. Samuldosky with a copy of the response that the Math Department drafted.
 - Trustee Patterson gave Mr. Samuldosky a copy of the January 7, 2005, memo from Deborah Fox re: AIS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Eisenberg moved to enter into Executive Session at approximately 9:38 p.m. to discuss litigation and employment history of a particular person and to discuss a student discipline matter.

Trustee Hochman seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Trustee Eisenberg moved to return to REGULAR SESSION at approximately 10:30 p.m.

Trustee Flournoy seconded the motion.

5 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

CALL TO ORDER

President Marino D'Orazio called the REGULAR MEETING to order at approximately 10:32 p.m.

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NOT PRESENT

Trustee Herb Rosenfeld.

ALSO PRESENT

Superintendent of Schools and Clerk Pro Tem, Justine Winters; approximately 1 visitor.

ALSO NOT PRESENT

Alternate Student Representative, Dean McGee; District Clerk, Jeanne Shultis

MOTION TO DENY APPEAL
TO BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the matter of the appeal of student #9699, it is hereby decided that the appeal is denied.

Trustee Eisenberg moved to approve

Trustee Flournoy seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

Trustee D’Orazio announced the cancellation of the interviews of the Board of Education candidates scheduled for Thursday, January 27, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Eisenberg moved to adjourn at approximately 10:35 p.m.

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

Recorded by: _____
Justine C. Winters
Clerk Pro Tem

Recorded by: _____
Jeanne Shultis
District Clerk