

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M.
Tuesday, February 1, 2005
Bennett 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 D'Orazio, Hochman, Eisenberg, Flournoy, Rosenfeld, Patterson.

ALSO PRESENT

Superintendent of Schools, Justine Winters; Assistant Superintendent, Deborah Fox; School Business Administrator, Victoria Garone; Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Barbara Boyce; Student Representative, Joel Spinac; District Clerk, Jeanne Shultis, and approximately 70 visitors.

WELCOME TO BENNETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Bennett Elementary School Principal Laurie Cassel introduced:

- The Bennett Jazz Ensemble, conducted by Marianne Jachimiak. They performed "White Christmas" and "Night Train" for the listening pleasure of all present.
 - Students performing were:

Rhythm:

Piano & Clavinova bass keyboard: Cara Stropoli, Grade 6
Piano & Clavinova bass keyboard: Rachel Castellano, Grade 5
"White Christmas" Drums: Jake Bachor, Grade 5
"Night Train" Drums: Kimberly Wiley, Grade 6

Low Woodwinds & Low Brass:

Baritone Saxophone: Tyler Owitz, Grade 6
Tenor Saxophone: Matthew Workstus, Grade 5
Trombone: Eric Shapiro, Grade 6
Trombone: Christian McGlyn, Grade 5

Woodwinds & Brass:

Alto Saxophone: Nadya Hall, Grade 6
Alto Saxophone: Noah Leader, Grade 6
Alto Saxophone: Stephanie Walkowiak, Grade 4
"White Christmas" Trumpet: Kimberly Wiley, Grade 6
Trumpet: Margaret Price, Grade 6
Trumpet: Chris Darrow, Grade 6
Trumpet: Tess Howard, Grade 5
Trumpet: Zachary Kelder, Grade 5
Trumpet: Brandon Harkin, Grade 5
Trumpet: Matthew Preisendorfer, Grade 4

- Wendy Wolfenson, PTA member and Chair of the Arts and Education Committee. While working on grants for the Bennett School, Wendy found one for Samsung – an essay contest on

why your school was special and deserving of the awards Samsung was giving for technology. Wendy wrote and submitted a poem – which she read aloud – and about a month ago notification was received that Bennett School is the recipient of \$10,000 worth of Samsung technology: wide-screen televisions, digital camcorders, laser printers, etc., and a plaque which was presented to Superintendent Winters.

Wendy Wolfenson acknowledged Dr. Cassel and the wonderful work she does at Bennett School. Under her leadership it is an incredible place to send students like Wendy's son. She commended the entire staff – teachers, custodians, lunch ladies, everyone. She appreciates the job everyone does to educate the kids.

TRUSTEE D'ORAZIO CALLED FOR A BREAK AT 7:30 P.M.

DISTRICT NEWS

Superintendent Winters announced that our Winter Concert season is now concluded with the successful and well-attended Woodstock Winter Concert last week. The Winter Sports are winding down. Tomorrow evening is wrestling against Saugerties at 6:00 p.m. here.

The first retirement announcement of the year has been received from Ann Gentilin, who has been a Teaching Assistant for eleven years. She has been President of ONTEA and held positions at the State and National levels. We accept her resignation regrettably, but are happy to hear she is going on to a new chapter in her life.

REPORT FROM 2004-2005

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Student Representative Joel Spinac reported that the Student Court is running smoothly. Recently the Student Affairs Council met and decided that SAC officers have the authority to hand out tickets as part of the new parking ticket system that the Student Advisory Council initiated at the High School. Offenders are to report to the Student Court, who will take it from there. Planning on that part has not been completed yet.

STUDENT COMMENT

No student comment was made at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made at this time.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

- Boiceville Baseball Club – Michael Kocher
 - Michael Kocher, who is an Onteora teacher and coach, is also a coach for the Boiceville Baseball Club. They are requesting that the District sanction their trip to Florida for five days in March, March 19 – 24, for spring training. All team members also belong to the District's Varsity or Junior Varsity teams. Two of the coaches also coach for the District. Also present for support and to be available for questions were student, Jesse Daly, and Coaches Barry Motzkin and Errol Gumer. There would be no cost to the District. Being sanctioned by the District means the District would provide supplemental insurance for the trip, as well as allowing the players to use District uniforms and equipment. Students would be

expected to follow the District's behavior and eligibility guidelines as well as the Oteora Athletic Code. Superintendent Winters and Interim Athletic Director DiGiovanni both endorse this request.

**MOTION TO AUTHORIZE
SUPPORT OF THE BOICEVILLE
BASEBALL TRIP TO FLORIDA**

Trustee D'Orazio moved that the Oteora Central School District authorize supporting the Boiceville Baseball Club trip to Del Rey Beach, Florida to the Bucky Dent Baseball Camp for five days, March 19-24, 2005, and asking the District's insurance carrier, Utica Mutual, to cover the trip under its umbrella policy that we have with them.

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

- Future of the District Commission Update – Marino D'Orazio
 - The Commission met again today and will meet two more times. The Commission is halfway to its goal of making recommendations to the Board of Education regarding the use of the facilities and equalizing the elementary school population. The recommendations will probably be made at the February 15, 2005, Board meeting. There are other issues under consideration, such as, all the buildings in the District, the Middle School issue, and the number of elementary schools. Trustee D'Orazio commended all the members of the Commission for their faithful commitment to the tasks of the Commission.

- Buildings and Grounds Study – Victoria Garone
 - History
 - Current Organizational Chart
 - Custodial Staffing Formula
 - Custodial Staffing Per Building
 - Study Observations
 - Study Recommendations

- Budget Presentations - Victoria Garone
 - Buildings & Grounds
 - Custodial Equipment Requested
 - Custodial Line Item Detail
 - Maintenance-Custodial Department
 - Short term initiatives
 - Long term initiatives – District wide (future Capital Project)
 - Maintenance Equipment Requests
 - Maintenance Vehicle Inventory
 - Maintenance Vehicle Request
 - Line Item Detail

 - Athletics/Extra-Curricular
 - Athletic "Stats"
 - Equipment Requests
 - Line Item Detail

SCHEDULE N #02/05

- D. PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE**
- G. EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS**

Trustee Flournoy 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 non-instructional employees on an emergency conditional basis:

D. PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE(S)

NAME	CERTIFICATION	SALARY
Thomas Caplan	Certified Substitute Teacher	\$85/day

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

Trustee D’Orazio seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
INSTRUCTIONAL
APPOINTMENTS**

Trustee Flournoy moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

D. PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE(S)

NAME	CERTIFICATION	SALARY
Susan Greene	Substitute Teacher	\$70/day

G. EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Tosi, Allison	*Gymnastics – Varsity (as per MOA) –Stipend Reduced	\$1,497

Trustee D’Orazio seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

LEAVE OF ABSENCE:
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL
SCHEDULE QQ #02/05

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

NAME	CURRENT POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE		REASON
		FROM	TO	
Barbara May	Teaching Assistant – BN	1/25/05	3/10/05	Medical Leave Without Pay; Family Medical Leave
Isa Warren	Teaching Assistant – WD	1/29/05	2/11/05	Medical Leave With Pay; Family Medical Leave

Trustee D’Orazio seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

APPOINTMENT(S):
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL
SCHEDULE OO #02/05

Trustee Flournoy moved to approve the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATION(S):

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Frances Ann Gentilin	Teaching Assistant – BN	June 30, 2005	Retirement

Trustee D’Orazio seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

APPOINTMENT(S):
FINAL SED CLEARANCE

Trustee Flournoy moved to accept the following APPOINTMENTS:

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

Jason Champlain Custodial Worker

Trustee D’Orazio seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

BOARD MEMBERS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

No requests for information were made at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee D’Orazio announced that on Thursday, February 3, 2005, there will be a Special Meeting to interview candidates for the Board vacancy.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made at this time.

**MOTION TO ENTER INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Eisenberg moved to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION at approximately 8:56 p.m. to discuss the employment of a particular person and litigation.

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**MOTION TO RETURN TO
REGULAR SESSION**

Trustee Patterson moved to return to REGULAR SESSION at approximately 9:38 p.m.

Trustee Flournoy seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Eisenberg moved to adjourn at approximately 9:44 p.m.

Trustee Flournoy seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

Recorded by: _____
Justine C. Winters
Clerk Pro Tem

Recorded by: _____
Jeanne Shultis
District Clerk