

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
7:00 P.M.

Tuesday, March 15, 2005
Middle-High School

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee D'Orazio called the REGULAR MEETING to order at approximately 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT

Trustees D'Orazio, Hochman, Eisenberg, Flourney, 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; Alternate Student Representative, Dean McGee; District Clerk, Jeanne Shultis, and approximately 150 visitors.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Trustee D'Orazio requested a moment of silence for two young men who died recently: Kevin John Umhey, a 1995 graduate of Onteora and Shane Geisler, who was a teacher at Saugerties High School and a friend of the Buono family.

OATH OF OFFICE

District Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Board Trustee **Anne-Marie Johansson**, who was appointed by the Board to complete Thomas Rosato's Term – to May 17, 2005.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Flourney moved to approve the following minutes:

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Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

WELCOME TO ONTEORA HIGH SCHOOL

- High School Principal Barbara Ruben made the following announcements:
 - The Talent Show is scheduled for April 1st
 - The Spring Tomahawk Dance will be on April 2nd
 - The Quiz Bowl is April 15th
 - The musical "Grease" will be performed May 5th-8th

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- The Senior Citizen's Brunch hosted by the DECA students will be May 14th in the Cafeteria
- The Senior Citizen's Consumer Smarts Program at Belleayre will be held on March 24th
- SAVI Conference in Albany will be May 25th
- Last week 23 DECA students participated in the State Competition and came home with three medals
- The High School Chapter of Amnesty International organized a movie viewing of the Lost Boys of the Sudan
- The Diversity Club sponsored by Jason Calinda and Kathy Sellitti raised \$1814 which was donated to the Tsunami Relief Fund
- The Marching Band will march in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City on Thursday, March 17th
- Thursday morning the Onteora Community will welcome Frau Kaindl's 22 students between the ages 16 and 18 and three of their teachers from Germany. They will be our guests from March 17 through April 2.
- Mrs. Ruben read Mr. John Ianotti's summary of the Onteora student performance in the 20th Annual Harvard Model Congress which took place in Boston March 3rd through March 6th.

Over 1300 high school students from 74 private and public schools representing 20 states were involved in this mock legislature where young people write and debate bills, act as lobbyists, convene as members of the Cabinet or National Security Council, argue cases in Federal District Court and the United States Supreme Court and cover proceedings as print and electronic journalists. Onteora's delegation included 22 students with 19 serving in Congress, 2 working for the Harvard Model Congress television station and 1 participating in the reenactment of the Philadelphia Constitutional Convention. A record 5 Onteora students, nominally one of the highest contingents from any school present, public or private, were honored by Harvard Model Congress for excellence in committee. They were juniors Greg Silver, for the House Science Committee, and Tessa Keefe, for the Senate Judiciary Committee; seniors Quinn Ferris, for the House Government Reform Committee, John Lane, Senate Commerce and Energy Committee and Sarah DeStefano for the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. For Sarah, this was her second award, a rare distinction for any Harvard Model Congress participant. As Harvard Model Congress serves as the preeminent mock legislative experience for secondary schools nationally, Onteora's success evidences the seriousness and dedication with which the delegations annually approach this challenge. As the club's advisor, I was truly impressed with our group's comportment throughout the weekend. I thank the Board of Education, Mrs. Barbara Ruben, Mr. Gabe Buono, my co-chaperone, Miss Alicia Curlew, the parents and the delegates for supporting the Harvard Model Congress program.

- Brief presentation from Science Olympiad Students – Donna Marrin presented certificates to the students.
 - These students competed in the National Competition at West Point and went to State for the fourth year in a row:

Students present were:	Ross Beckman	Talia Dibbel
	David Frost	Kachina Gosselin
	Tessa Keefe	Chris Marsten
	Joey Orofino	Matt Panico
	Allyson Pickard	Rosie Winn
 - Science Olympiad Students who were unable to be present:

	Kayla Battaglini	Jonah Bernhard
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Ethan Goldbeck
Jon Perrin

Liz Jobson
Caleb Slovensky

DISTRICT NEWS

Superintendent Justine Winters announced:

- From Joe DiGiovanni:
 - Sarah Thompson, Section 9 Champion gymnast, placed fourth in the States on Long Island on March 5th.
 - Wrestling – State Competition in Albany
 - Trevor Gale, Section 9 Champion, placed fourth in the State Competition
 - Brandon Stoothoff, Section 9 Champion, wrestled in the State Competition
 - Cody Chase, Section 9 Champion, placed fifth in the State Competition
 - Skiing – State Competition at Bristol Mountain, Canandaigua
 - Both Boys and Girls Teams, Division Champion and Section 9 Champion. Nine student athletes qualified for the States: Charlie Tar, Tyler Bailey, Doug Clark, Chris Booth, Kevin Van Blarcum, Casey Perez, Jessie Tar, Katie Haggerty and Marlise Combe,
 - Winter Track – State Competition in Syracuse
 - Carly Gross placed eleventh
 - Matt Keiser placed fourteenth
 - Varsity Girls Basketball team qualified for sectional play, but lost in the first round.
- PTA Council met last night after a lengthy hiatus. The meeting was well attended and the Council is off to a great start. Thanks to parent, Pam Walkowiak, for excellent organization. They will launch a spring season with a fitness activity scheduled for May 14th. More information will be coming in the next few weeks.
- On March 11th, we had a very successful Superintendent's Conference Day with a focus on Technology. Thanks to Debbi Fox, Kathy Conklin, our computer coordinators and a number of staff members for all their hard work in making the day meaningful and dynamic. I think we have moved ahead in our technology.
- We have a number of retirements on tonight's agenda: 7 teachers and 1 teaching assistant with an impressive total of 221.7 years of service.

REPORT FROM 2004-2005 STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Student Representative Alternate, Dean McGee reported that:

- He has been to the Harvard Model Congress this year and last year. It was a great experience. He thanked everyone who makes it possible, specifically Mr. Ianotti, who does a great job of preparing students to go. Onteora won more awards than a lot of private schools. It's exciting and fun, too.
- The Student Affairs Council has received a proposal from Rockland Vending Machine Company for snack and juice machines so that students staying after school will have a source of snacks when the cafeteria and bookstore are closed. The company will give SAC a 20% commission. SAC wants to put that money towards the school somehow or towards a scholarship at the end of the year.

STUDENT COMMENT

No student comments were made at this time.

- Tania Barricklo, representing the Parent Stakeholders of the Phoenicia SDM Committee spoke in support of redistricting
- Tina Harp, Phoenicia PTA President spoke in support of redistricting.
- Bruce LaMonda, Town of Olive Deputy Supervisor spoke against the Large Parcel bill.
- Linda Burkhardt, Town of Olive Councilperson read a letter from Berndt Leifeld, Town of Olive Supervisor, who was unable to attend tonight's meeting and she spoke against the Large Parcel bill.
- Henrietta Wise, Town of Olive resident, spoke against the Large Parcel bill.
- Kathleen Ruiz, Town of Olive resident, spoke against the Large Parcel bill.
- Helen Chase, Town of Olive Councilperson, spoke against the Large Parcel bill.
- Jennifer Brueckner and Frank Parslow, residents of Moonhaw Road, West Shokan, spoke against redistricting.
- Wendy Wolfenson, West Shokan resident, spoke against redistricting.
- Diane Snyder, resident of Moonhaw Road, West Shokan, spoke against redistricting.
- John Tisch, Town of Olive resident, spoke against the Large Parcel bill.
- Rita Vanacore, Town of Olive resident, spoke against redistricting and against the Large Parcel bill.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

- Veteran's Monuments at Phoenicia School – Fred Schuetz of American Legion Post 950

Trustee Eisenberg moved to approve moving the Veteran's Monuments from Phoenicia School to the American Legion Post 950 at no cost to the District.

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

Discussion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

Trustee D'Orazio called for a five-minute break at 8:23 p.m.

- Communication Committee Update – David Patterson. The Committee met in February and again tonight. Myself as Chairman and Mr. Buono as Vice Chair. Newsletters should be in mailboxes this month or the first of April to all district residents. Hoping to have a budget publication following that. Justine will see if we have budgeting available. Next meeting is scheduled for April 7th, at the High School at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. A District stakeholders committee is being developed. Call the District office to find out when that will meet.
- BUDGET PRESENTATION –
 - Pupil Personnel Services – Victoria Garone
 - Mission Statement
 - Program Initiatives
 - Staff Development Initiatives
 - Special Education Budget Initiatives
 - Special Education Reductions (with 1 Addition)
 - Special Education Staffing Assumptions
 - Line Item Detail
 - Instructional Budget General/Special Education
 - Special Education State Aid

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- Employee Benefits – Victoria Garone
 - Employee Benefits for 2005-2006
 - Significant Employee Benefit Increases
- BOCES Budget – Victoria Garone
 - General Support
 - Instruction
 - Interscholastic Athletics
 - District Transportation
 - BOCES Budget Highlights
- General Support Budget – Victoria Garone
 - Budget Items for Administrative and Operational Functions of the District
- Superintendent Recommended Budget for 2005-2006 – Justine Winters
 - Themes of Superintendent's Recommended Budget
 - Composite of Budget Categories
 - Breakage Factor
 - 3.86% Budget Increase
 - Budget includes needed equipment and student programs
- Redistricting Proposal by the Redistricting Committee
 - Process – Future of the District Commission recommendation
 - Redistricting Committee – Justine Winters, Victoria Garone, Betty Hughes, and Carol Busch
 - Committee's Analysis
 - Assumptions for Determining Bus Routes for Redistricting
 - Educational Gains Achieved by Redistricting
 - Current Elementary Enrollment by Building
 - Map of the District - unique geography of Onteora – over 300 square miles and the second largest school district in New York State
 - Redistricting Proposal
 - Bus Route 5004 Orange Pumpkin – partial – 13 students to Phoenicia instead of Woodstock
 - Bus Route 5003 Blue Sailboat – partial – 12 students to Phoenicia instead of Woodstock
 - Bus Route 3001 Red Apple – partial – 24 students to Phoenicia instead of Bennett
 - Total By Grade

The following people spoke against redistricting:

- Peter Friedel
- Joseph Friedel
- Ferdinand LaMotte
- Charlie Blumstein
- Several unidentified members of the audience spoke from their seats

Alternate Student Representative, Dean McGee, left at approximately 9:15 p.m.

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 Onteora Middle-Senior High School

MOTION TO APPROVE
MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT BETWEEN
DISTRICT AND ONTEA

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

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District that the Memorandum of Agreement between the District and the Onteora Non-Teaching Employee's Association dated March 4, 2005, is hereby approved.

Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE FIELD
TRIP TO BASEBALL CAMP

Trustee Eisenberg moved to approve a field trip for the Onteora Junior Varsity and Varsity Baseball Teams to the Bucky Dent Baseball Camp in Del Rey Beach, Florida for five days, March 19-24, 2005. The participants will fund this trip.

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE TWO
FOREIGN LANGUAGE FIELD
TRIPS

Trustee D'Orazio moved to approve the two Foreign Language field trips:

- 1) France – approximately July 5– July 20 – as proposed by Mary Sanchez (Croswell)
- 2) Germany – approximately June 27 – July 18 (three weeks) – as proposed by Margit Kaindl-Richer

The overnight chaperone stipends for the Foreign Language trips were included in the budget for 2004-05.

Trustee Eisenberg seconded the Motion.

Discussion. Frau Kaindl will notify the parents that if the trip is cancelled, they will lose money and there will be nothing that the Board can do about a refund.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

MOTION TO ACCEPT DONATION
FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTSO

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

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education accepts a donation from the Middle School PTSO in the amount of \$6,200.00 for the purpose of purchasing and installing a climbing wall in the Middle School Gymnasium.

Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

MOTION TO INCREASE THE

2004-2005 BUDGET

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

Middle School PTSO

A2110.431.02 Supplemental Contractual – Middle School \$6,200.00

Trustee D’Orazio seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**MOTION TO APPROVE LOCATION OF
REPLACEMENT REGULATORY BUILDING**

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

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Education approves the general location of the replacement regulatory building with the addition of a membrane bioreactor package plan as depicted on the accompanying sketch of March 10, 2005. It is further stipulated that this agreement is contingent on the NYCDEP making all reasonable efforts during construction to accommodate the school schedule and keep the existing parking lot open while school is in session.

Trustee Hochman seconded the Motion.

Discussion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION
TO APPEAR AS PROPOSITION #2
FOR THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLES
DURING THE 2005/06 SCHOOL YEAR**

Trustee D’Orazio moved to approve the following **RESOLUTION** to appear as Proposition #2 for the purchase of vehicles during the 2005/06 school year.

PROPOSITION # 2 PURCHASE OF VEHICLES

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Onteora Central School District Board of Education be and is hereby authorized to purchase: one (1) used 2003 Suburban school bus; one (1) used 2003 24 passenger/5 wheelchairs Micro Bird bus; two (2) new vans not to exceed \$52,000 each; 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 \$171,500; and to levy the necessary tax therefore 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 Hochman seconded the Motion.

Discussion

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**MOTION TO PLACE AN
AD IN THE PROGRAM
FOR “GREASE”**

Trustee Hochman moved to approve placing an ad by the Board of Education the same size as last year in the program for the Onteora High School performance of “Grease”.

Trustee Eisenberg seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE
LEAVE OF ABSENCE:
INSTRUCTIONAL
SCHEDULE Q #03/05

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
Lynn Clinton	Elementary Teacher – BN	2/22/05 – 4/4/05	Medical – Paid;
Phyllis Evans	Elementary Teacher – WD	*3/29/05 – 5/10/05	Family Medical Leave
Phyllis Evans	Elementary Teacher – WD	*5/11/05 – 6/30/05	Medical – Paid;
Marianne Jachimiak	Elementary Teacher – BN/WD	2/14/05 – 3/29/05	Family Medical Leave
Marianne Jachimiak	Elementary Teacher – BN/WD	3/30/05 – 6/16/05	Parental Leave – Unpaid;
			Family Medical Leave

*dates are approximate

Trustee Eisenberg seconded the Motion.
 7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE
APPOINTMENT(S): INSTRUCTIONAL
SCHEDULE N #03/05

G. EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

Trustee Hochman moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

G. EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Boms, Michael	Track – Spring – Head Coach (Boys)	\$3,918
Burkhardt, Patrick	Track – Spring – Assistant	\$2,651
Castle, Mark	SAT Prep (After School) – English	\$1,553
Cavallaro, Linda	Track – Jr. H.S. – Head Coach	\$1,888
Chartrand, Lou	Track – Spring – Assistant	\$2,651
Fein, Peter	Tennis – Varsity – Head Coach (Boys)	\$2,163
Fredericks, Nicholas	Track – Spring – Assistant	\$2,651
Kasprzyk, Christopher	Softball – J.V. – Head Coach	\$2,422
Kocher, Michael	Baseball – Varsity – Head Coach	\$3,226
Negron, Michael	Baseball – J.V. – Head Coach	\$2,422
Okoren, Carol	Track – Spring – Head Coach (Girls)	\$3,918
Pezzello, Eric	Track – Jr. H.S. – Assistant	\$1,180
Thomas, Doris	Softball – Varsity – Head Coach	\$3,226
Thomas, Joseph	Track – Jr. H.S. – Assistant	\$1,180
Wise, Betsy	Track – Jr. H.S. – Head Coach	\$1,888

Trustee Eisenberg seconded the Motion.
 7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**MOTION TO APPROVE
 RESIGNATION(S): INSTRUCTIONAL
 SCHEDULE O #03/05**

Trustee Hochman moved to accept the following INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATION(S):

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Janice Browning	Math Teacher – MS	June 30, 2005	Retirement
Susan Klotzberger	Elementary Teacher – WD	June 30, 2005	Retirement
Cheryl Kosarek	Family & Consumer Sciences	June 30, 2005	Retirement
Thaddeus Mackiewicz	Psychologist – HS	June 30, 2005	Retirement
Michael Marrin	Science Teacher – HS	June 30, 2005	Retirement
Maureen Pennacchio	Guidance	June 30, 2005	Retirement
Marion Pesek	Elementary Teacher – WD	June 30, 2005	Retirement

Trustee Eisenberg seconded the Motion.

Discussion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**MOTION TO APPROVE
 APPOINTMENT(S):
 NON-INSTRUCTIONAL
 SCHEDULE NN #03/05**

D. SUBSTITUTE

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

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

Trustee Eisenberg moved to second the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**MOTION TO APPROVE
 PERMANENT STATUS:
 NON-INSTRUCTIONAL
 SCHEDULE PPP #03/05**

Trustee Hochman moved to approve the following named NON-INSTRUCTIONAL personnel have served a probationary status and are recommended to a PERMANENT STATUS consistent with the applicable laws and regulations of the State of New York:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	PROBATIONARY DATE	PERMANENT DATE	SALARY/STEP
Gary Wisniewski	10-month Bus Driver	9/2/2004	3/2/2005	Step 2

Trustee Eisenberg seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE
LEAVE OF ABSENCE:
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL
SCHEDULE QQ #03/05

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

NAME	CURRENT POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
Robert Boland	Custodial Worker	2/22/05 – 3/7/05	Extend Medical – Paid; Family Medical Leave
Phillip Hawver, Jr.	School Bus Driver	3/2/05 – 3/15/05	Extend Medical – Paid; Family Medical Leave
Phillip Hawver, Jr.	School Bus Driver	3/16/05 – 6/15/05	Extend Medical – Unpaid; Family Medical Leave
Edward G. Ryder	Custodian – WD	2/24/05 – 3/30/05	Medical – Paid; Family Medical Leave
Edward G. Ryder	Custodian – WD	3/31/05 – 4/7/05	Medical – Unpaid; Family Medical Leave

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:

Thomas Caplan Certified Substitute Teacher

Trustee Eisenberg seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE
CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS

Trustee Hochman moved to approve the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations, Schedule U O3/05 A-02, 03/05 A-03, and 03/05 A-04, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Eisenberg.

Trustee Eisenberg seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOTION TO ACCEPT
BUSINESS REPORTS

Trustee Hochman moved to accept the following BUSINESS REPORTS:

- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT – January 2005
- WARRANTS – Schedule J - # 02/05

Trustee Eisenberg seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

BOARD MEMBERS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

- Trustee D’Orazio requested that the Board consider going on record regarding the New Paltz Central School District’s letter regarding school districts not being compelled to have military recruiters on campus because the military discriminates against gays.
- Trustee Hochman requested that Victoria Garone check with Ulster and Greene Counties to see if we can offer the tax penalty deferment to active military personnel.
- Trustee Patterson requested information on a policy re pagers and cell phones.
- Trustee Johansson requested additional information on the policy re pagers and cell phone – does the policy apply to students only or faculty and staff as well?
- Trustee Flournoy requested that the policy be obtained from Erie1BOCES in electronic form.
- Trustee Flournoy requested information about the situation with students crossing Route 28. A discussion should take place on the Board level about what should be taken to the facilities planning.
- Trustee D’Orazio requested that we invite a representative of the New York State Department of Transportation to inform the District about our options regarding Route 28.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Lisa Childers spoke about the large parcel bill, redistricting and the budget.
- Duncan Schmidt spoke in favor of redistricting

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Eisenberg moved to enter EXECUTIVE SESSION at approximately 11:02 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular person
Trustee D’Orazio seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**MOTION TO RETURN TO
REGULAR SESSION**

Trustee Rosenfeld moved to return to REGULAR SESSION at approximately 11:39 p.m.
Trustee Eisenberg seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Patterson moved to adjourn at approximately 11:40 p.m.
Trustee Flournoy seconded the Motion.
7 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

Recorded by: _____
Justine C. Winters
Clerk Pro Tem

Recorded by: _____
Jeanne Shultis
District Clerk