

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
6:30 P.M.
Tuesday, April 5, 2005
Middle-High School

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee D'Orazio called the REGULAR MEETING to order at approximately 6:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Waived

PRESENT

Trustees D'Orazio, Hochman, Eisenberg, Johansson, Rosenfeld, Patterson.

NOT PRESENT

Trustee Flournoy

ALSO PRESENT

Superintendent of Schools, Justine Winters; Assistant Superintendent, Deborah Fox; Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Barbara Boyce; High School Principal, Barbara Ruben; and approximately 0 visitors.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Eisenberg moved to enter into Executive Session at approximately 6:32 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular person.

Trustee Hochman seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Trustee Patterson moved to return to Regular Session at approximately 7:25 p.m.

Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee D'Orazio called the REGULAR MEETING to order at approximately 7:28 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT

Trustees D'Orazio, Hochman, Eisenberg, Johansson, Rosenfeld, Patterson.

NOT PRESENT

Trustee Flournoy

ALSO PRESENT

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

NOT ALSO PRESENT

Student Board Representative, Joel Spinac; Alternate Student Board Representative, Dean McGee

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Trustee D'Orazio requested a moment of silence to remember James Cuthbert, a former student who passed away recently.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Hochman moved to approve the following minutes:

Regular Meeting – March 15, 2005

Trustee Eisenberg seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

WELCOME TO ONTEORA MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Middle School Principal Gayle Kavanagh:
 - announced that the Climbing Wall, funded by student efforts, which raised \$6,200 which was donated by the Middle School PTSO, is now installed with 2 rope elements. It is for physical education team building activities. The students sold entertainment cards for \$10 each to raise the funds.
 - introduced Alyssa Babcock, Coordinator for the Middle School Science Fair, who in turn announced the winning students who participated in the Middle School Science Fair:
 - Honorable Mentions:
 - Eve Bernhardt and Enrica Rosato – Citrus Power
 - Jeremiah Van Baren – Temperature & Magnetism
 - James Perez-Rogers and Eddie Ryan – Rockets
 - Elijah Wapner – Music and Emotions
 - Taylor Sears – Effect of Environment on Ice Ponds
 - Third Place – Tom Alba and Nick Pagano – Water Temperature & Frog Respiration
 - Second Place – Brendan Dibrell and Will Wright – Hydro Zapper
 - First Place – Robbie Walkowiak – Mice and Exercise
- All projects were on display in the Cafeteria during the meeting.

DISTRICT NEWS

Superintendent Justine Winters announced:

- No significant flood damage to District facilities was experienced. Thanks to Jim O'Neill and Pete Giambone for all they did this weekend.
- Trevor Gale, wrestler, went to Cleveland for the Nationals and was successful in 1 out of 3 matches at the National Level. Special commendation to Coach Lou Chartrand, Scott Via, Eric Pezzello, and Mr. Wyatt Gale.
- The Science Fairs at Woodstock and the Middle School were great events with wonderful turnouts. Sue Barthel and Alyssa Babcock, coordinating teachers, deserve thanks for all their efforts. Two Physical Education teachers, Deb Cease and Andy Occhi had physical education activities for the children at the Middle School Science Fair. It was nice to see that going on. Also, thanks to the judges who took on a huge responsibility and did a wonderful job on a very difficult task.
- Our German exchange students departed the night of the flood and got off safely, leaving in terrible weather conditions, unfortunately.
- Our Marching Band received word that their participation in the St. Patrick's Day Parade earned them third place in their category which is a great honor Mr. Steve Murphy proudly showed us a video in the Central Office. We commend all the students, the parents and the band advisors.
- The PTA Council has been working to plan a Candidates Night, and they have tentatively selected the date of Monday, May 2 – the first weekday in May, working with the League of Women Voters to set up a program.

REPORT FROM 2004-2005 STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

No Student Board Representative Report was made at this time.

STUDENT COMMENT

No student comments were made at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- John Tisch spoke against the large parcel legislation.
- Joan Walker-Wasylyk spoke against the Military Recruiters being in the school.
- Craig Grazier, 1976 graduate of Onteora, spoke against the large parcel legislation and read a letter to the editor from the March 31, 2005, issue of the Olive Press, written by Mrs. Eugene Curtis.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

- Redistricting Proposal Update – Redistricting Committee
 - Committee – Victoria Garone, Betty Hughes, Carol Busch and Justine Winters
 - Original proposal recap
 - Current Elementary Enrollment by Building
 - 2005-2006 Enrollment Projection: Without Redistricting
 - 2005-2006 Enrollment Projection: With Redistricting (original proposal)
 - Current Variances
 - Current Enrollment by Grade with No Variances

Tuesday, April 5, 2005

Onteora Middle-Senior High School

- Alternate Proposal 4-5-05
 - Maintain from Original Proposal
 - Orange Pumpkin
 - Blue Sailboat
 - Partial Change Brown Horse
- Summary of Changes – Total of 39 students
- 2005-2006 Projected Enrollment with Alternate Proposal
- Enrollment Projection (Grades K-12, 2005-2009)

Discussion of Redistricting by the Board of Education

Public Comment on Redistricting:

- Wendy Wolfenson spoke against Redistricting
- Rita Vanacore spoke against Redistricting
- Ron Aja, parent of a Bennett student, spoke against Redistricting
- Monica Kim, Woodstock PTA President, spoke against Redistricting
- Budget Revenue Information – Victoria Garone
 - Projected Levy Impact
 - 2005-06 Proposed Revenue Budget – Expenditures -3.86% Increase
 - Projected Tax Levy Impact
 - Contingent Budget Implications –Additional Reductions = 0.32%
 - Increased State Aid – Building Aid from Bennett Construction

The following people asked questions about the proposed budget:

- Wendy Wolfenson
- Rita Vanacore

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION
TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT AND
ONTEA DATED MARCH 7, 2005**

Trustee D’Orazio 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 7, 2005, is hereby approved.

Trustee Eisenberg seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION
TO APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DISTRICT
AND OTA DATED FEBRUARY 28, 2005**

Trustee D'Orazio 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 Teacher's Association dated February 28, 2005.

Trustee Hochman seconded the Motion

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**MOTION TO APPROVE SENDING A LETTER TO
NYS ATTORNEY GENERAL AND OTHERS
REGARDING MILITARY RECRUITERS
ON PUBLIC SCHOOL CAMPUSES**

Trustee D'Orazio moved to send a letter from the Board of Education to the New York State Attorney General, Eliot Spitzer, regarding Military Recruiters on Public School Campuses, stating the same concerns expressed by the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District in its letter dated February 23, 2005.

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

Discussion. It was agreed that this letter would be copied to our Legislators, the US Attorney General, the Commissioner of Education, and the Office of Civil Rights.

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**MOTION TO APPROVE A SECOND
DISTRICT NEWSLETTER**

Trustee Patterson moved to approve a second District Newsletter which incorporates the mandatory budget information to be created with the assistance of the Ulster County BOCES Public Relations Department and distributed to all District residents.

Trustee Hochman seconded the Motion.

Discussion.

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE
LEAVE OF ABSENCE:
INSTRUCTIONAL
SCHEDULE Q #04/05

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
Megan Frandino	Special Education – MS	*5/9/05 – 6/6/05	Medical – Paid; Family Medical Leave
Megan Frandino	Special Education – MS	*6/7/05 – 6/24/05	Medical – Unpaid; Family Medical Leave
Lori Matteson	Special Education – MS	*5/3/05 – 6/16/05	Medical – Paid; Family Medical Leave

* dates are approximate

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE
APPOINTMENT(S):
INSTRUCTIONALSCHEDULE N #04/05

D. PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE

G. EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

Trustee Hochman moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

D. PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE(S)

NAME	CERTIFICATION	SALARY
Raymond Ford	Certified Substitute Teacher	\$85/day

G. EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Laks, David	Musical Play Production – PH	\$643

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE
LEAVE OF ABSENCE:
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL
SCHEDULE QQ #04/05

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 – HS	3/7/05 – 4/4/05	Extend Medical – Unpaid; Family Medical Leave
Karen Inge	Teaching Assistant – BN	3/2/05 – 4/15/05	Family Medical – Paid; Family Medical Leave
Patricia Stevens	Teaching Assistant – HS	2/16/05 – 3/31/05	Medical – Paid; Family Medical Leave
Ardelle Suozzo	Teaching Assistant – BN	1/14/05 – 3/31/05	Medical – Paid; Family Medical Leave

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

MOTION TO APPROVE
PERMANENT STATUS:
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL
SCHEDULE PPP #04/05

Trustee Hochman moved to approve:

The following named NON-INSTRUCTIONAL personnel have served a period of probationary status and have received continuing satisfactory evaluations of performance and are recommended to a PERMANENT STATUS consistent with the applicable laws and regulations of the State of New York:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT DATE	PERMANENT DATE	SALARY/STEP
John Morelli	Custodial Worker – WD	10/6/04	4/6/05	Step 1

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

Trustee Hochman moved to approve:

The following named NON-INSTRUCTIONAL personnel have served a period of provisional status and have received continuing satisfactory evaluations of performance and are recommended to a PERMANENT STATUS consistent with the applicable laws and regulations of the State of New York:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT DATE	PERMANENT DATE	SALARY/STEP
Craig Bronder	Behavior Intervention Assistant	9/4/01	3/4/05	Step 9
Patrece Poremba	Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant - PH	3/1/04	3/15/2005	Step 8

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

APPOINTMENT(S):
FINAL SED CLEARANCE

Trustee Hochman moved to approve:

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

Erika Davis Non-Teaching Substitute
Jean Rose Musical Director

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

6 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 O4/05 A-05, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee D’Orazio.

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

MOTION TO ACCEPT
BUSINESS REPORTS

Trustee Hochman moved to accept the following BUSINESS REPORTS:

- FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT – February 2005
- WARRANTS – Schedule J - # 03/05

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

DONATION

Trustee Hochman moved to accept the donation of a Vault Box Collar Mat from Carol Okoren, Girls Track and Field Coach.

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

BUDGET DISCUSSION

No questions from the public pertaining to the budget were made at this time.

BOARD MEMBERS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

- Trustee Patterson requested that information about the budget be put on the website; also redistricting proposals that are being reviewed; also the “opt out” form – at Superintendent Winters’ discretion

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Jean Daniels, grandmother of 2 new students, spoke about their adjustment at Onteora and their perception of their new school
- Michele Friedel, Olive resident, spoke against redistricting
- Judy Peters spoke against redistricting
- Jennifer Brueckner, Olive resident, spoke about a common mission statement for all the elementary schools

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee Eisenberg moved to enter EXECUTIVE SESSION at approximately 10:02 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular person

Trustee Hochman seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

MOTION TO RETURN TO
REGULAR SESSION

Trustee Patterson moved to return to REGULAR SESSION at approximately 10:50 p.m.
Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Hochman moved to adjourn at approximately 10:52 p.m.
Trustee Eisenberg seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

Recorded by: _____
Justine C. Winters
Clerk Pro Tem

Recorded by: _____
Jeanne Shultis
District Clerk