

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

MINUTES

BUDGET HEARING
7:00 p.m.
Middle-High School
Tuesday, May 3, 2005

The cast of "Grease" performed a sample number from their performance for the pleasure of the entire assembly and to let everyone know that the official performances are scheduled for May 5, 6, and 7 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 8 at 2:00 p.m.

Musical Director: Krista Cayea

Director: Jean Krembs Rose

Piano Accompanist: Brendan Shapiro

Cast Members: Andrea Sciappa, Codie Eisenberg, Aaron Hall, Becky Sellinger, Alex Magnaud, Caroline Gold, Mario Harris, Josh Wlodarczyrnoffhk, Sean Devine, James Zemlock, Amelia Rice, Jacquie Denise, Greg Silver, Jillian Kahn, Paige Osgood, Dianne Walters, Ashley Weber, Alana Graner, Liz DeSiena, Quinn Ferris, Rosie Rion, Colleen Reynolds, Michelle Wiley, Dov Rubenstein, Trevor Grassi, Tatyana DeMuns, Brandon Stoothoff, Kayla Battaglini, Alicia Hill, Diana Motti, Vanessa Roberts, Emily Woerthman, Ashley Rose, Nicole Tarcza, A.J. Tarcza, Eric Lanton

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee D'Orazio called the meeting to order at approximately 7:50 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PRESENT

Trustees D'Orazio, Hochman, Patterson, Johansson

ALSO PRESENT

Superintendent, Justine Winters; School Business Administrator, Victoria Garone; Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Barbara Boyce, Alternate Student Representative, Dean McGee; District Clerk, Jeanne Shultis; and approximately 18 visitors.

NOT PRESENT

Trustees Eisenberg, Flourney, Rosenfeld

ALSO NOT PRESENT

Assistant Superintendent, Deborah Fox

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the minutes of the following meetings:

- Special Meeting – April 19, 2005
- Regular Meeting – April 27, 2005

Trustee Hochman seconded the Motion.

4 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

Trustee D’Orazio said that we enjoyed very much the presentation by the students who are participating in “Grease” with Director Jean Rose and Musical Director Krista Cayea. Also, the school district through Mr. Murphy, who brought the Marching Band to Law Day in Albany, on May 1, received a signed photograph of the Court of Appeals judges. We will hang that up in the hallway somewhere. That is very nice.

DISTRICT NEWS

Superintendent Winters announced:

- A reminder that on May 14 there will be a Senior Citizen’s Wellness Day called “Fit as a Fiddle in Your Golden Years”. Its history really began with the DECA group which has historically had a brunch for Senior Citizens. This year we are adding some events to it. Robin Sears was here, but had to leave. There will be booths for:
 - A Care Van – a mobile unit with nurses, blood pressure screening, blood glucose test, vision and hearing screenings, a diabetes educator, a Life Line exhibit, Meals on Wheels information, a Well Care van, Benecare Vials for Life, DVDs for distribution on healthy holiday cooking, Maintain Your Brain from the Alzheimer’s Association, Stop DWI will have information for Seniors and driving, Ulster County Mental Health Department will be here, Living with Lung Disease, the American Home Patients Company will be here, the Attorney General’s Office will be here with a presentation on identity theft.. There will be a number of very informational and valuable opportunities for our Seniors who will be served the meal by the DECA students. It is 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the High School/Middle School gym.
- School will be closed on May 26 and 27 for the two unused snow days. A notice is going out to parents and it will be on the District web site.
- The second newsletter will be going out any day. It will include budget information for you that is mandated by law that we provide as well as a number of interesting articles about activities in the District. The front page this time will focus on athletics.

REPORT FROM 2004-2005 STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Alternate Student Representative Dean McGee reported:

- That progress has been made towards arranging a vending machine in the hallway to provide students with snacks after school. Yesterday the Student Affairs Council met with Victoria Garone, Gary Ecklund, and Robin Sears to discuss it. Dean stated that it was a really successful meeting. They offered the Student Affairs Council was offered the 20% commission on any vending machine purchased by the school, if the budget passes. Dean stated that SAC would like to use that money for good things.
- SAC just donated \$150 to flood victims in the area.

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- The parking situation at the High School is insufficient for the needs of students, especially those who arrive by the middle of the day from outside programs. Any additional spaces have been chained off or signs have been put up. Many teachers are parking in the student parking lot when the teacher's parking lot is full. Also people park poorly, taking up more than one spot. It is very difficult.
 - Trustee Hochman commented that there is supposed to be a system that limits parking permits for students driving to school. She is not sure that it is enforced.

Trustee Patterson mentioned that two weeks ago he spoke to the Woodstock Elementary School Student Council. He recommends that the Student Representatives to the Board reach out to the elementary school and middle school students who may have concerns and ideas that should be brought to the Board. He recommends that highly. Dean McGee responded that he agreed, but not all the schools had a Student Council earlier in the year. He would want to talk to the principals.

STUDENT COMMENT

No student comment was made at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Peggy Hottum spoke about the April 28 Jump For Heart Fundraiser for the American Heart Association at the Woodstock School. It was the fifth year this event was held. It has been organized each year by Matt Ryan, Physical Education teacher at Woodstock Elementary School. It is an incredible hour-long experience that the children participate in – about 7 different jumping activities – and 169 students participated this year. They raised over \$13,000 for the American Heart Association. She thinks they should be commended for the great job that they do. Matt Ryan should be commended for organizing the event. Trustee D'Orazio requested that a thank you letter be sent to Matt.
- Craig Grazier gave the Board members a copy of a March 31, 2005, Olive Press letter to the editor from Leslie Curtis, Olive, NY, and spoke about communication between the Board and the community as it relates to a variety of issues.

REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

- High School Vending Machine – Victoria Garone reported that the Student Affairs Council is going to go back to the vendor to see if they would do a contract with the District. The District and SAC would go through the list of available snacks and drinks and pick items they would like to have and check on the nutritional content. Also discussed was the possibility of getting a program where athletes could order a sandwich the day before from the cafeteria and coaches could see that they get it.
- Interscholastic Athletic Code of Conduct for Onteora Student-Athletes – William Frandino summarized the changes which had been reviewed by the coaches, the Athletic Director, the Administrators, and the school attorneys. He answered questions from the Board, who thanked him for all his work on this. Suggestions made by Board members will be investigated.
- Redistricting Update – Justine Winters reported on the results of the survey/questionnaire sent out to Woodstock parents. Approximately 82 responses were received. Some parents felt that there is overcrowding at the Woodstock School and others did not. After reviewing the survey responses and the Kindergarten pre-registration numbers, Superintendent Winters recommended that the Redistricting Proposals previously presented be set aside until the consultant review of the District's buildings is completed and the report received. The subject of variances to Woodstock School for next year was discussed. Trustee Johansson reported that she had toured the Woodstock Elementary School and is concerned about the possibility of safety issues, especially regarding storage. Trustee Patterson is concerned about the equity

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issue for student opportunities. Trustee Hochman would like to respond to the parents of Woodstock School who commented on the surveys that their issues are being addressed.

- A discussion by the Board regarding communication by parents and residents to the Board followed. Trustee D’Orazio reminded everyone that people can send a letter and request that it be read by the Clerk during the meeting. This has always been in place`. Trustee Hochman reminded everyone that letters or e-mails sent through the District Clerk will be forwarded to the Board.
- Communications Committee – Trustee Patterson reported that the first newsletter got 90% positive feedback. The next newsletter is due out sometime next week. A presentation on web site surveys was received from BOCES. This may be an appropriate forum to reach out to the community. It is another way to get questions out. Also, a presentation on Safety Net Alert was most interesting to the Committee. Announcements can be sent to phone numbers. It can be used for many things such as emergencies, attendance, etc. Research is being done through schools already using the program.

POLICY
FIRST READING

- Policy 5000 – Non-Instructional/Business Operations
- Policy 6000 - Personnel
- Policy 7000 – Students (not including Special Education)
- Policy 8000 - Instruction

**SECOND READING OF POLICY 7000 –
STUDENTS (SPECIAL EDUCATION ONLY)**

Trustee Hochman moved to adopt Policy 7000 – Students (Special Education only) as read.

Trustee D’Orazio seconded the Motion.

4 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**SECOND READING OF EQUAL EDUCATION
OPPORTUNITIES (PART OF POLICY 8000-INSTRUCTION)**

Trustee D’Orazio moved to adopt the Equal Education Opportunities (part of Policy 8000 – Instruction) without the added sentence.

Trustee Johansson moved to second the Motion.

Discussion.

4 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

BUDGET HEARING

No questions on the budget were asked.

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PERSONNEL

MOTION TO APPROVE THE
2006 BOARD OF REGISTRATION

Trustee Hochman moved to approve the 2005 Board of Registration for the Annual Meeting and Election.

2005 BOARD OF REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION

May 10, 2005 2:00 - 8:00 P.M.

VOTING

May 17, 2005 2:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Angelo Russo, Chief Machine Inspector and Dennis Fisher, Machine Inspector

SHANDAKEN/LEXINGTON

- Hope Gilsinger, Chief Inspector
- Mary Lane
- Delores Harvey
- Rosalie M. Boland
- Finola Ryan, Inspector
- Margery Scow, Inspector
- Aldo Valentini, Machine Custodian

OLIVE/MARBLETOWN

- Carmen Ajce, Chief Inspector
- Barbara Allison-Conway
- Tonya Rothman
- Eulane Osterhoudt
- Grace Guendel
- Leona Weber
- Sandy Freidel
- Florence Thomas, Inspector
- Jean Anderson, Inspector
- Angelo Russo, Chief Machine Insp/Cust,

WOODSTOCK

- Laurie Hamilton, Chief Inspector
- Adele Rose
- Karen Shultis
- Gail Bonestell
- Priscilla Koehn
- Donna R. Petersen
- Alice Rice
- Stacey Hunter, Inspector
- Janet Shultis, Inspector
- Marlin Klinger, Machine Custodian

HURLEY

- Joan Freer, Chief Inspector
- Lottie Cease
- Mille Hoppe
- Tracy Oakes
- Jennifer Gambino
- Irene Papas
- Dorothy Buglisi
- Charles Williams, Inspector
- William Cragan, Inspector
- Dennis Fisher, Machine Inspector/Custodian

Trustee Johansson seconded the Motion.

4 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

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		REASON
		FROM	TO	
Patricia Salters	Teaching Assistant – WD	5/13/05	6/24/05	Medical – Paid; Family Medical Leave

Trustee Johansson seconded the Motion.

4 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

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

A. PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Trustee Hochman moved to approve the following probationary appointment:
The following named NON-INSTRUCTIONAL person appears on the List of Eligibles in a competitive civil service class and is recommended for an APPOINTMENT to serve a probationary period consistent with the applicable laws and regulations of the State of New York:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	FROM – TO	STEP	REMARKS
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A. PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

Susan Greene	Behavior Intervention Specialist	5/4/05 – 1/4/06	5	Recall from PEL to replace H. A'Brial
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Trustee Johansson seconded the Motion.

4 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**MOTION TO APPROVE
INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

G. EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

Trustee Hochman moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

G. EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Kocher, Michael	Athletic Director (Effective 7/1/05)	\$11,007

Trustee Johansson seconded the Motion.

4 Yes 0 No

Trustee Hochman congratulated Mike Kocher on his appointment.

CARRIED

**MOTION TO APPROVE
CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS
SCHEDULE U, 04/05 A-08 AND
SCHEDULE U, 05-05 B-01**

Trustee Hochman moved to approve Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations, Schedule U, 04/05, A-08, and Schedule U, 05/05, B-01 Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Hochman.

Trustee Johansson seconded the Motion.

4 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

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Business and Finance

**MOTION TO ACCEPT
BUSINESS REPORTS**

Trustee Hochman moved to accept the following BUSINESS REPORTS:

- WARRANTS – Schedule J - # 04/05

Trustee Johansson seconded the Motion.

4 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**MOTION TO ACCEPT
DONATION OF A PRINTER**

Trustee Hochman moved to accept the donation of one Dell color printer valued at approximately \$50.00 for the Bennett Elementary School by Frances Ann Gentilin.

Trustee Johansson seconded the Motion.

Trustee Hochman extended thanks to Ann Gentilin for her generosity.

4 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

BOARD MEMBERS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

There were no requests for information at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Trustee D’Orazio moved to enter into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at approximately 9:30 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular person.

Trustee Hochman seconded the Motion.

4 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

**MOTION TO RETURN TO
REGULAR SESSION**

Trustee D’Orazio moved to return to **REGULAR SESSION** at approximately 9:31 p.m.

Trustee Hochman seconded the Motion.

4 Yes 0 No

CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee D’Orazio moved to adjourn at approximately 9:32 p.m.

Trustee Hochman seconded the Motion.

Yes 0 No

CARRIED

Recorded by: _____
Jeanne Shultis
District Clerk