

# ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

## *MINUTES*

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**Tuesday, May 24, 2005**  
**Bennett Elementary School**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Trustee D'Orazio called the meeting to order at approximately 6:04 p.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **PRESENT**

Trustees Marino D'Orazio, Kathy Hochman, Neil Eisenberg, David Patterson, Herb Rosenfeld, Anne-Marie Johansson

### **ALSO PRESENT**

Superintendent, 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 18 visitors.

### **NOT PRESENT**

Trustee Lev Flournoy

Trustee D'Orazio welcomed the new Trustees Elect – Rita Vanacore, Cindy O'Connor, and Mary Jane Bernholz.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

- Regular Meeting – May 3, 2005
- Special Meeting – May 17, 2005

Trustee Hochman seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

## **DISTRICT NEWS**

Superintendent Winters made the following announcements:

- The High School yearbooks are in and the copies for each Board member are here tonight. The yearbook editor, Allyson Pickard, wanted to be here tonight to distribute them.
- Today there was an event at Belleayre called Consumer Smarts Summit – Mr. Iannotti was there with many of the High School students, including Dean McGee.
- Tomorrow evening there is the Middle School Spring Concert – chorus and orchestra – it will be held in the auditorium at 7:00 p.m.
- Tonight there is a Spring Concert at Phoenicia Elementary School.
- A reminder: school will be closed this Thursday and Friday, May 26 and 27, and will reopen Tuesday after Memorial Day

Woodstock Principal, Bobbi Schnell, announced that Woodstock's concert will be held on June 1. She congratulated Leila Whitebird, Grade 5, who won a \$100 savings bond for creating the new Town of Woodstock recycling sign, which will be used on all of their recycling bins.

Pam Walkowiak announced that the PTA Council held its fitness event for seniors after the DECA Breakfast. It was very well received, with a lot of participation by seniors. Thank you to Robin Sears for her total dedication in making this event happen. It was a great first event for the PTA Council.

## **REPORT FROM 2004-2005 STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

Dean McGee spoke on several topics:

- He announced that the Consumer Smarts Conference at Belleayre for seniors was sponsored by SAVI and run by Robin Sears and John Iannotti. It is a program set up by Eliot Spitzer, Attorney General. There are a bunch of different schools throughout the State that participate. Onteora was one of the first schools. The Consumer Smarts is a really good aspect of it. There were four different seminars that you could attend: buying a car, general consumer smarts, what happens when you go to college and dealing with situations that might arise there, and really just good speakers and a good experience. Dean attended last year. Tomorrow SAVI members will go to Albany with the conference with all the SAVI schools to hear Eliot Spitzer.
- Last week at a SAC meeting, a few students from the yearbook staff came to SAC because they were told their design for next year's yearbook cover would not be allowed because it included the picture that is on our gym wall of the mascot breaking through the brick wall. They were told that it was a school policy that it would not be allowed. They will be coming to the next meeting to talk about it. *Discussion. Trustee D'Orazio requested that the students come to a meeting in July when the new Board will be seated. They should follow the proper procedure first (contacting the Principal, then the Superintendent, and then the Board).*
- The school vending machine which SAC really wanted to get put in this year, doesn't look like it is going to happen, but if the budget passes, then it would go through, owned by the school. If not, SAC will go through a private vendor. Superintendent

Winters said that the budget defeat impacted the time frame in which we could put a machine in place. Victoria Garone concurred.

**STUDENT COMMENT**

No student comment was made at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was made at this time.

**BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

**MOTION TO APPROVE PROPOSITION**

**#1 - 2005-2006 BUDGET**

Trustee Rosenfeld moved to approve the following Proposition # 1, to be voted on again in June:

**Proposition # 1 – 2005-2006 Budget**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Onteora Central School District Board of Education be and is hereby authorized to expend the sums set forth under the various headings which are voted upon in gross and not in detail in the total amount of \$43,011,783.00 (which includes \$20,000 to support public library) for the year commencing July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006, and the Board is authorized to levy and collect the necessary tax thereof on the taxable property of the District.

Trustees Johansson, Patterson, Hochman, D’Orazio, Eisenberg seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

**PROPOSITION #2 –**

**PURCHASE OF VEHICLES**

Trustee Patterson 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 and all Trustees present seconded the Motion.

*Discussion.*

6 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

Trustee D’Orazio read the timeline for the vote on the budget.

- The addition to the Board Meeting schedule of a Special Meeting for a Budget Hearing to be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2005, was approved by consensus of the Board.

**SECOND READING OF POLICIES**

**5000, 6000, 7000 and 8000**

Trustee Hochman moved to adopt the following policies as read:

- Policy 5000 – Non-Instructional/Business Operations
- Policy 6000 - Personnel
- Policy 7000 – Students (excluding Section 7330, pending revision, and not including Special Education)
- Policy 8000 - Instruction

Trustee Eisenberg seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

Board Trustee Elect Cindy O’Connor asked about the procedure for updating the policies. Discussion and description of the procedure followed for the policy review that has occurred in the last few years ensued.

**PERSONNEL**

**AMENDED 2005 BOARD OF  
REGISTRATION FOR THE BUDGET  
VOTE/ELECTION HELD ON  
MAY 17, 2005**

**AMENDED 2005 BOARD OF REGISTRATION**

**REGISTRATION**

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

May 17, 2005

**VOTING**

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  
Amanda Winnie  
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  
Maria Oakley  
Dorothy Buglisi  
Charles Williams, Inspector  
William Cragan, Inspector  
Dennis Fisher, Machine

Inspector/Custodian

*Discussion. No motion was made at this time. It will be placed on a future agenda.*

**BOARD MEMBERS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

No requests for information were made at this time.

Trustee Patterson praised the work that Jeanne and all her helpers did on the night of the Budget Vote/Election.

Trustee D’Orazio thanked Terri Santonja for all her help during the Budget Vote/Election process.

Dean McGee was asked to pass out the yearbooks to the members of the Board. He was asked to let Allyson Pickard know that we really appreciate the phenomenal job she did as Editor-In Chief.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment was made at this time.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Hochman moved to enter into Executive Session at approximately 6:28 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the employment history of a particular person, the history of a particular student and an administrative contract

Trustee Eisenberg seconded the Motion.

*Trustees Elect Vanacore, O’Connor and Bernholz were invited to attend the Executive Session.*

6 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**MOTION TO RETURN TO  
REGULAR SESSION**

Trustee Eisenberg moved to return to regular session at approximately 7:20 p.m.

Trustee D’Orazio seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

***CARRIED***

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Eisenberg moved to adjourn at approximately 7:24 p.m.

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

***CARRIED***

Recorded by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Justine C. Winters  
Clerk Pro Tem

Recorded by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeanne Shultis  
District Clerk