ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

Minutes

SPECIAL MEETING
8:00 a.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2020
TELECONFERCED

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call to Order 8:00 a.m.
1.02 Tobacco Policy Statement
1.03 Roll Call
Present:
Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Salem, Trustee DeJesus
Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff Trustee Warren

2. Action Items

2.01 Approve Paid Leave for Part Time People

Recommended Action: Resolved that, pursuant to New York Education Law Section 1709, the Board of Education hereby extends paid leave to part time non-teaching employees for the period of March 16, 2020 through March 20, 2020, if such employees worked any day during such period, provided however, that nothing herein shall either oblige or authorize the District to pay such employees an amount in excess of what they would ordinarily have earned during that time period absent the closing of schools due to the existing declaration of a State of Emergency.
Resolved that, pursuant to New York Education Law Section 1709, the Board of Education hereby extends paid leave to part time non-teaching employees for the period of March 23, 2020 through April 1, 2020, if such employees work any day during such period, provided however, that nothing herein shall either oblige or authorize the District to pay such employees an amount in excess of what they would ordinarily have earned during that time period absent the closing of schools due to the existing declaration of a State of Emergency. Employees shall remain available to work during their regular work hours, and the District shall retain the sole discretion to direct employees to report to work, if determined by the Superintendent of Schools to be necessary.

Motioned: Trustee Salem
Seconded: Trustee Storey

- Want part time people to be able to work in-district and get needed Unemployment
    - Unemployment may not cover them because they are working

Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Salem, Trustee DeJesus
Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff Trustee Warren

2.02 Update from Superintendent Victoria McLaren and Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction Jodi DeLucia

- Call for medical supplies in county – clear plastic pages (transparencies) and goggles
    - Had the staff look for them – will be in touch with County
        - Will take inventory and declare as obsolete and a donation next meeting
- NYSCOSS is taking a stand with the State to maintain the budget vote in May, by School Boards voting on the budget
    - Only require public budget votes if budget is over cap

    - Reserve propositions too
    - Trustees will stay until next election – will have 5 seats next year
- NYC schools out until April 20th, don't think we will be back April 2nd
- Don't have great latitude on local diploma but don't anticipate that this situation will cause students will not graduate
    - HS teachers are prepared to work with students for Regents
    - Juniors will not have a lot of time to make-up work
    - There will be leeway by the State for graduation requirements that cannot be fulfilled
    - Discussing lab hours that are required and how to accommodate that
- Chromebooks will be been given to families who need technology
    - Chromebooks and cords will be disinfected
    - 2 station drive through – first stop give name, second stop give disinfected Chromebook
- Families without internet – sent a phone Shoutpoint K-8 to call if you don't have internet access, or you know of anyone
    - Teachers send material weekly to Central, someone will send out the work to the students
- Some districts will not be able to deliver instruction to students
- Once over, will have to reconvene CSEs – see if student lost skills and add services
- Received guidance from attorneys and working with IT about teleconferencing and privacy
- Trained teachers but there is a need out there to support parents with technology
- Spectrum offered free access but in majority of households that don't have access can't get Spectrum where they are, so the offer does not work for them
    - Assistant Superintendent for Business, Monica LaClair reported that on a call with Business Officials found that Spectrum is making it difficult – can't recommend to our community something that is free, but difficult to use

Now Present:
Trustee Ratcliff arrived at 8:20

No Longer Present:
Trustee Kurnit and Trustee DeJesus left the meeting at 8:30

Now Present:
Trustee Kurnit is back in the room at 8:35

- AP Tests online – will give more information when State gives guidance
    - HS Principal and HS counselors will let students know
- For online learning, have to use a platform that is Education Law Compliant for data and security
    - Difficult with connectivity - every home is not usually trying access the internet
    - Teaching teachers how to record sessions and show to younger students

- Trying to deal with bad access, popping on and off
  - Space out the teachers going live to limit bandwidth
- Week 1 will be slow – so people can get used to technology
  - Change after 1st week

- County Superintendents try to meet 3 days a week
  - Talk about what issues having and plans
    - All districts in same place – same issues as us
  - All sharing emails to be sure all Superintendent get same information
  - BOCES is trying to figure out what services they can still deliver
    - Trying to cut budget for next year
    - Now all districts continuing to paying bills, but if State budget does not come through, districts won't be able to pay BOCES
    - April 1st meeting will be online for BOCES budget
- Perhaps have BOCES advertise in the newspaper and radio about testing and other information important for people to know
  - If Onteora needs any communication out, Trustee Osmond will talk to WDST, Radio Kingston and Spanish Radio station
- ELL teachers and our Parent Peer Trainer have been finding people who don't have technology or internet
- Will continue to have short, special meetings and follow the Board meeting schedule
  - District Clerks will check to see if regular schedule time of 6:00 pm on the 31st is good with Board and administrators

Request For Information:
Trustee Ratcliff : How will we contact Onteora and non-Onteora students that need to take the AP test?

2.03 Adjourn Meeting

Recommended Action: The meeting is adjourned at 8:50
Motioned: Trustee Salem
Seconded: Trustee Ratcliff
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff
Not Present: Trustee DeJesus, Trustee Warren

Minutes Recorded by Fern Amster,
District Clerk

Fern Amster