ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

REGULAR MEETING & BUDGET HEARING
MINUTES 6:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2020
TELECONFERENCING

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call to Order 6:00
1.02 Tobacco Policy Statement
1.03 Roll Call

Present: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Warren, Trustee DeJesus

2. Budget Hearing

2.01 Assistant Superintendent for Business, Monica LaClair will present the Budget Hearing Presentation

- 2019-2020 Budget $57,403,498
- Proposed 2020-2021 Budget $57,938,452
  - Will support current programs – including active learning spaces and Social Emotional Learning
- 2019-2020 Levy $43,640,790
- Proposed 2020-2021 Levy $44,758,748
- 3 part budget:
  - Program 83.54% Capital 9.07% Administrative 7.39%
- Contingency Budget – tax levy limit will be what was raised in last year $43,640,790, no equipment purchase, administrative cap, not allow transfer to capital, charge feels for outside organizations to use facilities
  - Budget vote is by mail – no way of knowing what potential could be- no guidance on second vote
- On the Ballot is the $57,938,452 budget and 3 Board seats

Discussion:

- 1-1 devices being purchased will be more Chromebooks
- Capital Expenditure – Bennett air unit being purchased and installed, leftover money will be for other expenditures
  - May be additional costs to air handler – need to do that first
  - Re-paving will be done if money is leftover
    - This is the priority by the Director of Facilities
    - If not in presentation for public, would not be able to spend any leftover money – need to tell public for what the money will be used
    - Need to have what each paving item will cost
- Public question:
  - Why is the District not freezing all expenses at this point with the Pandemic unemployment?
    - For spring, have frozen everything that's not for operation or need for education
    - Fall, need to spend on the students coming back – they will need

additional resources
        - Have obligations need to fill with union contracts, health insurance costs – just like everyone else have expenses that will increase
        - 80% of budget is people, need to continue to pay
        - Unknowns –State aid cuts may be coming
    - When will Dr. Baughman's report be to the public, what will the district do in terms of consolidation? Why spend on construction until you know what schools will be closing?
        - Decide when to discuss Dr. Baughman's report – he did present his report to the public
        - Unprecedented configurations right now – building usage in "triage" mode
    - Why use $750,000 in this time?
        - Revenue will be $3.2 million less than expenditures - $750,000 is for transfer to capital – if on contingency budget will not use
        - Is in budget, but still may not use
- Update Frequently Asked Questions on website
- Recognize administration and staff for getting out and feeding the children
    - Will continue to feed families in summer as well

Hearing is closed

3. Acceptance of Minutes

3.01 Acceptance of Minutes (proposed 7:00)

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby accepts the minutes of the May 5, 2020 Board Meeting
Motioned: Trustee Storey
Seconded: Trustee Kurnit
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Warren, Trustee DeJesus

4. Superintendent District News

4.01 The Superintendent will report District News

- Thank you District Clerk and staff that stuffed 12,000 ballots in under 2 days
- Project Manager, DBL will be updating the board on a regular basis
- Superintendent Victoria McLaren and Assistant Superintendent for Business, Monica LaClair will meet with town Supervisors to discuss budget
    - Will also schedule time to meet with PTA leaders, as usual
- Received email from BOCES Superintendent – State has tapped BOCES to gather information from the public as to what going back to school in September is to look like – asks one question to get feedback, also rank other answers out there
    - What ideas and thoughts do you have when it comes to in-person schooling?

Discussion:

- Good idea, as it is time to think of things not thought of before

- Gym lockers have been packed up by staff, will allow students to get their belongings in June- very structured for safety

5. Board District News

5.01 The Board will report District News

Trustee Osmond reported:

- Superintendent Victoria McLaren and she will be collaborating on letter for the budget newsletter
- Also discussing talking to WDST about promoting budget vote and graduation

Trustee Storey reported she participated in cybersecurity webinar today- will forward link

Trustee DeJesus reported that she was happy to hear Executive Ryan thank the OTA for large donation to Project Resilience

6. Student Representative Report

6.01 Student Representative, Leon Savage will report to the Board

The student representative was not present to give report

7. Acknowledge Public Be Heard Comments

7.01 The Board will acknowledge the public be heard comments from the last meeting

No one spoke

8. Public and Student Comment

8.01 Public and Students may comment on any agenda or non-agenda item

No comment was made

9. Discussion & Possible Action

9.01 Donation from Golden Notebook

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves of a donation of 5 boxes of books and miscellaneous items worth $1,800 from the Golden Notebook
Motioned: Trustee DeJesus
Seconded: Trustee Kurnit

- Thank you so much for this generous donation – especially in this time

Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Warren, Trustee DeJesus

9.02 Donation from National Guard

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the donation of 200 cases of Chobani yogurt from the National Guard

- Thank you to Trustee DeJesus, parent Hikari Tezuka for bringing this to District attention and all district personnel and did pick up and delivery

Motioned: Trustee DeJesus
Seconded: Trustee Kurnit
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Salem, Trustee

Ratcliff, Trustee Warren, Trustee DeJesus

9.03 Donation for Belleayre Bash

Recommended Action: The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a donation totaling $250.00 CASH, from the Health & Wellness Meet, Greet, & Eat Fundraiser (from The Reis Group) to use specifically for the Onteora Senior Class Belleayre Bash.

Motioned: Trustee DeJesus
Seconded: Trustee Storey

- Thank you for this generous donation

Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Warren, Trustee DeJesus

9.05 Donation for Scholarships

Recommended Action: The Superintendent recommends acceptance of donations totaling $2,731.25 CASH, from various donors as scholarship awards for the Class of 2020.

The Superintendent recommends approval of the following donations:

$50.00 Sharon McKnight	$31.25 Dieter Schimmelpfennig
$31.25 Scott Richards	$31.25 Gabriel Buono
$25.00 Christine Reynolds Hepburn	$200.00 Douglas Krecko
$250.00 Onteora ECA HS Yearbook	$200.00 Lisa Casey
$50.00 Joseph Williams	$31.25 Victoria McLaren
$31.25 Kyle Harjes	$31.25 Monica LaClair
$31.25 Jodi DeLucia	$31.25 John Reimer
$31.25 Cynthia Bishop	$200.00 Amanda Vanburen
$200.00 Ward & Jane Todd	$25.00 Brian Cornish

$1,000.00 Jeannine & Patrick Burkhardt

Motioned: Trustee Salem
Seconded: Trustee Kurnit
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Warren, Trustee DeJesus

9.06 Later Start Times Discussion

Resolution Approved October 8, 2019:
WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Onteora school board to consider the health and well being of our students; and
WHEREAS, our districts future well-being relies on a high-quality public education system that prepares all students for college, careers, democracy, and lifelong learning; and
WHEREAS, there is substantial documentation regarding the later school start times benefit to student health and wellness by many accredited organizations such as The American Academy of Pediatrics and others; and
WHEREAS, our Onteora school board commits to an engagement throughout the 2019-2020 school year with all the stakeholders in our community regarding school start times, in order to facilitate best practices, and possibilities including direct communication in the form of meetings, forums, etc.; and
THEREFORE, let it be resolved that the Onteora School Board, in order to support student wellness resolves to move secondary start times to no earlier than 8am by September 2020.

Superintendent Victoria McLaren:

- No discussion has been had about schedules for September

- Administrators recognize the teenage sleep cycle and all the reasons the Board did this, but right now Superintendent asks the Board to remove this constraint for September
    - Not been able to plan for this change and don't know what school will look like in the fall

Motion to rescind resolution regarding later start times from Oct 9, 2019
Motioned: Trustee Kurnit
Seconded: Trustee Salem
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Warren, Trustee DeJesus

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No Longer Present
Trustee Storey left the meeting at 6:55

Motioned: Trustee Salem
Seconded: Trustee Warren
Result: Passed
Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Warren, Trustee DeJesus
Not Present: Trustee Storey

9.07 Property Tax Report Card
Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the Property Tax Report Card for the 2020-2021 school year
Motioned: Trustee Salem
Seconded: Trustee Osmond
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Warren, Trustee DeJesus
Not Present: Trustee Storey

10. Consent Agenda

10.01 Approve Consent Agenda
Recommended Action: The Board hereby approves item numbers 10.02-10.04
Motioned: Trustee Ratcliff
Seconded: Trustee Osmond

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

10.02 Schedule U-The Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations

Recommended Action: The Board hereby approves the Instruction - Schedule U-The Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations, Schedule U, #5/20, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Ratcliff

10.02 Personnel Agenda

Recommended Action: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District that the JUUL Agreement between employee #05262020 and the District is hereby approved.

LEAVE OF ABSENCES: INSTRUCTIONAL

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM - TO	REASON
3183	Psychologist	*approx. dates* 5/5/2020-5/21/2020	FMLA-Paid Leave

RESIGNATIONS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Bachor, Margaret	Substitute Nurse	4/30/2020	Personal
Cattabiani, Catherine	Teaching Assistant	6/30/2020	Retirement

10.03 Approve Health & Welfare Contract

Recommended Action: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rhinebeck Central School District establishes the rate of $1,070.69 per pupil for the school year 2019-2020 for Health and Welfare Services provided for non-resident pupils attending non-public schools in the Rhinebeck Central School District.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent and the President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign contracts for Health and Welfare services for the 2019-2020 school year.

11. New Business

11.01 The Board will discuss New Business

- Any additional training for delivery of remote curriculum would be a worthy investment

12. Old Business

12.01 The Board will discuss Old Business

No new business was discussed

13. Request For Information

13.01 Discuss Requests for Information

No requests were made

Now Present
Trustee Storey arrived back at the meeting at 7:05

14. Executive Session & Adjournment

14.01 Enter executive session

Recommended Action: Motion to enter into executive session to discuss the tenure of specific employees, the raise for Confidential Staff and the contract of an administrator
Motioned: Trustee Salem
Seconded: Trustee DeJesus
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Warren, Trustee DeJesus

14.02 Exit Executive Session and Adjourn. Next meeting is June 2, 2020

Recommended Action: Motion to exit executive session and adjourn at 8:00
Motioned: Trustee Kurnit
Seconded: Trustee DeJesus
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Warren, Trustee DeJesus

Minutes Recorded by Fern Amster,
District Clerk

Fern Amster

Board of Education: Laurie Osmond, Rob Kurnit, Valerie Storey, Kevin Salem, Bennet Ratcliff, Robert Burke Warren, Dafne DeJesus