

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

WORKSHOP MEETING

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2021

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 DeJesus, Trustee Sherry

2. Executive Session

2.01 Enter executive session (proposed 6:00 duration 1 hour)

Recommended Action: Motion to enter into executive session to discuss all unions negotiations and discussion of the employment of a particular company

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee Ratcliff

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee DeJesus, Trustee Sherry

2.02 Exit Executive Session and Return to Public Session (proposed 7pm)

Recommended Action: Motion to exit executive session and return to public session

Motioned: Trustee Salem

Seconded: Trustee Storey

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Sherry, Trustee DeJesus

3. Acceptance of Minutes

3.01 Acceptance of Minutes

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby accepts the minutes of the January 12, 14, 18, and 21 meetings

Motioned: Trustee Salem

Seconded: Trustee DeJesus

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Sherry, Trustee DeJesus

4. Superintendent Update

4.01 The Superintendent will update the Board on District News (proposed 7:05)

- Returning to in-person model 2/1/21 for those that have chosen it
- Thanks to all those families that have provided consent for testing if we are in a micro-zone
 - 185 consents to test
 - See how many in each building need to meet a percentage by building
- Recommending that Nick Millas be appointed as Interim Athletic Director,

Dean of Students and Director of PE and Health

- He received tenure in this position in Ontario in 2012, left in 2016 to pursue another role
- Awarding RFP for athletic trainer – working on supervision– must work with physician – will have in near future
- NYSSBA reported that the State Education Officials are asking to waive test for remainder of school year
 - Chancellor decided that the State tests cannot be administered safely and equitably
 - Asking for feedback
- Students are actively working
 - Look at HS newspaper – Talon on their website
 - HS Literary Magazine purchased for \$5.00
 - Many other things in buildings

4.02 Assistant Superintendent for Business, Monica LaClair will present on the 2021-2022 Budget (proposed 7:10 duration 20 min)

7:25

- Forecast 5 helped us put together enrollment projections
- Went over those projections on website under District, District Plans and Reports, Reports, Enrollment
- Forecast 5 takes data (live births) and allows us to manipulate it
 - 2014: 1392 2021:1187
 - K-3 numbers level out starting this year
 - 4-6 decreasing
 - 7-8 largest shift from year to year
 - 9-12 most dramatic drop
 - When HS classes of around 100 graduate, classes of under 100 follow
- 2021 anticipate savings for Fund Balance will depend on aid cuts
 - 20% aid cut - \$1 million toward Fund Balance
 - 5% aid cut, would give \$2.2 million toward Fund Balance
 - \$2.7 million without aid cuts
- Went over Governor's 2021-2022 budget recommendations
 - Know more in next few weeks, then passing in March

Instructional Budget Priorities

- Expand Professional Development and Curriculum Development on the New York State Social Studies Framework and enhance participation in civic engagement
- Increase Student Supports to provide deep and meaningful enrichment to address student learning gaps experienced as a result of COVID-19
- Expand Summer Skills academy for grades K-6
- Explore an academic enrichment academy specific to the needs of our Grades 7 and 8 students
- Supplement 9-12 BOCES offerings if necessary
- Increase Academic Intervention Services and Resource Room
- Continue to expand our Social Emotional Learning Initiative
- Continue with Morningside Center for Teaching Social Responsibility
- Reinforce Mental Health

- Replace retired Parent Peer Trainer with Social Worker
- Continue to expand curriculum to include Inquiry Based Learning
- Professional Development
- Expand Active Learning Spaces
- Discuss Board priorities for budget

Discussion:

- Applied as a grant to get back money taken from State Aid
 - Taking money that we spent in general fund and replace it with grant money received- funding with money we have
- Waiting for health insurance rates, TRS, ERS, contracts that are expired or expiring, see how they renew
- Next presentation is the roll over budgets and assumptions used

5. Board District News

5.01 The Board will report District News (proposed 7:30)

Trustee Kurnit reminded Board members that the UCSBA is having a meeting on Thursday –presentation by legislature

Trustee Ratcliff reported that the Board met with Senator Hinchey and she outlined what is happening in Albany and her priorities

6. Student Representative Report

6.01 Student Representative Leon Savage will report to the Board (proposed 7:35)
7:45

- Outdoor classroom initiative been in the works since March 2020
 - Planning layout and talking about budgeting – work within next year
 - Contacted landscaping companies for donations
 - Have fully functional classroom for 2021-2022 school year
- Gave \$500 – Students Against Destructive Decisions Club

7. Acknowledge Public Be Heard Comments

7.01 The Board will acknowledge the public be heard comments from the last meeting Dale Allison, Mike Liverani, Frank Nagele, Herb Citron, Andy Occhi, Eric Stein, George Clapper, Leslie Stern, Grace Hallinan

8. Public and Student Comment

8.01 Public and Students may comment on any agenda or non-agenda item (proposed 7:40 duration 30 min)

The following people spoke about disappointment with replacement of Athletic Director – Mark Wilens, Sarah Yanosh, Grace Hallinan, Ursula Hallinan, Renee Ross, Lysa Ingalsbe, Ursula Hallinan, Rita Vanacore, Tripp Ingalsbe, Dave Alterio, Mike Laverne Eric Stein, Lindsay Shands, Deborah Downes, Angela Donohue, Dale Allison, Todd Adelman, Ashley Hillard, Kristen Eberhard, Roy Bruecker, Frank Nagle

Rick Wolff – why hasn't the report from the consultant been discussed at Board meetings? He spoke about cost saving measures

Dismissed – all personnel actions are voted on by the Board in public

No Longer Present:

Trustee Sherry left the meeting at 8:15

9. Discussion & Possible Action

9.01 Scholarship Donations (proposed 8:10)

Recommended Action: The Superintendent recommends acceptance of donations totaling \$335.00 CASH, from various donors as scholarship awards for the graduating class.

The Superintendent recommends approval of the following donations:

\$20.00 Maura Farley

\$100.00 Marilyn St. John

\$25.00 Angelo & Patricia Arimborgo

\$30.00 Andrew Kirschner

\$20.00 Jane Lester

\$100.00 Katherine & Marc Heller

\$40.00 Michael & Isabel Smith

Motioned: Trustee DeJesus

Seconded: Trustee Ratcliff

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee DeJesus

Not Present: Trustee Sherry

9.02 Donation from Alliance Energy

Recommended Action: The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a grant donation totaling \$500.00 CASH, from Alliance Energy, LLC / Exxon Mobil Corporation to support the Onteora Middle/High School STEM program and approves increasing the 2020-2021 budget line A2110.431.01 (Supplemental) by \$500.00

Motioned: Trustee Salem

Seconded: Trustee DeJesus

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee DeJesus

Not Present: Trustee Sherry

9.03 Donation from Bridge Arts & Education

Recommended Action: The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a grant donation totaling \$500.00 CASH, from Bridge Arts & Education to support the Onteora High School Orchestra for music education.

Motioned: Trustee DeJesus

Seconded: Trustee Storey

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee DeJesus

Not Present: Trustee Sherry

9.04 NYSSBA Liaison

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves Rob Kurnit to be the Board of Education liaison for NYSSBA

Motioned: Trustee Ratcliff

Seconded: Trustee DeJesus

- Get Boards to designate someone to be a front person to pass information onto their Boards – purpose is not clear
- Not enough information to vote
 - In future can ask before the meeting

Motion to remove and place on next agenda

Motioned: Trustee Ratcliff

Seconded: Trustee Kurnit

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee DeJesus

Not Present: Trustee Sherry

9.05 Discuss the Board of Education Budget (proposed 8:15 duration 10 min)
 9:15

Acct # A1010.	Description	2019-20		2020-21		2021-22	2021-22	Used for
		Budget	Expensed	Budget	As of 12/18/20	Full Budget	Reduced Budget	
424-10	CONFERENCES	\$10,000.00	\$6,863.57	\$10,000.00	\$650.00	\$8,000	\$5,000	NYSSBA, new bd member training
430-10	MISCELLANEOU S EXPENSE	\$1,000.00	\$1,455.50	\$1,000.00	\$463.79	\$1,000	\$1,000	retiree clocks
442-10	MILEAGE	\$1,000.00	\$367.55	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$500	\$0.00	
449-10	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$5,000.00	\$32,197.65	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000	\$2,500	Retreats, consultants, IHO, Supt Hearings, Investigations
501-10	SUPPLIES	\$250.00	\$242.37	\$250.00	\$117.00	\$250	\$250	Ed law book
524-10	SUBSCRIPTIONS	\$400.00	\$801.87	\$400.00	\$358.44	\$900	\$900	newspapers
	TOTALS	\$17,650.00	\$41,928.51	\$17,650	\$1,984.23	\$15,650.00	\$9,650.00	

- \$32,000 for consultant – presentation was for the Board
 - Limited codes that are non-instructional
- Not a good place to put unknown expenses
- Don't remember this being done before
 - Can't go back to last year, can review next time
- Look at contract with Dr. Bachman to see if his fees belong in the Board's budget
- Board does not see budget code when voting on contracts
- Discussion on difference between Full Budget and Reduced Budget

9.06 Preliminary discussion of the needs to return to school in September (proposed 8:25 duration 15 min)

- At administrative level, enhancing Mental health support, academic support, creating a more robust summer school for K-6, and possibly expand offerings to secondary
- Enhancing social studies support and professional development
- Would like to hear more from Board about priorities
- Continue to gather information

Discussion:

- Emotional and physical health of students for September – students are checked out – been almost a year
 - Look at day and be sure all supports are there
- Think about special education students' and all students' needs
- Students thought that what they needed most was counseling support and mental health support
 - Enhance Guidance Office to help with college applications, which have been changed
- Look at MS students schedules – especially Special Education – services during lunch
- Passed a resolution to address later start times in 2021 – follow the science
 - Now is a good time for all district to examine what they have been doing in the past if it is working

10. Consent Agenda

10.01 Approve Consent Agenda (proposed 8:40)

Recommended Action: The Board hereby approves item numbers 10.02-10.06

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee Ratcliff

- President read the items on the Consent Agenda

Roll Call Vote:

Trustee Osmond: Nay

Trustee Kurnit: Nay

Trustee Storey: Yea

Trustee Salem: Yea

Trustee Ratcliff: Yea

Trustee DeJesus: Nay

Not Present: Trustee Sherry

Result: Failed

Motion to rescind vote on Consent Agenda

Motioned: Trustee DeJesus

Seconded: Trustee Ratcliff

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee DeJesus

Not Present: Trustee Sherry

Motion pull out Schedule U, Athletic Trainer and Surplus Uniforms out of Consent Agenda

Motioned: Trustee Kurnit
Seconded: Trustee Osmond
Roll call vote:
Trustee Osmond: Yea
Trustee Kurnit: Yea
Trustee Storey: Yea
Trustee Salem: Yea
Trustee Ratcliff: Yea
Trustee DeJesus: Yea
Not Present: Trustee Sherry
Result: Unanimous

Approve Consent Agenda item numbers 10.03-10.05 (Schedule U, Athletic Trainer and Surplus Uniforms)

Motioned: Trustee Kurnit
Seconded: Trustee DeJesus
Trustee Osmond: Yea
Trustee Kurnit: Yea
Trustee Storey: Yea
Trustee Salem: Yea
Trustee Ratcliff: Yea
Trustee DeJesus: Yea
Not Present: Trustee Sherry
Result: Unanimous

Move to approve Consent Agenda as now amended 10.02 (Personnel) and 10.06 (Approve Agreement)

Motioned: Trustee Ratcliff
Seconded: Trustee Salem
Trustee Osmond: Nay
Trustee Kurnit: Nay
Trustee Storey: Yea
Trustee Salem: Yea
Trustee Ratcliff: Yea
Trustee DeJesus: Nay
Not Present: Trustee Sherry
Result: Failed

Result:
Yea:
Not Present:

10.02 Personnel Agenda

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE ATE	PAY RATE
Millas, Nicholas	Interim Director of Athletics, PE, Health and Dean of Students	1/27/2021	\$475/day

LEAVE OF ABSENCES: NON INSTRUCTIONAL

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
3114	1/15/21 – 1/29/21	FMLA-paid

LEAVE OF ABSENCES: INSTRUCTIONAL

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
3183	2/1/21 – 6/30/21	Parental Leave-Unpaid

10.03 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, #1/21, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee DeJesus

10.04 Surplus uniforms

Recommended Action: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Ontario Central School District declare the attached list of athletic uniforms as surplus and authorizes the sale or disposal of the listed uniforms.

10.05 Award Athletic Trainer Services

Recommended Action: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Ontario Central School District approve the award of Certified Athletic Trainer Services to Kingston Physical Therapy Sports Rehab. P.C. for a 10-month period beginning mid-August 2021 through mid-June 2022 in the amount of \$3,500 per month and an hourly rate of \$22/hour from January 27, 2021 until mid-August 2021, as needed, based on the RFP documents of October 25, 2020.

10.06 Approve Agreement

Recommended Action: Be it resolved that the Board hereby approves the Separation Agreement and General Release between the District and Employee Number 01262021, dated January 21, 2021 and authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the Agreement on behalf of the District

11. Committee Reports

11.01 Communications Committee to report on Forum; Trustee Salem to report. Next COVID Forum is 2/2/21 at 6:00

- Been able to keep meetings to an hour
- Make information from past forums more available to reduce repeat questions

12. Old Business

12.01 The Board will discuss Old Business

- Teachers with issues health related, family health related
 - Accommodations for people with mandatory quarantine can teach from home
 - 504 plans for people with compromised conditions

Motion to make an addendum to the motion that approved pulled items [out of the Consent Agenda] to include the 2 employee leaves on the personnel agenda

Motioned: Trustee DeJesus

Seconded: Trustee Ratcliff

Roll call vote:

Trustee Osmond: Yea

Trustee Kurnit: Yea

Trustee Storey: Yea

Trustee Salem: Yea

Trustee Ratcliff: Yea

Trustee DeJesus: Yea

Not Present: Trustee Sherry

Vote on these 4 items that have been removed from consent agenda (Schedule U, Athletic Trainer, Surplus Uniforms and Staff Leaves of Absence from Personnel)

Motioned: Trustee Kurnit

Seconded: Trustee Ratcliff

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee DeJesus

Not Present: Trustee Sherry

Motion to go into executive session to discuss the employment of a particular employee at 10:00

Motioned: Trustee Ratcliff

Seconded: Trustee Storey

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee DeJesus

Not Present: Trustee Sherry

13. ~~New Business~~

~~13.01 The Board will discuss New Business~~

14. ~~Request For Information~~

~~14.01 Board members will request information of the Superintendent~~

15. Adjournment

15.01 Adjourn (proposed 8:30) Next meeting is February 9, 2021

Recommended Action: Motion to exit executive session and adjourn at 11:00

Motioned: Trustee Ratcliff

Seconded: Trustee Storey

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee DeJesus

Not Present: Trustee Sherry

Minutes Recorded by Fern Amster,
District Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fern Amster".

Board of Education: Laurie Osmond, Rob Kurnit, Valerie Storey, Kevin Salem, Bennet Ratcliff,
Dafne DeJesus, Emily Sherry