

# ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021**

TELECONFERENCING

MINUTES

## 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 Sherry

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee DeJesus

## 2. Executive Session

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

*Recommended Action:* Motion to enter into executive session to discuss tenure for specific employees and OTA negotiations

Motioned: Trustee Ratcliff

Seconded: Trustee Sherry

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee DeJesus

Now Present

Trustee DeJesus and Trustee Ratcliff are now present

2.02 Exit Executive Session and Return to Public Session (proposed 7:00 pm)

*Recommended Action:* Motion to exit executive session and return to public session 7:05

Motioned: Trustee Ratcliff

Seconded: Trustee Salem

Result: Unanimous

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

## 3. Acceptance of Minutes

3.01 Acceptance of Minutes

*Recommended Action:* The Board of Education hereby accepts the minutes of the February 23, 2021 and March 4, 2021 Board meetings

Motioned: Trustee Ratcliff

Seconded: Trustee DeJesus

Result: Unanimous

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

**4. Superintendent Update**

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

- Bennett had first virtual after school club – 6 students attended first meeting
  - Kudos to Library Media Specialist Bernadette Amodeo
- Book Initiative – students that have received books: Phoenicia – 137; Woodstock – 147; Bennett – 101; UPK – 16
- Other counties have interpreted social distancing to be 3 feet and using barriers – speaking with UC Executive about this
  - BOCES Superintendent has been corresponding with State Education Department.
  - Waiting for State Education to provide guidance
  - Reduce social distance require for school transportation requirements need to change as well
- Need music instruction clarification on holding classes inside
  - Would impact secondary schools more than elementary
  - Provide more opportunity for students to come to classes
  - Looking into barriers that would conform to fire codes- see what might be viable for indoor instruction
- State Education will be doing survey on what local assessments are being used in each district– information gathered will be used to inform discussions about spring assessments

Discussion:

- Performing Arts – band, theater – overall frustration because most music instruction indoors – Bennett principal moving music outdoor to do more performance based groups
- Driven by desire to have more children in school – couple of places in guidance that may be vague – plans required to create 6’ social distancing
- Last list of staff has gone to county and they believe they will be able to be vaccinated
- Try for performing arts be in summer school

4.02 Assistant Superintendent for Business Monica LaClair will present on the 2021-2022 Budget (proposed 7:10 duration 15 min)

- Tax levy limit calculation has not changed since last meeting
- 1.78% tax levy increase, does not necessarily mean tax rate will increase
- Revenue projections have not changed - 2.45% increase – with current State Aid
- Expenditure projection not changed much – had 1 retirement
- Expenditure budget has not changed
- Still have unknowns- will know health insurance hopefully tomorrow
  - State aid know by 3/31/21, Special Education continually updated
- Proposition for Capital Reserve funded in the amount of \$10 million over 10 years
  - Will be on this year’s vote
- Fund balance and reserves
  - Run 23% - 28% of total budget
  - Use Capital Reserve for ADA Project, did not have to ask taxpayers for additional money

- Do another Capital Reserve – pay for facility needs from new Building Condition Survey
- End year with surplus- have not been able to do things done in other years
  - Fund TRS Reserve, Unemployment Reserve, the new Capital Reserve
  - Decrease in employment benefits will take the Assigned Fund Balance and add to new Capital Reserve
- Having a healthy fund balance and reserves: provides good Moody's rating, allows us to borrow at low interest rate, fluctuate cash flow-holds over

## Discussion:

- Expenditure slide – athletics is less – Athletic trainer will cost less than this year
- Surplus after last year, in ERS reserves – flexible to be able to put money in there – keeps stability with budget instead of going up and down
  - If in the coming years, can reduce the tax cap and not collect as much taxes or put money in Capital reserve
  - Purchases in slide 5 – transportation van and pick-up truck - transition to electric or hybrid vehicle
    - Transportation van is for a specific run for a specific child
    - District reached out to outside consultant for analysis of vehicles because hybrid trucks can't plow and vans can't handle our roads
    - If health insurance is lower, can allocate more money in equipment lines – hybrid vehicles will be more money
    - Needs also include lowering the Districts' emissions

## No Longer Present

Trustee Salem left at 7:30

**5. Board District News**

5.01 The Board will report District News (proposed 7:25)

Trustee Ratcliff reported attended Science Olympiad for MS – appreciate the work that the science teachers have done in keeping it going in this difficult time

- Children doing science on a Saturday afternoon was wonderful

Trustee Osmond reported that Woodstock Apothecary is helping get vaccines out to people- has a website and waitlist for vaccines

- Got extra vaccines and vaccinated people 65 and older then got permission to reach out to restaurants

**6. Student Representative Report**

6.01 Student Representative Leon Savage will report to the Board (proposed 7:30)

7:40

Going forward with plan to build outdoor classroom and have easily accessible masks for students to pick up

## Discussion:

- Looking forward to hearing your thoughts to the Cyberbullying conversation next meeting

## 7. Acknowledge Public Be Heard Comments

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

## 8. Public and Student Comment

- 8.01 Public and Students may comment on any agenda or non-agenda item (proposed 7:35 duration 20 min)

Janice Tieri – Forum with over 50 members of community last year– questions went unanswered. Research on secondary is compelling, but none on young children. Found research that says later start time is harmful to elementary students. Earlier time captures prime learning time. Forum was lack of communication – all research is on secondary.

Lindsay Shands – Thanks to community who came out to support Booster Club with Brooks BBQ

Frank Nagele – Want to thank the Board for coming together on decision on high risk sports. Start times – Forum ended abruptly, then never got together again. Still questions and problems with later start times in elementary families.

Later start times resolution was just changed to the next year

## 9. Discussion & Possible Action

- 9.01 Nomination for BOCES Board

*Recommended Action:* Be it hereby resolved that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District hereby approve the nomination of Robert Curran to represent the Onteora Central School District on the Ulster County BOCES Board of Education for the three (3) year term beginning July 1, 2021 through and including June 30, 2024.

The Onteora Board of Education further approves of the nomination for the two (2) “at-large” seats to James Shaughnessy and Vincent Petroccelli.

Motioned: Trustee Kurnit

Seconded: Trustee Ratcliff

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Salem

- 9.02 Approve ICR for Center for Spectrum Services

*Recommended Action:* BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approve the Independent Contractor Retainer between the Onteora Central School District and Center for Spectrum Services retained as Evaluator effective March 10, 2021 to June 24, 2021 at a rate of \$2,000.00 per 10 hours, plus \$200.00 each additional hour to a maximum rate of \$10,000.00 with no fringe benefits or deductions and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

Motioned: Trustee Osmond

Seconded: Trustee Storey

Result: Unanimous

- These evaluators are specialists that we do not have – every year we bring in specialists to provide services we do not have

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

Not Present: Trustee Salem

#### 9.03 Discuss Return to school in September including Later Start Times (proposed 8:05 duration 30 min)

Resolution Approved May 26, 2020:

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~~ 2020-2021 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~~2021.

- Things will change, but need to move forward with reopening plan for September
  - Class sizes, building utilizations, social-emotional supports
- District take return to school document and update for 2021-2022 as work in progress
  - Get updates on it as it changes
  - Put together a document to use as a start
- Later start times – made a mistake by not going to the elementary level and have same meetings as with HS
  - Look at start times for elementary school – need collaboration with building leaders
- Board has to come to decision soon - IEPs for 7-12 grades have specific times
- Later start time for MS/HS cuts the instructional day by 10 minutes
  - Have to catch up kids from this school year
- Can't talk about later start time for secondary without affecting elementary – due to transportation
- Update later start time presentation dated 12/4/2019
- District doesn't know about remote learning for next year or transportation guidelines and what families will be feeling about sending children to school
- Change resolution again? Too hard for administration to do in September
  - Look at how it affects whole district
  - Would not feel comfortable until elementary parents can be engaged
- Put on agenda about moving the start date of later start time amendment or rescinding
- Create a Return to School Plan that mirrors the current one

- Label as draft and put on website

#### 9.04 Board Responses to Emails (proposed 8:35 duration 15 min)

8:15

- Sometimes Board does not answer emails timely
- Always looking for ways to communicate better
- Put to Communication Committee
  - Trust them to respond for Board
  - Happy to bring forward and report back to the Board
  - Sometimes has issues that the Superintendent needs to answer because they are district issues
    - Parent to get email that this is not the Board's purview and cc's the correct person

#### 9.05 District long term plan for transitioning to renewable energy (proposed 8:50 duration 10 min)

8:25

- Assistant Superintendent for Business, Monica LaClair reported that at the Audit Committee, they discussed the transition to renewable energy with the purchase vehicles in this school year
  - Reached out to consultant group
  - Batteries vs. fuel cells – batteries also have environmental impact
  - Need to bring in experts and come up with a plan to do fully
  - Look at facilities – possibilities for better insulation, other ways to transit buildings to more sustainable energy
  - Where is the energy purchased from?
- Have had energy as an interest over the last years
  - Have Energy Performance Contract, Central Hudson Program - lighting changed, pellet boiler in Phoenicia, windows replaced in Woodstock
  - Cost of oil has not gone up – pellet boiler is not as viable as we thought
  - Building Condition Survey always has energy as an interest
    - Bring solar to schools – solar companies would not put solar panels on our roofs - tried to find a piece of a land for solar
  - Green Committee made changes in cleaners used
- Redouble efforts – community solar viable for residential through solar farms
  - What are the limitations for a school district?
  - Landscaping shadier – reduce energy use in building
- Not just about reducing costs, but about reducing emissions
- Look at all units: transportation, personnel travel costs, how much gas do we purchase? How can we reduce?
- Green Committee looked at percentage reductions in emissions
- Get student input as well – great ideas
- Consulting firm is Transportation Advisory Services – only do transportation but architects Clark Patterson Lee have a history of this type of work
  - Look at Green schools in NYS to see what they do
  - Look at demographics – large transportation costs and large footprint – building size, terrain of district
- NYSBBA Board liaison to ask for best practices in NYS, then have informed

conversation about District total emission reduction – also recycling

- Involve students at earliest age to understand carbon neutral – not all families have that conversations at home

## 10. Policies (proposed 9:00)

### 10.01 Second reading and adoption of Policy 3271 Solicitation of Charitable Donations from School Children

*Recommended Action:* The Board of Education hereby adopts Policy 3271 as written

Motioned: Trustee Kurnit

Seconded: Trustee Osmond

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Salem

#### ~~2018~~ ~~2020~~ 3271Community Relations **SUBJECT: SOLICITATION OF CHARITABLE DONATIONS FROM SCHOOL CHILDREN**

Direct solicitation of charitable donations from children in the District schools on school property during regular school hours shall not be permitted. It will be a violation of District policy to ask District school children directly to contribute money or goods for the benefit of a charity during the hours in which District students are compelled to be on school premises.

However, this policy does not prevent the following types of fund raising activities:

- Fund raising activities which take place off school premises, or outside of regular school hours during before-school or after-school extracurricular periods;
- Arms-length transactions, where the purchaser receives a consideration for his/her donation. For example, the sale of goods or tickets for concerts or social events, where the proceeds go to charity, shall not be prohibited as the purchaser will receive consideration – the concert or social event – for the funds expended;
- Indirect forms of charitable solicitation on school premises that do not involve coercion, such as placing a bin or collection box in a hallway or other common area for the donation of food, clothing, other goods or money. However, collection of charitable contributions of food, clothing, other goods or funds from students in the classroom or homeroom is prohibited.

The Board of Education reserves the right to determine which organizations, groups, etc. can solicit charitable donations and for what purposes, as long as the activities comply with the terms of this policy and the Rules of the Board of Regents.

8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Section 19.6; New York State Constitution Article VIII, Section 1 Education Law Section 414

NOTE: Refer also to Policy ~~ies~~ #7450 – Fund Raising by Students ~~#3272 Advertising in the Schools~~

### 10.02 Second Reading of Reading of Policy 3272 Advertising in the Schools

*Recommended Action:* The Board of Education hereby adopts Policy 3272 as written

Motioned: Trustee DeJesus

Seconded: Trustee Storey

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Salem

Highlighted is NYSSBA, not highlighted, OCSD - cross outs were taken out of both versions

~~2015~~ 2021 3272 Community Relations **ADVERTISING IN THE SCHOOLS**

~~Neither the facilities, the staff, nor the students of the School District shall be employed in any manner for advertising or otherwise promoting the interests of any commercial, political, or other non-school agency, individual or organization, except that:~~

School facilities, staff, and school children shall not be employed in the schools in any manner for advertising or otherwise promoting on school property any commercial, political, or non-school agency, individual, or organization, except as approved by the Superintendent of Schools and:

- a. Schools may cooperate in furthering the work of any non-profit, community-wide, social service agency, provided that such cooperation does not restrict or impair the educational program of the schools or conflict with Section 19.6 of the Rules of the Board of Regents;
- b. The schools may use films or other educational materials bearing only simple mention of the producing firm;
- c. The Superintendent of Schools may, at their discretion, announce or authorize to be announced, any lecture or other community activity of particular educational merit;
- d. The schools may, upon approval of the Superintendent of Schools, cooperate with any agency in promoting activities in the general public interest that promote the education and other best interests of the students. No materials of a commercial nature shall be distributed through the children in attendance in the Onteora Central School District except as authorized by law or the Commissioner's Regulations.

Canvassing, soliciting of funds or selling of any items by any outside agency shall not be permitted on the school premises. School personnel may not participate, during school hours or on school grounds, in the solicitation of orders, the distribution of advertising materials, or the collection of charges. The Superintendent is authorized to issue a list of suggested vendors to meet district-prescribed standards, e.g., for photographs or musical instruments, while allowing parents to make their own arrangements on any terms they wish, where the arrangement does not involve the use of school personnel.

A commercial photographer who is taking school photographs on school premises for a school purpose may advise students, by means of a card, brochure or other appropriate device, that copies may be purchased directly from the photographer. The solicitation of orders for and the sale of class rings **or other commemorative items** on school premises is permissible if authorized by the Board of Education, if all prospective vendors are given full and equal opportunity to compete, and if students are fully involved in the promotion and sale of such rings.

The Superintendent is hereby granted the authority to approve activities, in cooperation with any individual or organization, which are of general public interest and which promote the education or other best interests of the students. Exhibitions in schools of any books, articles, apparatus, films, or other educational material shall be judged on the basis of their actual educational values.

~~In the case of colleges, universities, armed service agencies, corporations, businesses and public service agencies, it is the policy of the Board that access to schools shall be encouraged to bring career and occupational information to students. The Superintendent shall ensure that such activities are carefully monitored to restrict any commercial advertisement.~~

Contracts which purport to authorize private individuals or corporations to promote the sale of products and services through commercial advertisements aimed at public school students are expressly prohibited.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed to limit the authority of the Board under law to authorize the broadcast of high school games and other events by radio and TV stations even though the broadcast is commercially sponsored.

Ref: New York State Constitution Article 8 §1; Education Law §414; 8 NYCRR Section 19.6 Part 23; Arts and Cultural Affairs Law §61.09; *Matter of Gary Credit Corp.*, 26 EDR 414 (1987); *Matter of Gary Credit Corp.*, 25 EDR 385 (1986); *Matter of Taftegaard*, 25 EDR 238 (1986); *Matter of Taftegaard*, 23 EDR 405 (1984); *Matter of Hoyt*, 20 EDR 316 (1980); *Matter of Puls*, 17 EDR 324 (1978); *Matter of Gordon*, 14 EDR 358 (1975)

## 11. Consent Agenda

### 11.01 Approve Consent Agenda (proposed 9:10)

*Recommended Action:* The Board hereby approves item numbers 11.02-11.11

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee DeJesus



- Varsity volleyball not happening due to not enough participation, but coaches are on the agenda
  - Will correct on next agenda
- Schedule U have IEP services that already started

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Salem

## 11.02 Personnel Agenda

### EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Buono, Gabriel	Summer School Principal	\$5,500.00
Curlaw, Alicia	Math Club Advisor	\$1,779.00
Harrington, Brooke	Volleyball-Varsity-Head Coach	\$3,915.00
Liverani Jr. , Michael	Football-Varsity-Head Coach	\$5,875.00
Matteson, Eric	Football-Varsity-Assistant Coach	\$4,371.00
Matteson, Lori	Football-JV-Head Coach	\$3,915.00
Occhi, Andrew	Football-Varsity-Assistant Coach	\$4,371.00
Occhi, Andrew	Tennis-Varsity-Head Coach (girls)	Resignation PRORATED
Warnes, Carsten	Volleyball-JV-Assistant Coach	\$3,014.00
Weisz, Amy	Tennis-Varsity-Head Coach (girls)	\$2,828.00 PRORATED

### RESIGNATIONS: INSTRUCTIONAL

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Garcia-McWhinnie, Elena	Foreign Language/High School	6/30/21	Retirement

### RESIGNATIONS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Jansen, Tina	PT Custodial Worker/Phoenicia	3/10/21	Personal

### SUBSTITUTE

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Pearlman, Stephanie	Teaching Assistant (certified)	\$90.00/day
Vasquez, Valerie*	Teaching Assistant (uncertified)	\$80.00/day

\*pending pre-employment processing

### LEAVE OF ABSENCES: INSTRUCTIONAL

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO *approx. dates*	REASON
3980	4/9/21 – 5/20/21	FMLA-paid
3980	5/21/21 – 6/30/21	FMLA-unpaid

### LEAVE OF ABSENCES: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
3665	3/10/21 – 6/30/22	Unpaid Leave

### APPOINTMENT: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Ryan, Lisa	Typist/High School	3/10/21	Provisional – Step 7 Replace. B. Brennan

### TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT: INSTRUCTIONAL

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Brown, Jillian	Summer Psychologist	7/1/21 – 8/31/21	\$40/hr.
Petriski, Lauren	Summer Psychologist	7/1/21 – 8/31/21	\$40/hr.
Moorhus, Jolie	Summer Special Ed.	7/1/21 – 8/31/21	\$40/hr.

**APPOINTMENT: INSTRUCTIONAL  
FULL-TIME PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT**

NAME	CERTIFICATION	TENURE	PROB. DATES	SALARY	REMARKS
Burch, Erin*	Physical Therapy	Physical Therapy	3/25/21 – 3/24/25	Step 4MA	Replace P. Wade
Calcagno, Rosalie	Social Worker	Social Worker	4/12/21 – 4/11/25	Step 2MA	Replace L. Gugliemetti

\*pending pre-employment processing

11.03 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, #3/21, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Osmond

11.04 Stale Dated Checks

*Recommended Action:* As of March 10, 2021, the following stale dated checks will be written off.

Check #38108 Tax Overpayment, Payee: Bradley & Karen Sacks, Amount \$25.55  
 Check #38112 Tax Overpayment, Payee: Carolyn & Brian McLaughlin, Amount \$104.81  
 Check #40223 Vendor Invoice, Payee: J Evans Wholesale Enterprises, Amount \$232.24  
 Check #39800 Award, Payee: Sierra Jenkins, Amount \$200.00  
 Check#39776 Award, Payee: Mackenzie Heady, Amount \$25.00  
 Check #39771 Award, Payee: Liam Meechan, Amount \$100.00  
 Check #38137 Tax Overpayment, Payee: Harold Reiss, Amount \$440.55  
 Check #39767 Award, Payee: Katherine Queen, Amount \$300.00  
 Check #39763 Award, Payee: Jericho Quick, Amount \$30.00  
 Check #39758 Award, Payee: Hazel Haynes, Amount \$25.00  
 Check #39720 Award, Payee: Aleena Bonesteel, Amount \$25.00  
 Check #39244 DC Trip Refund, Payee: Christopher Anna, Amount \$126.75  
 Check #39223 DC Trip Refund, Payee: Adam Weiss, Amount \$126.75  
 Check #39278 DC Trip Refund, Payee: Kristin Bergstrom, Amount \$126.75  
 Check #38209 Tax Overpayment, Payee: Virginia Hancock, Amount \$45.25  
 Check #38212 Tax Overpayment, Payee: William Russell & Martha Berner, Amount \$22.07  
 Check #38588 Tax Overpayment, Payee: Brenon Thiel, Amount \$10.36

11.05 Financial Report

*Recommended Action:* The Board of Education has reviewed and hereby accepts the Financial Report for January 2021

11.06 ECA Report

*Recommended Action:* The Board of Education hereby approves the Extra Curricular Activities report for the second quarter.

11.07 Approve Health Services Contract for Saugerties

*Recommended Action:* BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Saugerties Central School District establishes the rate of \$757.34 per pupil for the school year 2020-2021 for Health Services provided for Onteora resident pupils attending nonpublic schools in the Saugerties Central School District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President and Clerk of the Board of Education be authorized to sign contracts for health services for the 2020-2021 school year.

11.08 Approve Health Services Contract for Arlington

*Recommended Action:* BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Arlington Central School District establishes the rate of \$888.33 per pupil for the school year 2020-2021 for Health Services provided for Onteora resident pupils attending nonpublic schools in the Arlington Central School District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board President and Clerk of the Board of Education be authorized to sign contracts for health services for the 2020-2021 school year.

11.09 Approve Change Order-Science Lab

*Recommended Action:* BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approve Change Order #MC-01 decreasing the contract between John W. Danforth Company and the Onteora Central School District for High School Chemistry Lab: Phase 2 Renovations & Improvements project in the amount of \$5,000.00 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such a change order.

11.10 Approve Volunteer

*Recommended Action:* The Board of Education hereby approves the following volunteer for the sports program: Dale Allison

11.11 Approve Change Order- Tri-State Folding Partitions

*Recommended Action:* BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approve Change Order #03 decreasing the contract between Tri-State Folding Partitions, Inc. and the Onteora Central School District for Bennett Elementary School Folding Partition project in the amount of \$1,500.00 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such a change order.

## 12. Committee Reports

12.01 Communications Committee to report on Forum; Trustee Salem to report. Next COVID Forum is 3/16/21 at 6:00

Trustee Ratcliff reported in absence of Trustee Salem:

- Attendance was smallest since the beginning of forums
  - Shoutpoint message did not go out this time
- Presentation posted on website

## 13. Old Business

13.01 The Board will discuss Old Business

8:50

No old business was discussed

## 14. New Business

14.01 The Board will discuss New Business

- When decisions made about graduation

- Have conversation at next meeting to see where it is at now
  - Anything the Board can do
- District said students and principal are in discussions regularly
- Application by Premium Energy to do feasibility study to build dams and do another reservoir for power stations under the mountains
  - First 5 applications have been approved by Federal agency
  - Parties are filing motions to intervene – see if Onteora can be an interested party
  - Larger conduits than any that current exit in watershed and reservoir system
    - Water of homes that live here, schools, Trout in the Classroom
    - Can comment on website
    - 60 day comment period started on 2/11/21
    - File a motion to intervene allows the school district to be informed as the process continues
    - Article in the Daily Freeman today

**15. Request For Information**

- 15.01 Board members will request information of the Superintendent  
No requests were made

**16. Adjournment**

- 16.01 Adjourn (proposed 9:20) Next meeting is March 23, 2021  
*Recommended Action:* Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05  
Motioned: Trustee Storey  
Seconded: Trustee Ratcliff  
Result: Unanimous  
Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Sherry, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee DeJesus  
Not Present: Trustee Salem

Minutes Recorded by Fern Amster,  
District Clerk



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