

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 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

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee DeJesus, Trustee Sherry

2. Executive Session

2.01 Enter executive session (proposed 6:00 duration 45 min)

Recommended Action: Motion to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation and OTA negotiations

Motioned: Trustee Salem

Seconded: Trustee Storey

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee DeJesus, Trustee Sherry

Now Present:

Trustee DeJesus and Trustee Sherry arrived at 6:05

2.02 Exit Executive Session and Return to Public Session (proposed 6:45 pm)

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

Motioned: Trustee Salem

Seconded: Trustee Osmond

Result: Unanimous

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

DeJesus, Trustee Sherry

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

3. Acceptance of Minutes

3.01 Acceptance of Minutes

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby accepts the minutes of the April 6, 2021 Board meeting

Motioned: Trustee Salem

Seconded: Trustee DeJesus

Result: Unanimous

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

DeJesus, Trustee Sherry

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

4. Superintendent Update

4.01 The Superintendent will update the Board on District News (proposed 6:50)

- Happy to be sharing this Board meeting with the Interim Superintendent, Marystephanie Corsones
 - She is a familiar face to many in Onteora, and has certainly hit the ground running
- We have had a few additional questions regarding the current situation in a remote learning model
 - Staff at First Student that are not all ill, but are required to quarantine due to being identified as direct contacts of those that are positive for COVID
 - This made it impossible for us to transport students to our buildings this week
 - The quarantine period ends on Sunday, so hopefully everyone is able to be released from quarantine and we can get all of our students back to the buildings on Monday
- Middle and High School Principals continue to make progress in planning for students in the hybrid [cohort] model to be able to attend in-person learning four days per week
 - Majority of desk shields that were ordered for the classrooms have just arrived
 - Also restructuring our lunch/cafeteria plans to maintain proper social distancing of students during lunch
 - If everything goes as expected, may be able to shift to a four day a week model on 5/3/21
 - Prior to making this change, Ms. Corsones will submit an addendum to our reopening plan to Ulster County so that the UC Commissioner of Health can approve the modifications
- Principal Edelman has been working with the Senior Class Officers and their Advisor on end of year plans
 - Meet with the full class next week
 - Students have been notified about this meeting and will be sent the meeting link to their school email account by the end of the day Monday
 - At this meeting, Principal Edelman will share some preliminary information about end of the year events and potential options for each event. (e.g., prom, scholarship/awards, and graduation) students will be able to provide feedback and weigh in on various proposals
 - There will be a survey for the seniors following the meeting so that the entire class can provide their individual feedback
- Due to the pivot to remote learning, our testing schedule has shifted
 - MS NYS testing in ELA has been rescheduled for 4/26/21, and 4/29/21
 - Bennett and for Grade 3 in both Woodstock and Phoenicia has been rescheduled for 4/26/21
- This is my last Board meeting and I would like to say thank you to the entire Onteora community for the incredible support I have received for the past sixteen years

4.02 Assistant Superintendent for Business Monica LaClair will provide an update on the Fields and Trails work

- Facilities committee spoke about this
- Football field front half graded and seeded – will be allowed to use front part – back part muddy needs additional time
 - Finish 5/7/21 in field and allow full use of track
 - Then parking lot stripes
- Cross country trail – working on it as time permits- mud season – get dried up
 - Busy with sports, lining fields, other things that have to be done
 - Walking on 5/7/21

Discussion:

- Was putting wood chips on trail to make more solid– still maintenance?
 - Will find out

4.03 District Clerk, Fern Amster will provide information on Voting in the 2021 Vote & Election

ABSENTEE BALLOT

- Complete application (from web and outside of Central)
- Permanently disabled people will get ballot
- Submit to the District Clerk – mail, email or drop off at Central
- Will mail ballots up until 1 week before the vote.
 - Have to pick up ballot after that
- Law changed and someone else can pick up and deliver your ballot

VOTE Day May 18th

- Can vote in any of the 3 locations- Phoenicia Woodstock or Bennett
- In 2019 we eliminated West Hurley and the election districts
 - You do not need identification
 - Information is on the web – front page
- Ulster County registration is on our page
- COVID restrictions will be in place and will have a full time “COVID Patrol” person to help keep things sanitized and moving along
- Remote meetings are allowed, but I will stay in-district to get the votes. Any Board member/administrator may join me. I will have the Board that are remote on a screen.
- Candidates for 2 seats:
 - Joseph-Daniel Letendre
 - David Alterio
 - Valerie Storey
 - Cynthia "Cindy" Bishop
- Voting hours are 2:00 – 9:00

4.04 Special Assistant (soon to be Interim Superintendent) to the Superintendent, Marystephanie Corsones will give an update on the Opening of Schools in September

- Pleased and honored to have been chosen to return
- Thank Superintendent Victoria McLaren and entire community for warm welcome back
 - Focus in last 4 day was with Superintendent McLaren

- Began meeting with union leaders, buildings principals and central office staff
 - Issues and concerns
 - How can I best support them to have a smooth close this year
 - How to structure task force forums to include voice of all constituents for plan for 2021-2022
 - Detailed progress as moving forward
 - Have not finalized everything on communication
 - Look to use everything
 - Show progress as move forward
 - Welcome ideas on to better communication to all stakeholders

Discussion:

- Continuing COVID Information forums
 - Well attended
 - Another platform to use to collect input from community and stakeholders

5. Board District News

5.01 The Board will report District News (proposed 7:05)

Laurie gave heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Victoria McLaren for her 16 years -Huge part of shaping district

Trustee Salem reported:

- Remind students can vote if 18 years old and absentee ballot
 - Civics and civic engagement
- Personally thank Victoria McLaren – been a wonderful influence on District, great friend, hard to be quiet and brilliant

Trustee Kurnit reported that he met with Robin Jacobowitz, principal of Benjamin Center and Senator Hinchey about Farm to School

- New stipend for a coordinator – easier to communicate
 - American Farmland Trust and Cornell Cooperative
- Also, thanks Superintendent Victoria McLaren known a long time- want to say thank you

Trustee DeJesus said thank you to Superintendent Victoria McLaren- especially appreciate all the hard work and decision making put into the past 13 months, made tough, sometimes unpopular decisions

- Spectacular job of keeping children fed and families informed as much as possible

Trustee Sherry said thank you to Superintendent Victoria McLaren – known her for many years – always led with kindness and empathy

Trustee Storey can't say anything that hasn't been said already

6. Student Representative Report6.01 Student Representative Leon Savage will report to the Board (proposed 7:10)
7:15

- Implement action against bullying – especially cyberbullying
 - On the rise due to remote learning
- Met with Mr. Edelman – actions against it
 - Anonymous tip line for bullying
 - Name-optional form to complete on all the school websites
 - Administration can look into it
 - Anonymous accounts can be shut down
 - Issue of students make proxy account to harass other students- can get it shut down quickly
- Courtyard classroom going along
 - Met with landscapers in the school courtyard
 - Get more information by end of the year and build over the summer
- Thanks to Superintendent McLaren - seen impact as Superintendent as a student and student rep
 - Amazing job with COVID 19- issues across the country

Discussion:

- Funding for the clubs – Student Government -reached resolution?
 - Difference between sports and clubs – just categorically different
 - Clubs fundraise, sports always needs equipment
 - Clubs can get funding for trips
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7. Acknowledge Public Be Heard Comments

7.01 The Board will acknowledge the public be heard comments from the last meeting
No comments were made

8. Public and Student Comment

8.01 Public and Students may comment on any agenda or non-agenda item (proposed 7:15 duration 10 min or more)

Hilary Partridge - Superintendent Victoria McLaren – last 16 years were steady and compassionate – will be hard to replace you.

Rick Wolff – Wish Superintendent Victoria McLaren best of luck

Scott Via – Thank you for service and dedication to Onteora – appreciate everyday worked together

9. Discussion & Possible Action

9.01 Vote for BOCES 2021-2022 Budget (proposed 7:25)

Recommended Action: The Onteora Central School District Board of Education hereby approves the 2021-2022 Ulster County Board of Cooperative Educational Services Administrative Budget in the amount of \$6,584,731

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee Kurnit

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

9.02 Vote for BOCES Board of Education Seats

Recommended Action: The Onteora Board of Education hereby casts their ballot for the following 5 candidates running unopposed for the Ulster County Board of Cooperative Services:

Seat #1 - Ellenville (2-year unexpired term) Marla Kaplan : 8 Helen Street Ellenville, NY 12428

Seat #2 - Highland (3-year term) Susan Gilmore 7 Maple Avenue Highland, NY 12528

Seat #3 - Onteora (3-year term) Robert Curran 8 Hedgerow Court West Hurley, NY 12491

Seat #4 - "At-Large" (3-year term) James Shaughnessy 11 Delta Place Kingston, NY 12401

Seat #5 - "At-Large" (3-year term) Vincent Petroccelli 110 Kingview Road Walkkill, NY 12589

Motioned: Trustee Kurnit

Seconded: Trustee Salem

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

9.03 Approve Scholarship Donations

Recommended Action: The Superintendent recommends acceptance of donations totaling \$8,132.00 CASH, from various donors as scholarship awards for the graduating class.

The Superintendent recommends approval of the following donations:

Donation Amount and Donee's Name

\$250.00 Historical Society of Town of Olive

\$250.00 Wadler Bros

\$100.00 Aubree Ferraro

\$1,000.00 Woodstock General & Implant Dentistry

\$29.00 Cynthia Bishop

\$29.00 Monica LaClair

\$29.00 Victoria McLaren

\$29.00 Nicole Sommer

\$29.00 Dieter Schimmelpfennig

\$300.00 Woodstock Community Closet

\$3,500 Anonymous Donor

\$29.00 Lance Edelman

\$29.00 Linda Sella

\$29.00 Kim Pilla

\$1,000.00 Imagine Onteora

\$1,000.00 Kathleen & Joshua Morton Strauss

\$500.00 Spotted Dog Ventures, LLC

Motioned: Trustee DeJesus

Seconded: Trustee Sherry

- Thank you for supporting our students with these generous donations

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

9.04 Approve Physical Education Plan (proposed 7:35 duration 15 min)

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the Physical Education Plan as attached.

Motioned: Trustee Kurnit

Seconded: Trustee Salem

- Thank committee that put plan together – appreciate it
- Director of Physical Education, Kim Pilla could not be at meeting, if questions would be happy to answer

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

9.05 MOA with OTA for Contract

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the Onteora Central School District and the Onteora Teachers' Association for the contract

Motioned: Trustee Kurnit

Seconded: Trustee Sherry

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

9.06 Approve Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the Contract for Don Gottlieb to be Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee Kurnit

- Has been in district before in this position, well liked and well versed in finances in district, good relationship with Interim Superintendent

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

9.07 Approve revised 2020-2021 School Calendar for change in Regents Days

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the revised 2020-2021 calendar with the changes on regents.

Motioned: Trustee Salem

Seconded: Trustee Storey

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

9.08 Approve Board of Registration for 2021 Budget Vote & Election

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the Board of

Registration for the 2021 Budget Vote & Election

Motioned: Trustee Kurnit

Seconded: Trustee DeJesus

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

9.09 Discuss the Communication Committee's Meeting on Responses to Board Emails

- He and Trustee Ratcliff were in attendance – talk more when Trustee Ratcliff is back
- Had meeting because discussion on emails sent to the Board, keep talking about Public Be Heard, and snail mail
 - Can't respond until do the work
- Board to discuss changing the way handle out going communication
 - Board share experiences of responding to emails, things that people might want to see things differently
- Add to form letter that District Clerk sends
 - Does not address emailed concerns
 - Remind people about Public Be Heard
 - Put on next agenda
 - Board members come back with language for form letter

9.10 Independent Contract Retainer for Learnwell

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 Independent Contractor Retainer between the Ontario Central School District and EI US, LLC dba LearnWell as a provider of educational tutoring services in a hospital or behavioral health center setting effective July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022 at a rate of \$60.00 per hour to a maximum of \$10,000.00 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

Motioned: Trustee Salem

Seconded: Trustee Osmond

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

10. Consent Agenda

10.01 Approve Consent Agenda (proposed 8:00)

Recommended Action: The Board hereby approves item numbers 10.02-10.10

Motioned: Trustee DeJesus

Seconded: Trustee Storey

- Carol Grima is now Assistant PPS Director – been in position since Ms. Fallo went to Phoenicia to be principal - really appreciate how on top of things she has been

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

10.02 Personnel Agenda

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

| NAME | POSITION | AMOUNT |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Liverani, Michael | Baseball JV- Head Coach | \$3,167.00 |
| Sprague, Wyatt | Tennis Varsity (boys) Volunteer Coach | \$0.00 |

Be it hereby resolved that the Board appoints:

Grima, Carol, certified School District Leader/School Building Leader, to a 4-year probationary period in the tenure area of Assistant Director of PPS at a salary of \$104,000.00 (replaces Fallo, Elizabeth) commencing on 7/1/2021 and ending on 6/30/2025.

Be it further resolved that, to the extent applicable under Education Law Section 3012-d and the accompanying Commissioner's Regulations, in order to be considered for tenure, the above Administrator must have received an APPR rating of effective or highly effective in three of the four probationary years and must not receive an ineffective in the fourth year.

RESIGNATIONS: INSTRUCTIONAL

| NAME | POSITION/SCHOOL | EFFECTIVE DATE | REMARKS |
|------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| DeLucia, Jodi | Asst. Superintendent for C & I | 6/11/21 | Personal |
| Fallo, Elizabeth | Asst. Director of PPS | 6/30/21 | To accept Principal position |

RESIGNATIONS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

| NAME | POSITION/SCHOOL | EFFECTIVE DATE | REMARKS |
|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Perfit, Colette | PT Monitor/Transportation | 4/25/21 | To accept FT Monitor position |

**APPOINTMENT: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL
PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT**

| NAME | POSITION/SCHOOL | EFFECTIVE DATE | SALARY STEP | REMARKS |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Perfit, Collette | Monitor/Transportation | 4/26/21 – 10/27/21 | Step 3 | Replace K. Faulkner |
| Hilty, Anna Lisa* | Monitor/Transportation | 5/3/21 – 11/4/21 | Step 3 | |
| *pending pre-employment processing* | | | | |

**APPOINTMENT:
NON-INSTRUCTIONAL- PART-TIME**

| NAME | POSITION/SCHOOL | EFFECTIVE DATE | REMARKS |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Verdon, Johnathan* | Monitor/Transportation | 4/22/21 | \$17.60/hour |
| *pending pre-employment processing* | | | |

LEAVE OF ABSENCES: INSTRUCTIONAL

| EMPLOYEE NUMBER | EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO | REASON |
|---------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| 3293 | 6/12/21 -6/30/21* | FMLA-paid |
| *approximate dates* | | |

LEAVE OF ABSENCES: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

| EMPLOYEE NUMBER | EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO | REASON |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 4034 | 3/26/21 -5/07/21* | FMLA-paid |
| 4048 | 4/13/21 – 6/30/21* | FMLA-unpaid intermittent |
| *approximate dates* | | |

SUBSTITUTE

| NAME | POSITION | AMOUNT |
|--------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Figurelli, Rebecca | Teacher (certified) | \$125.00/day |

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, #4/21, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Storey

10.04 Warrants

Recommended Action: The Board of Education has reviewed and hereby accepts Warrant Schedule 9

10.05 Approve Polling Services Agreement

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the Polling agreement between the Onteora Central School District and The Ulster County Board of Elections for the use of their voting machines for the 2021 Vote & Election on May 18, 2021

10.06 Approve the Property Tax Report Card

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the Property Tax Report Card for the 2021-2022 school year.

10.07 Extra Curricular Activities Report

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the ECA report for the third quarter

10.08 Change Reorganizational Meeting Authorizations

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the change from Victoria McLaren to Marystephanie Corsones for Payroll Certification and cell Phone

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|-------------------------------|------------------------|-----|
| 1. Payroll Certificate: | Marystephanie Corsones | -0- |
| 2. Budget Transfers: | Monica LaClair | -0- |
| 3. Check Signature: | Debra D'Aprile | -0- |
| 4. Alternate Check Signature: | Amanda Gates | -0- |

10.09 The Board of Education hereby approved the following cell phone assignments as below:

- Cell Phone Assignments 2020/2021
- MIFI Access Points – Lance Edelman
- Michael Provenzano
- Linda Sella
- Lance Edelman
- Jennifer O'Connor
- Marystephanie Corsones
- Gabriel Buono
- Scott Richards
- Dieter Schimmelpfennig
- Nicole Sommer
- Kyle Harjes
- SRO

Kimberly Pilla
Elizabeth Fallo
Jodi DeLucia

10.10 RESOLVED, all claims asserted in the lawsuit captioned Elisabeth Schelp v. Ontario High School be resolved in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement on file with the District Clerk; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the aforementioned Settlement Agreement upon plaintiff's execution of the same, and to make such budget transfers as may be necessary to effectuate the settlement.

11. Committee Reports

11.01 Communications Committee - Trustee Salem to report. Next COVID Forum is 4/25/21 at 6:00
Nothing to report

11.02 Facilities Committee: Trustee Storey to Report
Assistant Superintendent for Business gave update

12. Old Business

12.01 The Board will discuss Old Business
No old business was discussed

13. New Business

13.01 The Board will discuss New Business
No new business was discussed

14. Request For Information

14.01 Board members will request information of the Superintendent
No request for information was discussed

15. Adjournment

15.01 Adjourn (proposed 8:15) Next meeting is May 4, 2021 - Budget Hearing
Recommended Action: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55
Motioned: Trustee Storey
Seconded: Trustee DeJesus
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Salem, Trustee DeJesus, Trustee Sherry
Not Present: Trustee Ratcliff

Minutes Recorded by Fern Amster,
District Clerk



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