

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

WORKSHOP MEETING

6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

TELECONFERENCING

MINUTES

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call to Order 6:00

1.02 Tobacco Policy Statement

1.03 Roll Call

Present: Trustee Sherry, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Storey, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Bishop

Not Present: Trustee Salem, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Ratcliff

2. Executive Session

2.01 Enter Executive Session (6:00 duration 45 min)

Recommended Action: Motion to enter into executive session to discuss the sale of real property

Motioned: Trustee DeJesus

Seconded: Trustee Storey

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Sherry, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Storey, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Bishop

Not Present: Trustee Salem, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Ratcliff

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 Bishop

Seconded: Trustee Storey

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Sherry, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Storey, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Bishop

Not Present: Trustee Salem, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Ratcliff

3. Acceptance of Minutes

3.01 Acceptance of Minutes

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby accepts minutes of September 14, 2021 and September 21, 2021.

Motioned: Trustee DeJesus

Seconded: Trustee Bishop

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Sherry, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Storey, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Bishop

Not Present: Trustee Salem, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Ratcliff

4. Superintendent District News

4.01 The Superintendent will report District News

Update on COVID:

- 75 - MA112 air purifiers delivered to elementary classrooms last week

- Beginning of order, rolling out on priority order, balance next week
- Continue to refine communications about decision making on sending child to school or not when ill
 - Posted under COVID area of 2021-2022 website
- Thanks to students, staff and community– reminders about protocols – continue to be vigilant and trending in the right direction
 - Second week of required week testing of staff
 - Once kinks are out of staff, will offer to parents who want students to participate
- Homecoming: celebration was a great success –Games started on Friday and continued into Saturday, parade of athletes, homecoming court, food booths and DJ
 - Special recognition to Eric Pezzello and Leah Smith for coordinating events of the day
 - Buildings and Grounds did a great job - fields were in good shape
- Today, met with a parent who wants to move forward with an Athletic Booster Club
- Expanding Community Service and Civic Engagement
 - Looking for new community uses for the 4 vacated flood properties
 - Funded by a grant and National Conservancy
 - Will result in full public presentation
- Friday is Superintendent’s Conference Day– options in which teachers and staff can participate

Now Present:

Trustee Osmond arrived at 7:05

5. Moment of Silence

5.01 The Board will observe a moment of Silence for Tori McCarthy and Wyatt Baker

- In last few weeks lost 2 members of the community who made wonderful contributions made to the community

6. Board District News

6.01 The Board will report District News (proposed 7:00)

Trustee Storey reported attended Homecoming – was great for everybody to be back together and the students enjoyed themselves

Trustee Sherry thanks the administration and athletic Department to make Homecoming wonderful

7. Student Representative Report

7.01 The Student Representative on the Board, Noelle Crandall, will give a report

- Just held elections, results Friday
 - First meeting this week
 - Working on outside initiative, condom distribution, supporting students’ emotional health, sex education curriculum with an emphasis on consent
 - Voter Registration drive

- Collaborated with Civic Center

The Board welcomed Noelle to the Board and requested her input in discussions

8. Request For Information

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

9. Acknowledge Public Be Heard Comments

- 9.01 The Board will acknowledge the public be heard comments from the last meeting
Neal Brownell, Lindsay Shands, Rita Vanacore, David Wallis, Sarah Yanosh, Linda Gardell-Michela

10. Public and Student Comment

- 10.01 Public and Students may comment on any agenda or non-agenda item (proposed 7:05)

Neal Brownell – Schools are teaching lies

Marcy Brownstein – Long term social-emotional needs of children are not being met – issue before pandemic started. Started in primary school when recess was taken as punishment, even though was not supposed to be allowed. Can't socialize at lunch because of no masks at lunch table. Psychological support of whole groups to ease children into school has not happened. Need more support for students

Kristen Bergstrom – instead of dissuading students from being near each other, encourage them to put on a mask instead of excluding each other. Also, students are being excluded in online games.

Sarah Yanosh – District was planning on how district would operate when back, not living up to what was expected – not getting reminder for first day of sports, MS open house. Athletics are not where they were before

New email for Athletics: atheltics@onteora.k12.ny.us

11. Discussion and Possible Action

- 11.01 Discuss 2021-2022 Board Goals (proposed 7:15 duration 20 min)

- One main goal, to hire a Superintendent:
 - Found a search firm, process of establishing a time line and budget
 - Will make all public
- Moving forward with resolution from last year on later start times
 - Asked Superintendent to begin engaging the elementary schools
 - Interim Superintendent Marystephanie Corsones will present timeline and structure at next meeting - will survey, then offer multiple forums with parents and students
- 2 Goals – Hire Superintendent and Later Start Times
 - Community will be highly engaged in the processes
- Discuss tasks for new Superintendent's work – public discussions
- Board officers deliver update on hiring Superintendent at each meeting
 - Quick informal update every meeting
 - Send newsletter update home with students – email Shoutpoint
 - Communications committee to see how to be transparent with the

Superintendent hiring process and involve all stakeholders

Minutes from September 14, 2021:

- Have one pressing goal – 1 of 3 primary functions
 - Policy
 - Budget
 - Hire Superintendent
 - Make only goal for or first goal hiring a Superintendent
 - Any other goal would need a permanent Superintendent
- Need to get a Superintendent in place that aligns with our goals like later start times, homework reform – get a Superintendent in place and task them with these things
 - Build a team to help implement goals
 - Doesn't make sense to make other Board goals without a partner to make them happen
- Have a resolution to start later start time in fall 2022
 - Need to start the process- remind people that it is on the table and the process can be started
 - Make it a goal to meet with elementary parents and stakeholders about later start times
 - Meetings that mistakenly did not take place during the beginning process
 - Direct Superintendent to begin process at elementary level: includes information sessions, administrative approaches
- Interim Superintendent Marystephanie Corsones reported:
 - That administration has begun the process – will bring up to date at next meeting
 - Last year's goals should be addressed by building level leadership teams – are actionable goals
 - Use by Board and using them as moving forward with an educational plan

11.02 Approve Revised Calendar for 2021-2022

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the revision to the 2021-2022 Calendar of changing an Elementary Report card date to April 22, 2022, after Spring Break.

Motioned: Trustee Osmond

Seconded: Trustee Bishop

- Original calendar was passed with a report card issue date during spring break

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Sherry, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Storey, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Bishop

Not Present: Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff

11.03 Approve Overnight Trip

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves 1 student (with chaperone) to attend and perform at the NYSSMA 2021 Conference All-State Festival in Rochester, NY from December 2, 2021 to December 5, 2021 with all related fees, room and board.

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee Osmond

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Sherry, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Storey, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Bishop

Not Present: Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff

11.04 Donation from Imagine Onteora

Recommended Action: The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a donation totaling \$9,519.95.00, CASH, from Imagine Onteora Ltd to be used by the Onteora CSD Athletic Department as outlined in the attached spreadsheet and recommends to increase the 2021-2022 budget code A2855.431.01 (Supplemental) by \$9,519.95

Motioned: Trustee Bishop

Seconded: Trustee DeJesus

- Thank Imagine Onteora for all work they have done over the years on behalf of the students

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Sherry, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Storey, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Bishop

Not Present: Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff

11.05 Donation from the Catskill Watershed

Recommended Action: The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a grant totaling \$8,612, CASH, from the Catskill Watershed Corporation to be used for the Bennett Intermediate School 5th Grade Environmental Trip – Round 24; (\$6,512 for the trip; \$2,100 for transportation expenses) and to increase budget code (A2110.431.03) Supplemental by \$8,612

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee Osmond

- Thank you for generous donation

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Sherry, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Storey, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Bishop

Not Present: Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff

11.06 Donation from the Phoenicia PTA

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby accepts 15 Stumps and 4 picnic tables for Phoenicia's Playground

Motioned: Trustee DeJesus

Seconded: Trustee Osmond

- Thanks to the parents and community support for fundraising for these, but District should be providing these things
 - PTAs – reach out to Principal and Board of Education with any needs
- Marystephanie Corsones 15 stumps are on Labyrinth on playground and tables are for the grounds
 - Students can snack there or teachers can use with class
 - Asked schools what they need indoor or outdoor
 - Elementary principals didn't want outdoor eating space because their cafeterias can hold 6' of distancing and space may impede on playground
 - MSHS could not hold all children with 6' of distancing so tents went up
 - Reached out to principals if there are additional things they want
 - Phoenicia Principal Fallo grateful to PTA for trying to support opening school after 18 months of students not in building

- Opening up lines of communication
- Reached out to teachers to see what they are looking for educationally
 - Survey parents as well
- Update on if Woodstock and Phoenicia has open spaces
- Have money through grants for outdoor seating, etc.
- Know when things are being purchased
 - Purchased new tables for all Elementary schools that provide flexible seating
- Working with Environmental BOCES person on heating tents and cold weather options- report at next meeting
- Let PTA do the book fairs, Thanksgiving baskets, etc.

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Sherry, Trustee Storey, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Bishop

Not Present: Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff

11.07 Create and Abolish Positions

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby abolishes the following position: 1.0 FTE Senior Account Clerk/Typist

The Board of Education hereby creates the following position: 1.0 FTE Administrative Aide/Typist

The Board of Education hereby creates the following position: 1.0 FTE Custodial Worker/Groundskeeper I

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee DeJesus

- When past payroll person left, did not abolish position
- In the past had 5 or 5.5 positions, now have 4
 - Staff is stressed and needs the help
 - Business office is all in agreement

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Sherry, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Storey, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Bishop

Not Present: Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff

12. ****Break****

12.01 The Board will take a 5 minute break at 8:00

No break was taken

13. Independent Contract Retainers

13.01 ICR - Savatgy-WD

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 Matthew Savatgy retained as Woodstock Environmental Scientist in Residence effective September 29, 2021 to May 31, 2022 at a rate of \$1,500.00 per residency and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

Motioned: Trustee Osmond

Seconded: Trustee DeJesus

Result: Unanimous
 Yea: Trustee Sherry, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Storey, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Bishop
 Not Present: Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff

14. Consent Agenda

14.01 Approve Consent Agenda (proposed 8:10)

Recommended Action: The Board hereby approves item numbers 14.02-14.06

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee DeJesus

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Sherry, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Storey, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Bishop

Not Present: Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff

14.02 Personnel Agenda

SUBSTITUTE

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Guerin, Tracy	Teaching Assistant (certified)	\$90.00/day
Sandig, Harvey	Teaching Assistant (uncertified)	\$80.00/day
Sandig, Harvey	School Monitor	\$80.00/day

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Allison, Bridget	Class Advisor-Sophomore Class	\$901.00
Constant, Geordana	Battle of the Books-MS (split with A. Weisz)	\$1,213.00
DeRuvo, Richard	Rocket Club	\$1,314.00
Furman, Elizabeth	Peer Mediation Advisor 1	\$3,008.00
Harkin, Brandon	Football-Varsity Assistant Coach	\$4,502.00
Katz, Emily	Athletics Council (split with E. Pezzello)	\$271.50
Moorhus, Jolie	Computer Advisor - Phoenicia	\$5,371.00
Nieves, Leana	Elementary Resource-Phoenicia 3	\$2,164.00
Pezzello, Eric	Athletics Council (split with E. Katz)	\$271.50
Rushford, Michael	Soccer-Modified Head Coach (girls)	\$2,064.00
Weisz, Amy	Battle of the Books-MS (split with G. Constant)	\$1,213.00

PART-TIME: INSTRUCTIONAL

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	FTE	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Payette, Danielle	Art/Woodstock/Phoenicia	0.5	09/30/21	Replace resignation

LEAVE OF ABSENCES: INSTRUCTIONAL

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO *approx. dates*	REASON
3920	09/13/21 – 09/27/21	FMLA-paid
2238	09/10/21 – 10/22/21 *	FMLA-paid
1740	09/09/21 – 12/31/21	FMLA-paid

LEAVE OF ABSENCES: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO *approx. dates*	REASON
1982	9/20/21 – 11/01/21 *	FMLA-paid

14.03 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, #9/21, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Ratcliff

14.04 Financial Report Quarter ending June 30, 2021
Recommended Action: The Board of Education has reviewed and hereby accepts the Financial Report for the quarter ending June 2021

14.05 Approve Non-resident Agreement
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 Non-Resident Special Education Enrollment Agreement between the Onteora Central School District and Rondout Valley Central School District for the 2021-2022 school year and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

14.06 Change Reorganization Meeting - Deputy Treasurer

District Clerk:	Fern Amster	\$15,000 (hours not to exceed the equivalent of \$15,000 in overtime for the 7/1/21–6/30/22 school year)
Treasurer:	Debra D'Aprile	As per terms of employment
Deputy District Treasurer:	Amanda Gates	-0-
Claims Auditor:	Lindsay Brower	\$5,712
School Tax Collector:	Cheryl Berryann	-0-
Purchasing Agent:	Donald Gottlieb	-0-
DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR	JANELLE PERRY	OVERTIME RATE
Deputy Purchasing Agent:	Amanda Gates	-0-

15. Committee Reports

15.01 Legislative Action Committee: Trustee Ratcliff to report
 Trustee Ratcliff was not here to give a report

16. Old Business

16.01 The Board will discuss Old Business
 Discussion about the use of cell phones during lunch period- answer posted in RFI

17. New Business

17.01 The Board will discuss New Business
 No old business was discussed

18. Adjournment

18.01 Adjourn the Meeting. Next meeting is October 12, 2021 (proposed 8:20)

Recommended Action: Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:15

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee DeJesus

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Sherry, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Storey, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Bishop

Not Present: Trustee Salem, Trustee Ratcliff

Minutes Recorded by Fern Amster,
District Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fern Amster".

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