

# ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

WORKSHOP MEETING

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2021**

RESCHEDULED FROM 10/26/21

TELECONFERENCING

## 1. Opening Items

1.01 Call to Order 6:00

1.02 Tobacco Policy Statement

1.04 Roll Call

Present: Trustee Salem, Trustee Storey, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Bishop

Not Present: Trustee Sherry, Trustee Osmond, Trustee DeJesus

## 2. Acceptance of Minutes

2.01 Acceptance of Minutes

*Recommended Action:* The Board of Education hereby accepts minutes of October 12, 2021.

Motioned: Trustee Ratcliff

Seconded: Trustee Storey

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Salem, Trustee Storey, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Bishop

Not Present: Trustee Sherry, Trustee Osmond, Trustee DeJesus

## Now Present

Trustee Osmond arrived at 6:05

## 3. Superintendent District News

3.01 The Superintendent will report District News

- Thank transportation for taking some students home early yesterday due to the weather- everyone got home safely
- Next week is parent/teacher conference 11/2/21 and 11/3/21 –after review of COVID strategies at each school, decided that K-6 conferences will be in – person, able to maintain protocol for adults, not possible at MS and HS
- Thursday 11/4/21 is early evacuation drill – dismissed 15 minutes early
- COVID Shoutpoint out asking to allow children to be COVID tested weekly, every other week, or monthly
  - 80 want to be screened out of 120
  - Woodstock Apothecary, Neal Smoller, Medical Director, Suellen Elmendorf and Ulster County Department of Health, Marc Rider are working on testing plan and protocols, will be finalized beginning of next week
- Hosted COVID Vaccine Clinic sponsored by UC Department of Health
  - 28 people were vaccinated
- Morningside is working with teachers K-12 to strengthen practice of Social-Emotional Learning
- Extended support to families, partnering with UCDOH –
  - Parent workshops and video clips to post on website for parents and

- students on mental health topics
    - Also tele-health options
- Winter sports registration is beginning
- Picnic tables have been ordered for all elementary schools
  - 8 for Woodstock 10 for Phoenicia 6 for Bennett
    - Have to be assembled
- Initial meeting with District Shared Decision Making Committee - best way to move forward for Later Start Times (LST) principals and Building Level Teams to craft survey to parents to inform forums on LST, look at secondary considerations from 2019 – will provide regular update

#### Discussion:

- More clarification – participation of secondary students and parents in the LST conversation
  - Secondary students and parents were involved in discussion in December of 2019 and issues were identified for consideration
    - Will reach out again to secondary families

## 4. Board District News

### 4.01 The Board will report District News (proposed 6:05)

Trustee Bishop attended UC School Board Association meeting on 10/14/21- the entire 2 hours devoted to student and parent representatives from each school district discussing the impact of COVID and remote learning, hybrid or in-person learning

- Student Representative Noelle Crandell and her Dad were there representing Onteora
- Students did great job talked about how great or difficult remote instruction was – sole care giver while mom and dad went to work
- Interesting in how do we want to plan for students in case we had to close again

## 5. Student Representative Report

### 5.01 The student Representative on the Board, Noelle Crandell, will give a report

- Student Government President Jakson Spiotta reported in the absence of the student representative
- Outside initiative – waiting for a plan from Victoria Gardens

Concern about students confusion about COVID protocol – had 15 minute refreshers with HS Principal Lance Edelman, HS Nurse Sabrina Blakely, and Student Government addressed student concerns

- Noelle attended UC meeting and her discussed experiences with remote learning
- Sports registration is underway – student are eager to get into sports
- Language clubs beginning – Day of the Dead, French club is hosting a movie after school
- Newsroom has completed
- PBIS hosting Halloween costume contest

**6. Acknowledge Public Be Heard Comments**

6.01 The Board will acknowledge the public be heard comments from the last meeting  
Neal Brownell, David Wallis, Sarah Yanosh

**7. Public and Student Comment**

7.01 Public and Students may comment on any agenda or non-agenda item (proposed  
6:15)  
Speaker having audio difficulty, will try later

**8. Discussion and Possible Action**

8.01 Add a cell phone assignment

*Recommended Action:* The Superintendent recommends a school district cell phone  
for the Assistant Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Carol Grima

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee Bishop

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Sherry, Trustee DeJesus

8.02 Approve Intermunicipal Agreement with Hyde Park for Gymnastics

*Recommended Action:* The Board of Education approves the Intermunicipal  
Agreement with Hyde Park Central School District for Gymnastics and authorizes the  
Superintendent to sign such agreement.

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee Ratcliff

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Sherry, Trustee DeJesus

**9. Independent Contract Retainers**

9.01 Meyer- ICR

*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 Monica R. Meyer MD retained as Developmental-Behavioral  
Pediatrician effective October 27, 2021 to June 30, 2022 at a rate of \$300.00 per  
hour to a maximum of \$9,000.00 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an  
agreement.

Motioned: Trustee Bishop

Seconded: Trustee Ratcliff

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Sherry, Trustee DeJesus

**10. Consent Agenda**

10.01 Approve Consent Agenda (proposed 6:30)

*Recommended Action:* The Board hereby approves item numbers 10.02-10.04

Motioned: Trustee Bishop

Seconded: Trustee Osmond

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Sherry, Trustee DeJesus

10.02 Personnel Agenda

**SUBSTITUTE**

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Calinda, Aidan*	Teaching Assistant	\$80.00/day
Klehr, Monica	Teacher (certified)	\$125.00/day
VanEtten, Kelsey	Teaching Assistant (uncertified)	\$80.00/day

\*pending pre-employment processing\*

**EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS**

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Bucher, Donald	HS Science Olympiad- Assistant Coach	\$1,406.00
Faulkner, Todd	Wrestling-Modified-Assistant Coach	\$2,143.00
Guest, Samuel	Basketball-Varsity-Head Coach (boys)	\$5,278.00
Harkin, Brandon	Basketball-JV-Head Coach (boys)	\$4,032.00
Keenan, Bryan	HS Science Olympiad – Head Coach	\$1,965.00
Matteson, Lori	Basketball-Modified-Head Coach (girls)	\$2,681.00
Motzkin, Lauren	Basketball-Modified-Head Coach (boys)	\$2,681.00
Occhi, Andrew	Basketball-Varsity-Head Coach (girls)	\$5,278.00
Pezzello, Eric	Wrestling-Varsity-Head Coach	\$5,278.00
Wilens, Mark	Basketball-JV-Head Coach (girls)	\$4,032.00

**TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT:**

**INSTRUCTIONAL**

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Grant, Helene	Special Ed. Teacher/Bennett	10/8/21 – 10/22/21	MA Step 1

**TERMINATION: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Sandig, Harvey	Substitute (uncertified)/District	10/19/21	Termination

**RESIGNATIONS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
VanLeuvan, Nadine	PT Custodial Worker/B & G	10/25/21	To accept FT Custodial Worker position

**RESIGNATIONS: INSTRUCTIONAL**

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Spencer, Patrick	Teaching Assistant/Phoenicia	11/12/21	To accept Custodial Worker/Groundskeeper I position

**APPOINTMENT: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

**PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT**

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Hilty, AnnaLisa	Bus Attendant/Transportation	11/04/21 – 5/03/22	Extended Probation
Spencer, Patrick	Custodial Worker/Groundskeeper I	11/15/21- 5/14/22	Step 5

VanLeuvan, Nadine Custodial Worker/B & G 10/27/21-4/26/22 Step 6

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

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Torres, Carol*	Bus Attendant/Transportation	10/27/21	\$18.29/hour
*pending pre-employment processing*			

The following named NON-INSTRUCTIONAL personnel have served a probationary status and are recommended to a PERMANENT STATUS consistent with the applicable laws and regulations of the State of New York:

NAME	POSITION	PROBATIONARY DATE	PERMANENT DATE
Perfit, Colette	Bus Attendant/Transportation	04/26/21	10/28/21

**LEAVE OF ABSENCES: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON
3999	10/25/2021	Paid Administrative Leave

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, #10/21, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Sherry

10.04 Warrants

*Recommended Action:* The Board of Education has reviewed and hereby accepts Warrant Schedule 4

**11. Committee Reports**

11.01 Policy Committee: Trustees Osmond / Trustee Bishop to report

- Met and began review of 3 policies– 1 need clarification from attorney
- Board Orientation policy– serve Board to have a 10 minute discussion at Board table

11.02 Legislative Action Committee: Trustee Ratcliff to report  
 Has not yet met

11.03 Facility Committee: Trustee Storey to report

- Met early in week to finish the 5 Year Building Condition Survey
  - Director of Facilities, Kyle Harjes was meeting with CPL architects to go over adjustments
- Putting things on a 5 year plan, but don't know where district is going, don't want to put money in a building if it will be closed
  - As a whole need to figure out where we are going, need a permanent Superintendent to do that
  - Hard to do 5 year plan without an overarching plan

- Discuss in open session

## 12. Old Business

- 12.01 The Board will discuss Old Business  
No Old Business was discussed

## 13. Request For Information

- 13.01 Board members will request information of the Superintendent  
Trustee Osmond asked what obstacles could there be to providing previously requested syllabi for secondary education to be put on district website so students and parents know what a course contains, when midterms are scheduled, when exams are, what materials will be covered
- similar to college courses where course is outlines before one signs up

## 14. New Business

- 14.01 The Board will discuss New Business  
No New Business was discussed

## 7. Public and Student Comment

- 7.01 Public and Students may comment on any agenda or non-agenda item (proposed 6:15)
- Neal Brownell – People are not allowed to dream because of bullies – can only dream what bullies dream
- Lindsay Shands – On Tues morning, bus driver saved us from a dangerous accident, thank you to First Student and the Transportation Department

## 15. Executive Session and Adjournment

- 15.01 Enter into Executive Session
- Recommended Action:* The Board of Education will enter executive session to discuss the employment history of a particular employee
- Motioned: Trustee Ratcliff
- Seconded: Trustee Storey
- Result: Unanimous
- Yea: Trustee Salem, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Storey, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Bishop
- Not Present: Trustee Sherry, Trustee DeJesus

No quorum for executive session

- 15.02 Exit Executive Session and Adjourn the Meeting. Next meeting is November 9, 2021
- Recommended Action:* Motion to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting at
- Motioned: Trustee Ratcliff
- Seconded: Trustee Storey
- Result: Unanimous
- Yea: Trustee Salem, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Storey, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Bishop
- Not Present: Trustee Sherry, Trustee DeJesus

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