

# ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022**

RESCHEDULED FROM FEBRUARY 8, 2022

TELECONFERENCING

## 1. Opening Items

1.01 Call to Order 6:00

1.02 Tobacco Policy Statement

1.03 Roll Call:

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

Not Present: Trustee DeJesus

## 2. Acceptance of Minutes

2.01 Acceptance of Minutes

*Recommended Action:* The Board of Education hereby accepts minutes of the meeting of January 25, 2022 and January 27, 2022

Motioned: Trustee Sherry

Seconded: Trustee Bishop

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee DeJesus

## 3. Welcome

3.01 Phoenicia Principal, Elizabeth Fallo will welcome the Board

- PowerPoint to show "Our Little World in Phoenicia"

Discussion:

- Sense of community and collaboration among the staff is wonderful
- PTA is also wonderful

Moment of silence for students Kiera Harkless (from class of 2020) and Pearson Reynolds (from class of 2028) who passed away in the last week

Now Present:

Trustee DeJesus arrived at 6:15

## 4. Update on 2022-2023 Budget

4.01 Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business, Dr. Don Gottlieb will update the Board on the 2022-2023 Budget (proposed 6:15 duration 20 min)

6:30

- Expected Fund balance of \$6-7 million in 2021-2022
  - Part will be used to offset tax levy for 2022-2023 school year
- State budget should become final by April
  - Expecting \$10,254,568 in State Aid

- Considered a wealthy district – because of the reservoir and property wealth
  - Some second home owners listing property as main homes for taxes
- Tax Levy limit is a formula by the comptroller
  - Will be 2.29%

Discussion:

Foundation Aid – Hope State will not take money from District, but will keep us whole

## 5. Superintendent News

5.01 The Superintendent will report on District News

7:00

- Thank community for collective support during the ice emergency
- MS/HS concerts are next week – will be live streamed
- Today 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter honor and merit rolls released
  - 83 students on High Honor Roll (grades 95-100); 79 on Honor Roll (grades 90-94); 75 on Merit Roll grades (85-89)
- Athletics – invite to see banners replacing some of the old pictures in the hallway
  - Gave update on Winter sports
- On 3/10/22 High School Student Sophie Frank - Participating in on-line podcast event conversation with students and teachers on COVID and impact on schools
- This week kick off forum about later start times, with PTA officers
  - Initial conversation for September 2022
- Met with Peter DiScalfani – Shandaken Supervisor- will join forces for pump for Phoenicia water district
  - Will support Phoenicia School and entire community
- On agenda tonight is 2 retirements – Wendy Cohen, Math Teacher and Don Clark, Stores Clerk
- Thank staff for supporting students and each other in grieving process for 2 Onteora students who passed this week – thoughts are with families

Discussion:

- Winter concerts are limiting tickets to 3 per student
  - Too hard for students to have to choose between parents when not together – 3 tickets makes it hard, should be 2 or 0

## 6. Board District News

6.01 The Board will report District News (proposed 6:35)

No Board News was reported

## 7. Student Representative Report

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

- Student Government has not met recently
- Looking forward to the Association of Student Government meeting with Bennett Student Government
- Majority of students are wondering about June regents and finals

## 8. Acknowledge Public Be Heard Comments

8.01 The Board will acknowledge the public be heard comments from the last meeting  
Sarah Yannosh, Emma Lamoreaux

## 9. Public and Student Comment

9.01 Public and Students may comment on any agenda or non-agenda item (proposed  
6:50)

No comment was made

Enter Executive Session (proposed 7:15)

*Recommended Action:* Motion to enter executive session to discuss ONTEA negotiations and the financial history of a particular employee

Motioned: Trustee Bishop

Seconded: Trustee DeJesus

Result: Unanimous

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

15.02 Exit Executive Session

*Recommended Action:* The Board of Education hereby exits executive session and returns to public session at 9:00

Motioned: Trustee Sherry

Seconded: Trustee Salem

Result: Unanimous

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

## 10. Discussion and Possible Action

10.01 Approve Budget Calendar

*Recommended Action:* The Board of Education hereby approves the Budget Development Calendar for 2022-2023

Motioned: Trustee Bishop

Seconded: Trustee Sherry

Result: Unanimous

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

10.02 Create Positions

*Recommended Action:* The Board of Education hereby creates the following positions:

1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher (until 6/24/22)

1.0 FTE Monitor

Motioned: Trustee Sherry

Seconded: Trustee Bishop

Result: Unanimous

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

10.03 Approve Memorandum of Agreement with OAA

*Recommended Action:* The Board of Education hereby approves the MOA between the Onteora Administrators Association and the Onteora Central School District

regarding overpayment of employee #02082022

Motioned: Trustee Bishop

Seconded: Trustee Storey

Result: Unanimous

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

#### 10.04 Adoption of Policy 7133 Admission of Non-Resident Students

*Recommended Action:* The Board of Education hereby adopts Policy 7133 as written

Motioned: Trustee Bishop

Seconded: Trustee Sherry

Result: Unanimous

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

#### 2022 7133 Students ADMISSION OF NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS

The Board of Education affirms that its primary responsibility is to provide the best possible educational opportunities for the children who are legal district residents and who are of legal age to attend school.

~~However, a non-resident student may be admitted to district schools upon payment to the district of the Board-adopted tuition charge, if and only if, in the judgment of the Superintendent of Schools:~~

- ~~1. there is sufficient space to accommodate the non-resident student;~~
- ~~2. no increase in the size of faculty or staff will be necessary to accommodate them;~~
- ~~2. the non-resident student meets the district's criteria for admission; and~~
- ~~4. the admission of such non-resident student is and continues during the enrollment period to be in the best interests of the district.~~

This policy is not applicable to students experiencing housing insecurity, entitled to attend district schools under federal and state law and regulations, who may not be currently residing in the district (see policy 5151, Children Experiencing Housing Insecurity). Students experiencing housing insecurity who are not entitled to attend district schools under federal and state laws may be considered for non-resident enrollment under this policy. This policy is also not intended to cover students who are placed in district programs by agreement with, and paid for by, another school district.

##### *Future Residents*

The children of families who have signed a contract to buy or build a residence in the school district may be enrolled during the semester in which they expect to become residents. ~~without payment of tuition.~~

##### *Former Residents*

Students whose families have moved out of the district may continue to attend districts schools under the following circumstances:

~~Former residents who move prior to April 1 may continue enrollment upon the payment of tuition from the date of the departure to the end of the school year.~~

- ~~• Former residents who move after April 1 will be permitted to finish the school year without charge.~~
- ~~• Former residents enrolled in grades 11 or 12 at the time of departure from the district may be permitted to finish high school and graduate with their class provided the former resident meets the criteria of this policy and upon the payment of tuition for the 12th grade year.~~
- ~~• Former residents enrolled in grade 12 at the time of departure from the district may be permitted to finish high school and graduate with their class provided the former resident meets the criteria of this policy and their residency changes after May 1.~~

##### *Former Residents*

Students whose families have moved out of district may continue to attend district schools under the following circumstances:

- Former residents enrolled in grade 12 at the time of departure from the district may be permitted to finish high school and graduate with their class provided the former

resident meets the criteria of this policy and are resident through the first semester of his/her anticipated graduation year. In this instance, the District will not provide transportation.

However, students experiencing housing insecurity who are no longer district residents due to their housing insecurity are addressed in policy 54547132, Children Experiencing Housing Insecurity.

**Transportation**

~~**NOTE: The policy should specify whether the district will provide transportation to non-resident students and, if so, under what conditions. The following provision is optional.**~~

~~**Transportation will be provided for non-resident students if and only if existing bus routing is used, and there is sufficient room on the bus.**~~

Cross-ref: 5151, Children Experiencing Housing Insecurity

Ref: Education Law §3202(2);8 NYCRR Part 174; *Appeal of Akiwowo*, 48 Ed Dept Rep 34 (2008)

## 11. Consent Agenda

### 11.01 Approve Consent Agenda (proposed 7:05)

*Recommended Action:* The Board hereby approves item numbers 11.02-11.09

Motioned: Trustee Sherry

Seconded: Trustee Bishop

Result: Unanimous

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

### 11.02 Personnel Agenda

#### RESIGNATIONS: NON- INSTRUCTIONAL

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Clark, Donald	Stores Clerk/ B&G	04/29/22	Retirement
Link, Margaret	Typist/ B&G	02/18/22	Personal
Pijnappel, Kimberly	PT Custodial Worker/ B&G	02/10/22	To accept FT position

#### RESIGNATIONS: INSTRUCTIONAL

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Cohen, Wendy	Mathematics Teacher/High School	06/30/22	Retirement
Sobolewski, Jaclyn	Elementary-3 <sup>rd</sup> grade/Phoenicia	03/31/22	Resignation

#### APPOINTMENT: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	SALARY	REMARKS
Pijnappel, Kimberly	Custodial Worker/ B&G	02/11/22	Step 2	Replace resignation

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
Benjamin, Stewart	Groundskeeper II/ B&G	02/17/22	02/18/22

#### SUBSTITUTE

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Guerin, Tracy	Clerical	\$15.00/hour
Hughes, Jaclyn	Teacher (certified)	\$125.00/day
Link, Margaret	Clerical	\$15.00/hour
Motzkin, Lauren	Teacher (uncertified)	\$90.00/day

- 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, #2/22, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Bishop
- 11.04 Settlement with CNA Insurance Company  
*Recommended Action:* RESOLVED, all claims asserted in the lawsuit captioned *Onteora Central School District v. CNA Insurance Company, et al.* be resolved in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release on file with the District Clerk; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to execute the aforementioned Settlement Agreement and Mutual Release.
- 11.05 Financial Report  
*Recommended Action:* The Board has reviewed and hereby accepts the Quarterly Financial Report ending September 2021
- 11.06 Warrant Schedule 7  
*Recommended Action:* The Board of Education has reviewed and hereby accepts Warrant Schedule 7
- 11.07 Health & Safety - Rhinebeck  
*Recommended Action:* BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rhinebeck Central School District establishes the rate of \$1,266.14 per pupil for the school year 2021-2022 for Health Services provided for *Onteora* resident pupils attending nonpublic schools in the Rhinebeck 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 2021-2022 school year.
- 11.08 Health & Safety - Rondout  
*Recommended Action:* BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Rondout Valley Central School District establishes the rate of \$575.02 per pupil for the school year 2021-2022 for Health Services provided for *Onteora* resident pupils attending nonpublic schools in the Rondout Valley 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 2021-2022 school year.
- 11.09 Health & Safety - New Paltz  
*Recommended Action:* BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the New Paltz Central School District establishes the rate of \$1,542.76 per pupil for the school year 2021-2022 for Health Services provided for *Onteora* resident pupils attending nonpublic schools in the New Paltz 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 2021-2022 school year.

**12. Old Business**

12.01 The Board will discuss Old Business

Appointing another Board member:

- No time to interview and do everything, with the Superintendent interviews happening in the next month
- Person is being appointed until election night (5/17/22)
- The Board consultant agreed that it is not a good time to appoint another Board member
- Looks bad for the people interested, maybe just Board members who can, attend, record and recommend
- Find 3 hour block where 4 can participate to interview candidates
  - Record interviews for those who cannot participate
- Asked for consensus by show of hands – 3 yes, failed

No Longer Present:

Trustee Sherry left at 9:30

**13. New Business**

13.01 The Board will discuss New Business

- Edit a Google Doc on Communications Audit to improve district communications with each other, public, sending and receiving
- Trustee Salem and Trustee Bishop were invited to a meeting with the PTA Officers on start times
  - Discussed that at next COVID forum first half for COVID, then invite people to share informal and anecdotal information about communication
  - PTA at meeting yesterday are under the impression that 2<sup>nd</sup> part of forum will be on later start times – prepare for both
  - Will be an extra half hour
  - Superintendent Corsones will send an email to participants with purpose of communications forum

**14. Request For Information**

14.01 Board members will request information of the Superintendent

No information was requested

**15. Adjournment**

15.01 Motion to adjourn at 9:40

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee Salem

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Sherry

Minutes Recorded by Fern Amster,  
District Clerk

