

# ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022**

TELECONFERENCING

## MINUTES

### 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 Storey, Trustee Bishop

Not Present: Trustee Osmond, Trustee DeJesus

### 2. Acceptance of Minutes

2.01 Acceptance of Minutes

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby accepts minutes of the April 19, 2022, April 20, 2022, April 26, 2022, April 27, 2022

Motioned: Trustee Sherry

Seconded: Trustee Storey

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Osmond, Trustee DeJesus

Now Present:

Trustee Osmond arrived at 6:05

### 3. Budget Hearing

3.01 The Board President will open the Hearing on the Budget

Trustee Salem opened the Budget Hearing at 6:06

3.02 Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business, Dr. Don Gottlieb will present the Budget Hearing (proposed 6:05 duration 20 min)

Meeting

- See the attached Budget Presentation for detailed descriptions
- Proposed Budget increase of 2.05% for the 2022-2023 school year
  - Proposed Budget \$59,991,639
- Additional Proposition for Capital Project
  - To expend up to \$675,000 from the Capital Reserve to fund repairs at Phoenicia and Woodstock Elementary Schools. (replace exterior doors, side walk ramps, entrance steps)
- Proposed Levy increase of 1.19% for the 2022-2023 school year
  - Proposed Levy \$46,101,388
- Potential additional Capital Projects included in Budget
- Contingency Budget if 2022-2023 Budget did not pass
- What is on the Ballot:
  - Proposition #1 - \$59,991,639 Expenditure Budget
  - Proposition #2 – allow the District to expend up to \$675,000 from the Capital Funds to replace deteriorating asbestos floor tiles throughout the

District Voting for 3 Open Board Seats- 5 people vying for 3 open seats, 2 seats for 3- year terms starting July 1, 2022 and 1 seat for 1 year and 6 weeks starting May 17, 2022

- Voting will take place on May 17, 2022 from 2pm-9pm- voting will take place at elementary schools, Bennett, Phoenicia and Woodstock-
  - Registered voters can vote at any location
- Public asked for a detailed equipment breakdown if Budget doesn't pass (what would be taken away) Dr. Gottlieb answered what kind of equipment the school needs and general maintenance of equipment, and how not having funds would affect the students
- Dr. Gottlieb also discussed the Tax Levy in detail and the Equalization Rate

3.03 The Board president will close the hearing on the Budget  
Trustee Salem closed the Budget Hearing at 6:25

#### 4. Welcome

4.01 Woodstock School Principal, Scott Richards will welcome the Board

- Students have upcoming fields trips
- After school programs- Recreation Program
- PTA yard sale May 14, 2022
- 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be going to Bennett. School for orientation this month
- Instructional Updates
  - Professional Development is ongoing with Teachers
  - Morningside training almost finished- 2 more sessions
- Poetry "Slam" 2022
  - Every teacher and every student were able to read a poem, 98% of children read- Mr. Richards shared a 60 sec video of some of the students work

Discussion:

Trustee Salem will forward Bennet Ratcliff's information to Mr. Richards and Woodstock PTA President regarding Tree Law in the town of Woodstock

#### 5. Student Representative Report

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

- Upcoming events that are happening in the High School are on the website
- Also working on Outdoor Initiative Education for students

#### 6. Superintendent News

6.01 The Superintendent will report on District News

- May 10, 2022, 6:00pm -Bennett School. will hold Elementary Parent Workshop on SEL
  - April 21, 2022 was SEL Workshop in the Middle School/High School
- COVID update: no new positive cases today
- Free home COVID tests are available
- Math assessments grades 3-8, Districtwide 74% participation rate, highest at Elementary Grades
- PE/Athletics- changed Spirit Day to May 9th-13th Spirit Week, details posted on Onteora website. 2 of the days will have after school activities

- 13 of our High School students –have received their Biliteracy Seal (high level of proficiency in English and at least one other World Language)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade had RYANS presentations (Raising Youth Awareness About Narcotics)
- Discussed year end events
  - May 6, 2022 Senior Prom
  - May 6, 2022 Middle School Dance
  - May 18, 2022 Spring Concert
  - May 23, 2022 High School Spring Concert
  - This week is Teacher Appreciate Week (May 2, 2022 – May 6, 2022)

## 7. Board District News

7.01 The Board will report District News (proposed 6:30)

- Trustee Osmond reported she will be resigning after 14 years, effective May 18, 2022 due to changes in professional/personal life

## 8. Acknowledge Public Be Heard Comments

8.01 The Board will acknowledge the public be heard comments from the last meeting  
Lindsay Shands

## 9. Public and Student Comment

9.01 Public and Students may comment on any agenda or non-agenda item (proposed 6:35)

- Lindsay Shands spoke- PTA co-hosting Meet the Candidates Night on May 11, 2022 between 6:00pm-7:30pm in the High School, get to know candidates running for the School Board chairs.

## 10. Discussion and Possible Action

10.01 Approve 2022-2023 School Calendar

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the School Calendar for the 2022-2023 School Year, as attached

Motioned: Trustee Osmond

Seconded: Trustee Storey

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee DeJesus

10.02 Approve the "Sell-out" of Vacation Days for an Employee

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approved that Deb D'Aprile be allowed to "sell-out" up 16 vacation days prior to June 30, 2022

Motioned: Trustee Bishop

Seconded: Trustee Salem

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee DeJesus

10.03 Approve the Board of Registration

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the Board of Registration for the 2022-2023 Budget Vote and Trustee Election on May 17, 2022 and agrees to pay the Chief Registrars \$10 more than approved at the Reorganizational Meeting.

Motioned: Trustee Storey

- Qualified Chief Registrars are needed to help with questions etc. during the vote and election as the District is so large

Seconded: Trustee Osmond

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee DeJesus

#### 10.04 Approve Corrective Action Plan

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

Motioned: Trustee Sherry

Seconded: Trustee Bishop

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee DeJesus

#### 10.05 Approve Overnight Trip

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the Science of Survival Club to attend an overnight field trip at the Ashokan Center on May 6 - 8, 2022

Motioned: Trustee Osmond

Seconded: Trustee Sherry

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee DeJesus

#### 10.06 Approve the "Sell-out" of Vacation Days for the Superintendent

Recommended Action: Be it hereby resolved to revise the contract for Marystephanie Corsones, Interim Superintendent of Schools to buy out 9 "days off with pay" at her daily rate.

Motioned: Trustee Bishop

Seconded: Trustee Storey

- Trustee Storey asked a question why the Recommended Action didn't say "up to" – Trustee Salem clarified Marystephanie Corsones is unable to take more than 9 days. It was also mentioned that in her position she is unable to use all of her days prior to departing from the District due her presence being needed

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee DeJesus

**11. Consent Agenda**

11.01 Approve Consent Agenda (proposed 7:00)

Recommended Action: The Board hereby approves item numbers 11.02-11.05

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee Bishop

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee DeJesus

11.02 Personnel Agenda

**EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS:**

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	AMOUNT
Bucher, Donald	Regents Prep (Earth Science)	04/26/22	\$2,054.00

**TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT: INSTRUCTIONAL**

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE	REMARKS
Brown, Jillian	Psychologist	07/01/22 – 08/31/22	\$45/hr	Extended School Year: Special Ed.
Silver, Lauren	Summer School Teaching Assistant	07/11/22 – 08/05/22	On step	Summer Academy

**RESIGNATION: INSTRUCTIONAL**

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Chartrand, Louis	Technology Teacher/Middle	06/30/22	Retirement
Corsones, Marystephanie	Superintendent of Schools	Close of business day 06/05/22	Resignation
Quick, Tracy	Teaching Assistant/Phoenicia	06/30/22	Retirement

**RESIGNATION: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Amster, Fern	Secretary to the Superintendent /District Clerk	06/04/22	Retirement

**LEAVE OF ABSENCES: INSTRUCTIONAL**

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON
4132	approximate dates* 09/28/22 – 11/18/22*	FMLA-paid
4132	11/21/22 – 01/02/23*	FMLA-unpaid

**SUBSTITUTE**

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Guerin, Tracy	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, #5/22, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee DeJesus

- Trustee Salem reported that he heard from Trustee DeJesus and the Schedule U is in order.

#### 11.04 Warrants

Recommended Action: The Board of Education has reviewed and hereby accepts Warrants Schedule 10

#### 11.05 Revise Resolution

Recommended Action: The Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approves the scope of the Jr/Sr High School classroom renovations project. The Board further authorizes the use of American Rescue Plan and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Act allocations to fund this project.

[Added Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Act]

## 12. Committee Reports

#### 12.01 Communications Committee - Trustee Salem to report

- Trustee Bishop and Trustee Salem began crafting the communication survey
  - Trustee Salem will send a link to the draft of it to all trustees to review the survey
  - Survey to be put on next agenda to discuss (May 17, 2022)
  - Future check in's with community

#### 12.02 Facilities Committee – Trustee Storey to report

- Facilities Committee met today, May 3, 2022 at the High School – discussed projects
  - Bennett HVAC Gym Project will be delayed and cannot be completed this summer
  - Middle/High School bathroom, cafeteria projects, no SED approval yet – to be sent out to BID this month
  - BBL noted huge increase in materials, inflation in products potentially through 2024
  - Project delays by SED- Onteora submitted intent letter for projects in December 2021
  - All projects need to be done during summer due to asbestos abatement and noise

#### Discussion:

- Trustee Salem reports Woodstock trails/bridge to be put on Facilities Committee radar to discuss repairs/updates
  - Trustee Sherry also added as a reminder to discuss adding an awning on MS/HS loading dock building
- Superintendent Corsones thanked Kyle Harjes, Director of Facilities for laying stones by picnic tables for drainage to eliminant walking in the mud
- Trustee Salem asked for an update with the safety of the bleachers

**13. Old Business**

## 13.01 The Board will discuss Old Business

- Trustee Storey asked for a follow up with the Rural Schools Conference- District Clerk announced the Reorganization Meeting ok's any board member to go to a conference without prior discussion- District Clerk to confirm that this was passed at the July 2021 Reorganization Meeting

**14. New Business**

## 14.01 The Board will discuss New Business

- Trustee Bishop recently attended a Superintendent 's Evaluation Training through NYSBAA, discussed information with Board Colleagues and potential candidate Trustees running for the Board.
  - Suggested having someone from NYSBAA or some organization to come and work with the Board over the summer
  - Trustee Bishop believes Superintendent Evaluations start right away in September
  - District Clerk mentioned Supereval Workshop would come work with District- this is a requirement to evaluate the Superintendent
- Trustee Sherry asked if Superintendent Corsones can discuss The Code of Conduct this at the next board meeting

**15. Request for Information**

## 15.01 Board members will request information of the Superintendent

- Trustee Bishop asked for a report on how the Special Education Programing Initiate is going in the Middle School for the school improvement plan and how the students are doing. Also, would like to know how the teachers are feeling about it and the progression for next year.

**16. Enter Executive Session and Adjournment**

## 16.01 Enter Executive Session (proposed 7:20)

Recommended Action: Motion to enter into executive session to the Employment history of a particular employee

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee Osmond

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee DeJesus

## 16.02 Exit executive session and Adjourn

Recommended Action: Motion to exit executive session and adjourn at 8:00

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee Salem

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee DeJesus

Minutes Recorded by Fern Amster,  
District Clerk

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fern Amster".

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