

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

SPECIAL MEETING

6:30p.m.

**TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023**  
HIGH SCHOOL

MINUTES

**1. Opening Items**

- 1.01 Call to Order 6:30 pm
- 1.02 Tobacco Policy Statement
- 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.04 Roll Call

Present: Trustee Sherry, Trustee Bishop, Trustee Storey, Trustee Wallis, Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Hemingway Lynch, Trustee Taylor

**2. Executive Session**

- 2.01 Enter Executive Session (duration 30 min)

*Recommended Action:* Motion to enter into executive session to discuss OAA

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee Bishop

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Sherry, Trustee Bishop, Trustee Storey, Trustee Wallis, Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Hemingway Lynch, Trustee Taylor

- 2.02 Exit Executive Session

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

Motioned: Trustee Bishop

Seconded: Trustee Storey

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Sherry, Trustee Bishop, Trustee Storey, Trustee Wallis, Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Hemingway Lynch, Trustee Taylor

**3. Welcome**

- 3.01 High School Principal, Lance Edelman will welcome the Board

Principal Edelman presented the following: Presentation attached to the website here: [Agenda - 4166 State Route 28 | Boiceville, NY 12412 | Phone: 845-657-6383 BoardDocs® LT Meetings – May 16, 2023](#)

- Introduction of 2023 Valedictorian, Takemi A. Sono-Knowles
- Introduction of 2023 Salutatorian, Introduction of 2023 Maeve C Turck
- Congratulations to all 2023 Graduates
- Senior Prom update, 102 Guests, an enjoyable night with great behavior.
- 21 recipients of NYS Seal of Biliteracy
- 20 recipients of NYS Seal of Civic Readiness
- TOSA -Teacher on Special Assignment – Mr. Brandon Harkin gave a brief update and statistics on the additional instruction he has provided in the area of responsible online behavior. Additional instruction has been given in the area of the dangers of E-

Cigarettes/Vaping. Assemblies have been presented by ORACLE Opioid Response As County Law Enforcement as well as RYAN Raising Your Awareness about Narcotics. Safety & Security update was given as well.

- Regents/ Final Exam Review
- Graduation 2024 - brief update was given.
- End of the year events and updates.

#### 4. Acceptance of Minutes

##### 4.01 Acceptance of Minutes

*Recommended Action:* The Board of Education hereby accepts minutes of the May 2, 2023

Motioned: Trustee Bishop

Seconded: Trustee Taylor

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Sherry, Trustee Bishop, Trustee Storey, Trustee Wallis, Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Hemingway Lynch, Trustee Taylor

#### 5. Superintendent District News

##### 5.01 Superintendent McLaren gave a brief update on district news:

- District Clerk, Amanda Gates is out on Maternity Leave, wishing her family well on the birth of their daughter.
- Assistant Superintendent Allison has worked with the community regarding our Universal Pre School Program to secure Full Time Pre K Slots. Thank you to the UPK Partners in the community. Grant funding is secured for Universal Pre-K to provide full day programming. Historically the District has allocated the additional funding from ½ day pre school to full day and this year we are able to do so fully via grant funding. Full day programming is more feasible for district families. 52 children will be served this coming school year.
  - Trustee Wallis later asked how many universal preschool applicants OCSD received for the incoming school year?
    - Superintendent McLaren advised that there were 52 applicants and that was with the help of community outreach.
  - OCSD was viewed as a model on May 9<sup>th</sup>, by Eldred Central School District. Eldred CSD came to Bennett to review the ELA Program. Eldred CSD is beginning to implement the Columbia University's Teacher's College Program and reached out to us as we have had much success using that model. Several workshops and other ELA efforts were displayed.
  - Spring Concert is upcoming and Superintendent McLaren would like to thank the booster club for supporting the school community.
- Assistant Superintendent LaClair provided an update on current grants. A current status update on grants is a requirement, to keep the Board of Education and Public informed.

- CRSSA – Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act – we have received \$2M - all funds have been utilized with the exception of a remaining \$200K. This grant was written in 2020 – some updates since as programs/ needs change. Afterschool/ Homework help, Mental Health outreach, Teacher on Special Assignment, and other helpful areas.
- ARP- American Rescue Plan – Received \$4M Expires September 2024 – This grant will be used to supplement the Universal Pre-K Programming. Additional Support has been provided by All Points, Uni-Vents in the buildings and other capital work, Teacher’s Writing College and Branching Minds, as well as other professional development. The ARP funding has provided a larger scale of resources available to the district.

## 6. Presentations

6.01 Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services, Amanda Allison will present a Mental Health Snapshot

- Breakdown of Staff across the district
- Reviewed OCSD versus neighboring Districts in regards to the number of students per Psychologist/Social Worker. OCSD has the lowest caseload by population. Asst. Supt. Allison is pleased that the district is ahead with this delicate need.
- Further presentation regarding mandated counseling, ongoing support and additional programing. School based counseling and community-based psychotherapy and the differences between the two. How mental health supports each level of students. May is Mental Health Awareness month and there have been many efforts to support our students in and out of the classroom.
- A brief snapshot of Ulster County as a whole.
- Partnership with Astor has provided a Full Time Social Worker – Ms. Kaufhold is a master’s level clinician stationed at our Middle/ High School however very flexible as needs arise. From April 18<sup>th</sup> there have been 22 referrals to work with Ms. Kaufhold.
- Partnership with LaSelle has provided short term (longer if necessary) intensive support for a variety of traumatic events for students in 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grades, however services can begin in 5<sup>th</sup> grade, if necessary.
- Outside resources work together to use the best approach for individual cases. Continued partnership with Morningside for social and emotional learning.
- Assistant Superintendent Laffin and Allison have worked to utilize a multi-tiered system of support (MTSS) to classify each student based on a behavioral – social – emotional lens.
- Partnership with Branching Minds has provided a K-12 data platform to set and reach benchmarks, create plans to outreach, professional insight, and more.
- Many future initiatives to look forward to

## 7. Discussion & Possible Action

7.01 Review NYSSBA Resolution Kit (duration 10 min)

Brief discussion from Trustee Sherry encouraging fellow trustees to work on the resolution kit and to provide NYSSBA with resolutions, if school boards across

the state have similar concerns NYSBBA will advocate on those topics. Trustee Storey made a mention that the board does not have to participate. Trustee Sherry encourages all board members to engage civically. Superintendent McLaren made a notation that the time line for submission to NYSSBA is July 14<sup>th</sup>, meaning our reorganizational meeting on July 6<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for approval.

7.02 Athletic Teams Discussion – no discussion at this time, tabled for a future meeting.

7.03 Approve Overnight Trip

*Recommended Action:* The Board of Education hereby approves the Science of Survival class to attend an overnight field trip to the Ashokan Center on June 2, 2023- June 4, 2023, and pay all necessary fees.

Motioned: Trustee Reimondo

Seconded: Trustee Bishop

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Sherry, Trustee Bishop, Trustee Storey, Trustee Wallis, Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Hemingway Lynch, Trustee Taylor

## 8. Acknowledge Public Be Heard Comments

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

- Melissa Thongs
- Adam Trescott
- Caroline Jerome
- Jeff Bailey
- Aliza Kelly
- Stephanie Bryant
- Sharon McInerney
- Christine Fox
- Clark Goodrich
- Ashleigh Lovelace
- Megan Brenner
- Elizabeth Kneissl
- Esther Downton
- Rick Wolff
- Adam Snyder
- Matt LaClair
- Scott Barrett
- Joan Pacciono
- Mesha Foge
- Laurie Osmond
- Jane Brooks
- Christina Signore
- Kevin Salem
- Sean Collin
- Kara Colevas
- Tara Buckley
- Chloe

- Jenny Jared
- Raina Spada
- Regine Lim
- Dafne DeJesus
- Jennifer Ogg
- Cassidy Casello
- Carl Fusco

**9. Consent Agenda**

9.01 Approve Consent Agenda

*Recommended Action:* The Board hereby approves item numbers 9.02-9.08

Motioned: Trustee Reimondo

Seconded: Trustee Taylor

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Sherry, Trustee Bishop, Trustee Storey, Trustee Wallis, Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Hemingway Lynch, Trustee Taylor

9.02 Position to be abolished

BE IT RESOLVED that effective June 30, 2023, the following position is hereby eliminated:

1.0 FTE from the Foreign Language tenure area

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby directed to notify the least senior teacher in the affected tenure area who has been exceeded as a result of the elimination of this position.

9.03 Personnel Agenda

RESIGNATION: INSTRUCTIONAL

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Lefkowitz, Aaron	Teacher - Social Studies	05/15/23	Personal

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: INSTRUCTIONAL

NAME	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON	
2319	4/20/23-5/22/23	FMLA - Paid	

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT: INSTRUCTIONAL

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE	REMARKS
Armstrong, Mark	Short Term Leave Replacement	05/15/23	MA Step 1 Daily Rate	Daily as needed

**TERMINATION: INSTRUCTIONAL**

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the TERMINATION of the following INSTRUCTIONAL staff member. This termination is in accordance with and subject to the Education Laws of New York State, the rules and regulations of the Commissioner of Education, and the policies of the Ontario Board of Education.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Ontario Central School District that the following individual, having the least seniority in the tenure area affected by the abolishment, shall be laid off from their position with the District effective June 30, 2023.

Any individual who is laid off shall have his or her name placed on a preferred eligibility list consistent with the requirements of the Education Law.

NAME	POSITION
Robinson, Carson	1.0 Foreign Language

**LEAVE OF ABSENCES: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON
4150	09/01/23-6/30/24	FMLA-paid/unpaid
4086	05/09/23-6/30/23	FMLA-paid/unpaid

**RESIGNATION: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Gunther, Susanne	Custodial Worker	05/26/23	Retirement

**EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS**

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Katz, Emma	Regents Prep - Living Environment (ENL)	\$1,040.50
Matteson, Lori	Belleayre Bash Assistant Advisor	\$500

9.04 Approve Volunteers the Board of Education hereby approves the following volunteer listed below:

- Bonhee Cho - Woodstock Elementary
- Elise Collins - Woodstock Elementary
- Abigail Hernandez - Woodstock Elementary
- Karyn Hochman - Woodstock Elementary
- Jonathan Fitzer - Woodstock Elementary

Brittney Mayr - Woodstock Elementary  
Kat Mosher - Woodstock Elementary  
Terianne Neder - Woodstock Elementary  
Elizabeth Olsen - Woodstock Elementary  
Benny Reyes-Milan - Woodstock Elementary  
Bianca Scott - Woodstock Elementary  
Lindsey Shands - Woodstock Elementary  
Cassie Speck - Woodstock Elementary  
Benjamin Umanor - Woodstock Elementary

9.05 Budget Transfer

The Superintendent recommends the transfer of \$115,500 to Buildings and Grounds to pay for expenses for the generator project. Transfer Amount \$115,500 from Budget Code A2270.150-03PPS to Budget Code A1620.449-10.

9.06 Budget Transfer

The Superintendent recommends the transfer of \$95,175 to Buildings and Grounds to pay for expenses for the Bennett HVAC project. Transfer Amount \$95,175 from Budget Code A9950.900-10 to Budget Code A1620.449-10.

9.07 Stale Dated Checks

As of May 16, 2023, the following stale dated checks will be written off:  
Check #45307 Senior Award Payee: Shayne Bresler Amount:\$100  
Check #43686 A/P Exam Refund Payee: Oscar Alfredo-Espinoza Amount: \$54.00  
Check #46697 Tax Overpayment Payee: Tsounpas 196 Group LLC Amount:\$185.15  
Check #43591 Tax Overpayment Payee: Estate of Betty Sibus Amount:\$742.50

9.08 Approve Schedule U - The Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations

**10. Contracts & Independent Contractor Retainers**

10.01 Approve all Contracts and ICRs (proposed 9:00pm)

Approve all Contracts and Independent Contractor Retainers Meeting

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

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee Wallis

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Sherry, Trustee Bishop, Trustee Storey, Trustee Wallis, Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Hemingway Lynch, Trustee Taylor

10.02 ICR - Peptalks 360

*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 Independent Contractor Retainer between the Onteora Central School District and PepTalks360 retained as a Consultant effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 at a rate of \$250.00 per hour to a maximum rate of \$25,000.00 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

10.03 ICR - All Points

*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 Independent Contractor Retainer between the Onteora Central School District and All Points retained as a Consultant effective July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 at a rate of \$1,750.00 per day to a maximum rate of \$35,000.00 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

10.04 ICR - Dr. Andrew Levin REVISED

*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 Independent Contractor Retainer between the Onteora Central School District and Dr. Andrew P. Levin retained as Medical Consultant effective November 25, 2022 to June 30, 2022 at a rate of \$500.00 per hour to a maximum revised amount of \$8,500.00 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

**11. Policies**

11.01 Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 5250 Sale and Disposal of School District Property

~~2018~~ 2023 5250  
Non-Instructional/Business Operations

**SUBJECT: SALE AND DISPOSAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY**

Building administrators and support staff supervisors are responsible for identifying obsolete or surplus equipment and supplies within their area(s) of responsibility. Each year, a determination shall be made of which equipment, supplies and/or materials are obsolete and cannot be salvaged or utilized effectively or economically by the school district. Such equipment, supplies, or materials shall be sold through bid procedures, if possible, for the highest possible price.

The ~~School Business Manager~~ Assistant Superintendent for Business shall be authorized to dispose of obsolete or surplus equipment and supplies in the following manner:

1. reassign the items, as needed, to other locations within the school district;
2. centralize the storage of items of potential usefulness; and/or
3. discard or sell as surplus those items determined to be of no further use or worthless.

Prior to reassigning, storing, discarding or selling any equipment or supplies (including computer hardware and software), the district shall ensure that all district-related data and information is permanently and completely removed. If such data or information is of a sensitive, personal or confidential nature, and cannot be permanently and completely removed prior to discarding or selling, the equipment or supplies shall be destroyed, and if reassigned or stored, the district shall note that district data or information has not been permanently and completely removed. The district shall also ensure that all district-related data and information is permanently and completely removed from equipment that is leased from a third party, prior to returning the equipment. The district shall work with the third-party provider to ensure that district data and information is able to be permanently and completely removed from the equipment.



Following approval by the Board of Education, items may be sold in the following manner:

1. offer to sell **or donate** the items to local municipalities or local non-profit organizations;
2. sell items at a public sale or on a Board-approved public online auction site. In the event of a public sale, notice of availability of such equipment, supplies and materials and requests for bids shall be disseminated through announcements in local newspapers and such other appropriate means. The general public, as well as staff members who are not Board members, officers, or involved in the purchasing function, shall be eligible to bid on the equipment, supplies and/or materials; and
3. sell remaining items as scrap for the best obtainable amount or discard in the safest, least expensive manner.

Ref: General Municipal Law §§51; 800 et  
seq. *Ross v. Wilson*, 308 NY 605 (1955)  
*Matter of Baker*, 14 EDR 5 (1974)  
Op. St. Compt. 58-120

*Recommended Action:* The Board hereby accepts policy 5250 as reviewed

Motioned: Trustee Bishop

Seconded: Trustee Storey

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Sherry, Trustee Bishop, Trustee Storey, Trustee Wallis, Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Hemingway Lynch, Trustee Taylor

11.02 First Reading and Adoption of Purchasing Policy 5410 and 7422- first reading waived both policies approved together.

*Recommended Action:* The Board hereby accepts policy 5410 as reviewed

Motioned: Trustee Bishop

Seconded: Trustee Reimondo

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Sherry, Trustee Bishop, Trustee Storey, Trustee Wallis, Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Hemingway Lynch, Trustee Taylor

11.03 First Reading of Concussion Policy 7422

*Recommended Action:* The Board hereby accepts policy 7422 as reviewed

Motioned: Trustee Bishop

Seconded: Trustee Storey

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Sherry, Trustee Bishop, Trustee Storey, Trustee Wallis, Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Hemingway Lynch, Trustee Taylor

## 12. Break

12.01 The Board will take a break until the votes are in. Trustee Sherry left the meeting at this time.

### 13. Canvass Votes

#### 13.01 Declaration of Votes Cast Proposition 1 (proposed 9:10)

The Board of Education hereby certifies the votes cast for Proposition 1: 2023-2024 Budget: \$61,322,550 **Yes 1372 No 454**

#### 13.02 Declaration of Votes Cast Proposition 2

The Board of Education hereby certifies the votes cast for Proposition 2: Capital Improvement Project **Yes 1501 No 337**

#### 13.03 Declaration of Votes Cast Proposition 3

The Board of Education hereby certifies the votes cast for Proposition 3: Authorize the Creation of Capital Reserve **Yes 1338 No 457**

#### 13.04 Board Seats - Declaration of Votes Cast

The Board hereby certifies the votes cast for the 3 Board Seats  
Three Vacancies:

- One Position: July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026
- Two Positions: May 16, 2023 to June 30, 2026

#### Declaration of Votes Cast:

Emily Sherry	<u>878</u>
David Wallis	<u>686</u>
Clark Goodrich	<u>1143</u>
Emily Mitchell-Marell	<u>1144</u>
Kristy Taylor	<u>777</u>

#### Write in Candidate: Caroline Jerome 924

At this time there is 55 affidavit ballots to be verified and counted. The 3<sup>rd</sup> seat on the board of education is to be determined once those ballots have been verified and counted.

#### 13.05 Deputy District Clerk will administer the Oath of Office to Board Trustees whose Term starts May 16, 2023

- Trustee Mitchell-Marell was sworn into office
- Trustee Clark Goodrich was sworn into office
- Superintendent McLaren thanked Trustee Wallis and Trustee Taylor for their service to the community and welcomed Trustee Mitchell-Marell and Trustee Goodrich to their seats at the table to participate with the adjournment of the meeting.

### 14. Adjournment

14.01 Adjourn Meeting. Next meeting Tuesday June 6, 2023 at Bennett  
The meeting is adjourned at 10:34pm.

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee Goodrich

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Bishop, Trustee Storey, Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Hemingway  
Lynch, Trustee Mitchell-Marell, Trustee Goodrich

