ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

MINUTES

WORKSHOP MEETING
6:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2023
MS/HS AUDITORIUM

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call to Order 6:00 pm
1.02 Tobacco Policy Statement
1.03 Pledge of Allegiance
1.04 Roll Call: Trustee Jerome, Trustee Mitchell-Marell, Trustee Goodrich, Trustee Storey, Trustee Bishop
Not Present: Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Hemingway Lynch

2. Presentations

2.01 Director of Special Education, Carol Grima will present the Special Education Plan (duration 20 min)

3. Acceptance of Minutes

3.01 Acceptance of Minutes

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby accepts minutes of August 8, 2023
Motioned: Trustee Storey
Seconded: Trustee Jerome
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Jerome, Trustee Mitchell-Marell, Trustee Goodrich, Trustee Storey, Trustee Bishop
Not Present: Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Hemingway Lynch

4. Superintendent District News

4.01 The Superintendent will report District News

- Goals for the coming year:
  - We had our full cabinet retreat yesterday and spent some time focusing on our priorities for this year. I plan to make my goals for this year these same priorities. They are the -
  1. The transition of the Sixth Grade to Middle School
  2. Combining Phoenicia and Bennett into a K-5 Building

- School Tax Bills
  - School tax bills are in the District and will be mailed out on Thursday. The online program will also have up-to-date information as of Friday. It can be found at Taxlookup.net. We accept credit cards or electronic checks. The checks only add a $2.50 fee, but the credit card fees are a

percentage of the payment. Generally, the $2.50 fee is the much more affordable option.

- Boiceville Project
    - We are seeing some wonderful work happening in Boiceville with the installation of sidewalks to connect the hamlet with the rail trail. This is wonderful and with this, we will be able to relocate our crosswalk and install more visible signage.

- Free Breakfast and Lunch for All Students
    - We are extremely excited to share that we have qualified for free breakfast and lunch for all students. This is wonderful news and certainly, an issue that we have all been struggling with since it was rolled back following the pandemic. I'm sure that many families will be relieved to know that this is not something that they need to be concerned about moving forward.

- Director of P.E., Health, and Athletics
    - As many of you know, Ms. Fletcher is leaving us and has accepted a position with another District. We are fortunate to have an interim willing and ready to come to Onteora and she is being recommended on the agenda this evening. Jonnah O'Donnell is the recently retired Director from Marlboro. She has had a long and successful career in Marlboro and is a highly experienced administrator who is familiar with our District and our section. I know that our students, faculty, and coaches will be in good hands with Ms. O'Donnell and I am thankful that she is willing to step in for Onteora.

- Classroom/Bathroom Renovations
    - We have had a lot of construction happening in the Middle High School this summer. The classrooms that are newly renovated are incredible. The change in the learning environment is drastic and the faculty who have seen their rooms are very excited. The bathrooms in the cafeteria are also much improved.

- ESF Coordinated Monitoring Review
    - We spent several hours today with representatives from NYSED related to our grant funding. The state is in the process of monitoring how Districts have spent their grant funds and the process is very time-consuming. When the grants were released, the reporting requirements had not yet been determined. The state is approaching it from a more helpful perspective than is typical, so we very much appreciate that.

- Calendar

- We received our twelve-month calendar today. They will be sent home with students next week. We included as many events as possible, including PTA meetings, but please always check the District website or other sources as events are approaching since this is printed over the summer and sometimes the schedule will change. As always, we try to publicize changes as much as possible.

- New Faculty Orientation
  - We are welcoming our new faculty tomorrow and they will be spending time with Assistant Superintendent Laffin and some of our other Cabinet members getting to know the District, the various systems, and each other. They will also have time with their mentors to start the year.

- Opening Day
  - We will welcome all of our faculty and staff back on Tuesday and be gathering in the auditorium in the morning. We will be implementing a hybrid of past opening days. We will have an in-person presentation from our attorney, but we will be offering some of the other training in an online format so that we can maximize our time on the first day.

- Olive Day
  - We are having a table at Olive Day on September 9th, but need to ensure that we have Board representation at the day for the day. Trustee Storey is able to be at the table for part of the day, as am I, but if we have a table, we would like to ensure that it is covered for the whole day. We will have some copies of our new parent packet, some calendars, and some employment applications. Are other trustees available?

4.02 The Assistant Superintendent will update on EV Buses

- Assistant Superintendent LaClair reported that the district still on target to order buses on Sept 15, 2023. She will report more specifics at the next board meeting

5. Board District News

5.01 The Board will report District News

- Nothing to report

6. Acknowledge Public Be Heard Comments

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

- Stephanie Bryant
- Vincent Christofora
- Vincent Christofora Jr.
- Maximus Reimondo
- Anthony Christofora
- Kia Caswell

7. Public and Student Comment

7.01 Public and Students may comment on any agenda or non-agenda item

- No public be heard

8. Discussion and Possible Action

8.01 NYSSBA Liaison

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves Sarah Hemingway Lynch to be the Board of Education liaison for NYSSBA

NYSSBA encourages each district to appoint an Advocacy Liaison. This position provides a direct link to NYSSBA's advocacy efforts. An Advocacy Liaison is important for sharing legislative information with their board and helps lawmakers understand the challenges you face. Give your district a direct contact to all thing's advocacy!

The perks of being an Advocacy Liaison include:

- First to receive invitations to Lobby Days, In-District Federal Legislative Visits, Board Member Volunteerism
- Newsletter specially for Advocacy Liaisons
- Opportunities to attend NYSSBA advocacy events (with Board approval)
- Detailed information to brief your board on NYSSBA advocacy activities

No prior experience is needed, just enthusiasm for advocating on behalf of your board and NYSSBA. Many first term board members and it is a great way to learn more about NYSSBA and our legislative priorities. Long-term board members appreciate the opportunity to get involved in a new way.

Motioned: Trustee Storey
Seconded: Trustee Jerome
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Jerome, Trustee Mitchell-Marell, Trustee Goodrich, Trustee Storey, Trustee Bishop
Not Present: Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Hemingway Lynch

8.02 NYSSBA Voting Delegate

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves Valerie Storey to be the Board of Education Voting Delegate for NYSSBA Annual Business Meeting

Qualifications for being a voting delegate are:

- The individual must be a member of the board of education or BOCES of a NYSSBA member board.
- Must be able to attend Voting Delegate Orientation on Wednesday, October 5th at 12:00pm, or October 11th at 4pm, or view the recording. (Log-in information will be provided in the confirmation email)

- The individual must be able to attend the Business Meeting virtually on ***Monday, October 16 at 4:00 p.m.***
- Delegates do not need to register for the full NYSSBA Convention in order to participate in the business meeting, as they are two separate NYSSBA events.

Registration of the voting delegate is required. ***You can only register 1 delegate***

Motioned: Trustee Jerome
Seconded: Trustee Goodrich
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Jerome, Trustee Mitchell-Marell, Trustee Goodrich, Trustee Storey, Trustee Bishop
Not Present: Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Hemingway Lynch

9. **Break**

9.01 The Board will take a 5-minute break at 7:00

10. Consent Agenda

10.01 Approve Consent Agenda

Recommended Action: The Board hereby approves item numbers 10.02-10.06
Motioned: Trustee Storey
Seconded: Trustee Goodrich
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Jerome, Trustee Mitchell-Marell, Trustee Goodrich, Trustee Storey, Trustee Bishop
Not Present: Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Hemingway Lynch

10.02 Approve Emergency Generators BID

Recommended Action: Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approves the award of the Emergency Generators BID for the Emergency Generators Project based on the bid documents of July 20, 2023 to the lowest responsible bidder, Green Meadows Enterprises, Inc. Contract 1- Site Construction in the total amount of $152,250.00 and CDE Electric, Inc. Contract 2- Electrical Construction in the total amount of $634,512.00 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign the agreements. All funds will be come from American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant funds.

10.03 Personnel Agenda

Be it hereby resolved that the Board appoints:
Harkin, Brandon certified in Health Education to a 4-year probationary period in the tenure area of Health at a salary of Step 5MA commencing on 09/01/2023 and ending on 08/31/2027.
Be it further resolved that, to the extent applicable under Education Law Section 3012-d and the accompanying Commissioner’s Regulations, in order to be

considered for tenure, the above teacher must have received an APPR rating of effective or highly effective in three of the four probationary years and must not receive an ineffective in the fourth year.

APPOINTMENT: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL
PROBATIONARY

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Christiana, Patricia	School Bus Attendant	09/05/23 – 03/04/24	Step 3, replace resignation
Hill, Courtney	Typist High School	09/01/23 – 02/28/24	Provisional to Probationary Step 7
Weir, Alexandria	Head Bus Driver/Transportation	08/22/23 – 02/21/24	Probationary date extended
Zindulka, Kim	Food Service Worker/MS/HS	09/05/23 – 03/04/24	Step 5, replace vacancy

APPOINTMENT: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL
PART-TIME

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Harrison, Odessa	Food Service/MS/HS	09/05/23	Step 2, replace resignation

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: NON - INSTRUCTIONAL

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE	REASON
3310	09/04/23 – 10/02/23	Unpaid sick leave

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Ahl, Denise	PPS Coordinator- MS/HS	$4,322.00
Ahl, Denise	Liaison-PPS	$3,603.00
Babcock, Alyssa	Science Olympiad Coach	$2,017.00
Boyer, Erica	Commencement Orchestra Director	$350.00
Boyer, Erica	Chamber Ensemble Director	$1,921.00
Boyer, Erica	Liaison-Music	$2,466.00
Brueckner, Jennifer	Robotics/Computer Club Advisor	$1,248.00
Calinda, Jason	Sixth Teaching Assignment – Social Studies	$8,318.00
Carroll, Brittany	Sounds of Jazz- Director	$1,570.00
Carroll, Brittany	Production Account Manager	$557.00
Casey, Lisa	Senior Advisor- Junior	$2,940.00

Casey, Lisa	Senior Advisor- Senior	$2,940.00
Cavallaro, Corey	Middle School Cabinet	$3,603.00
Connolly, Brian	SAVI Club Advisor	$2,108.00
Connolly, Brian	Yearbook Advisor- HS	$2,636.00
Connolly, Brian	Yearbook Business Manager	$1,889.00
Connolly, Brian	Student Advocacy Club (HS Student Government)	$2,600.00
Connolly, Brian	Association of Student Government	$2,117.00
Conroy, Elaine	School Newspaper Advisor	$1,348.00
Constant, Geordarna	National Junior Honor Society Advisor	$2,117.00
Constant, Geordarna	MS Battle of the Books (co-advisor)	$1,248.00
Curlew, Alicia	Debating Club-Harvard Model Congress	$1,458.00
Curlew, Alicia	Gay-Straight Club Advisor 1	$1,055.00
Curlew, Alicia	Liaison-Social Studies	$3,603.00
Frandino, Megan	Computer Advisor	$5,512.00
Frandino, Megan	Middle School Cabinet	$3,603.00
Hamilton, Shelly	Liaison-Art	$2,466.00
Katz, Emily	Athletics Council	$557.00
Kleine, Kylie	Volleyball-Modified Head Coach	$2,064.00
Kocher, Michael	Middle School Cabinet	$3,603.00
Matteson, Lori	7th Grade Trip Coordinator	$925.00
Nelsen-Epstein, Christi	French Club Advisor- HS	$1,847.00
Occhi, Andrew	Liaison- PE/Health	$2,466.00
Perry, Janelle	Class Advisor- Freshman	$925.00
Proietti, Shaina	Science Olympiad Assistant Coach	$1,443.00
Samuelson-Grimm, Karen	TUFS Advisor	$1,336.00
Sanders, Douglas	Sixth Teaching Assignment - Technology	$8,318.00
Schenker, Maegan	TUFS Advisor 2 – HS	$1,336.00
Sidler, Anita	MS Art Club	$1,248.00
Sommer, Torre	MS-Yearbook Advisor	$1,799.00
Stewart, Valerie	Liaison- World Languages (Foreign Language)	$3,603.00

Stewart, Valerie	Middle School Cabinet	$3,603.00
Stewart, Valerie	Sixth Teaching Assignment – World Languages	$8,318.00
VanVallenbugh, Michael*	Modified- Football-Assistant Coach	$2,545.00
Via, Scott	Liaison-Science	$3,603.00
Weidner, Sandra	DECA Advisor (split with another staff member)	$2,346.00
Weisz, Amy	Book Challenge Club – HS	$1,811.00
Weisz, Amy	MS Battle of the Books (co-advisor)	$1,248.00
Weisz, Amy	TUFS Advisor -HS	$1,336.00

Pending certification*

RESIGNATIONS: INSTRUCTIONAL

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Fletcher, Beth	Director of Health, Physical Education, and Athletics	08/31/23	Personal

RESIGNATIONS: NON - INSTRUCTIONAL

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Davis, Richard	Monitor/Phoenicia	08/25/23	Personal
Marsilio, Anne	Monitor/Transportation/Phoenicia	08/18/23	Personal
Veitch, Samantha	Part Time Food Service Worker	08/23/23	Personal
Zindulka, Kim	Part Time Food Service Worker	09/04/23	To accept FT position

SUBSTITUTE

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Francese, Danielle	School Monitor	$15.00/hour
Hammond, Christopher*	Teacher (certified)	$150.00/day
Habernig, Michael*	Teacher (certified)	$150.00/day
Kolinsky, Charles*	Food Service	$15.00/hour
McPeek, Chad*	Teacher (uncertified)	$115.00/day
Moses, Samantha*	Teacher (certified)	$150.00/day
Murphy, Steven	Teacher (certified)	$150.00/day
Scheck, Justin*	Teacher (certified)	$150.00/day

pending pre-employment processing

10.04 Surplus Athletic Uniforms

Recommended Action: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District declare the attached list of Athletic Uniforms as surplus and authorizes the sale or disposal of the listed clothing

10.05 Approve Contract for Interim Director of Physical Education, Health, and Athletics
Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the contract for Jonnah O'Donnell

10.06 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, #8/23, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Jerome

11. Contracts and Independent Contractor Retainers

11.01 Approve All Contracts and ICRs
Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the ICRs and Contracts in items numbers 11.02 – 11.09
Motioned: Trustee Storey
Seconded: Trustee Jerome
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Jerome, Trustee Mitchell-Marell, Trustee Goodrich, Trustee Storey, Trustee Bishop
Not Present: Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Hemingway Lynch

11.02 All Points Licensed Behavior Analysts
Recommended Action: * REVISED *BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approve the REVISED Independent Contractor Retainer between the Onteora Central School District and All Points retained for on-going classroom consultations for the 2023-2024 school year at a rate of $1750.00/day (22.5 days) at a maximum fee of $39,375.00 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

11.03 The Judge Rotenberg Educational Center, Inc.
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 Contract between the Onteora Central School District and The Judge Rotenberg Educational Center, Inc. effective upon the date of the students admission, and continuing until, and including, June 30, 2024 at a tuition rate to be paid to JRC at the rate certified by New York State (Approx. $124,095) and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

11.04 Morningside Center for Teaching Social Responsibility
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 Contract between the Onteora Central School District and Morningside Center for Teaching Social Responsibility effective August 30, 2023

through June 30, 2024 at a rate of $3,125.00 per day not to exceed $70,000.00 with no fringe benefits or deductions to be paid out of grant funds and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

11.05 Red Hook Central School District #1

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 Contract between the Onteora Central School District and the Red Hook Central School District effective for the 2022-2023 school year program at a rate of $59,571.00 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

11.06 Red Hook Central School District #2

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 Contract between the Onteora Central School District and the Red Hook Central School District effective for the 2023-2024 school year program at a rate of $59,816.00 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

11.07 Woodland Playhouse #1

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 Woodland Playhouse retained as Universal PreK program/Provider effective September 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 at a rate of $2,160.83 per pupil to a maximum rate of $36,734.00 with no fridge benefits or deductions, funded through grants, and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

11.08 Woodland Playhouse # 2

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 Woodland Playhouse retained as Universal PreK program/Provider effective September 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 at a rate of $940.00 per month/pupil (10) to a maximum rate of $94,000.00 with no fridge benefits or deductions, grant funded, and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

11.09 Woodland Playhouse #3

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 Woodland Playhouse retained as Universal

PreK program/Provider effective September 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 at a rate of $304.48 per student/month (6) to a maximum rate of $35,016.00 with no fridge benefits or deductions, grant funded, and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

12. Committee Reports

12.01 Audit Committee

- Nothing to report

12.02 Communications Committee

- Nothing to report

12.03 Ad Hoc Committee

- Trustee Bishop reported that the committee met today, August 29, 2023, prior to the BOE meeting to review plans for subcommittee meetings. They discussed how to schedule those and Trustee Bishop mentioned that Sharon Wood will be reaching out to the new trustee team members

12.04 Facilities Committee

- Trustee Storey reported that the committee met last week and toured the summer projects that are being completed at the MS/HS and Bennett Elementary School. The committee also discussed the plans for future projects for the next three years.

12.05 Policy Committee

- Nothing to report

12.06 Legislative Committee

- Nothing to report

13. Old Business

13.01 The Board will discuss Old Business

- Nothing to report

14. New Business

14.01 The Board will discuss New Business

- Nothing to report

15. Adjournment

15.01 Adjourn the Meeting. Next meeting is September 12, 2023 at Woodstock Elementary.

Recommended Action: Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:45 p.m.
Motioned: Trustee Storey
Seconded: Trustee Mitchell-Marell
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Jerome, Trustee Mitchell-Marell, Trustee Goodrich, Trustee Storey, Trustee Bishop

Not Present: Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Hemingway Lynch

Board of Education: Cindy Bishop, Valerie Storey, Meghann Reimondo, Sarah Hemingway Lynch, Clark Goodrich, Emily Mitchell-Marell, Caroline Jerome