ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

WORKSHOP MEETING
MINUTES 6:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023
BENNETT SCHOOL

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: Present: Trustee Jerome, Trustee Mitchell-Marell, Trustee Goodrich, Trustee Hemingway Lynch, Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Bishop
Not Present: Trustee Storey

2. Proposed Executive Session

2.01 Enter Executive Session (duration 15 min)

Recommended Action: Motion to enter into executive session to discuss the tenure of a specific employee.
Motioned: Trustee Reimondo
Seconded: Trustee Goodrich
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Jerome, Trustee Mitchell-Marell, Trustee Goodrich, Trustee Hemingway Lynch, Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Bishop
Not Present: Trustee Storey

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Now Present: Trustee Storey arrived at 6:04 p.m.

2.02 Exit Executive Session

Recommended Action: Motion to exit executive session and return to public session
Motioned: Trustee Reimondo
Seconded: Trustee Mitchell-Marell
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Jerome, Trustee Mitchell-Marell, Trustee Goodrich, Trustee Hemingway Lynch, Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Storey, Trustee Bishop

3. Welcome

3.01 Bennett School Principal, Gabriel Buono will welcome the Board (duration 10 min)

- Mr. Buono started off his welcome by complementing Bennett's Reading Specialist Amanda Kovac. She was accepted to present this fall at the New York State Reading Association in Rochester, NY on November 10th. She led a session called JOYcabulary, showing other professionals how to provide effective and effortless vocabulary instruction based on the latest research. Amanda donates her time to local reading counsels and bookstores to share the love of literacy. The Kate Roberts follows Amanda on Instagram. Teachers College has awarded her a summer institute grant on vocabulary/grammar acquisition. Amanda has been strategically selected to be on the district's Professional Learning Committee and the our MTSS committee.

- On the November 17th, Thanks to Ruth Ungar Meranda and the Ashokan Center, the Bennett Elementary school children were presented with a spectacular forty-minute assembly performance! World Class performers from the Jazz and Roots Band performed and educated our students about their music and especially the BANJO! The ensemble consisted of Scott Hopkins, Banjo Extraordinaire, Brian Melick multi-percussionist, Lou Smaldone, Bassist, and Erik Kihss Pianist. This ensemble played an assortment of music ranging from Bluegrass to Jazz. Bandleader Scott Hopkins instructed the students about his Banjo and how it produced it's sound. The students thoroughly enjoyed the performance including a fun song that brought teachers and the entire school to their feet performing "My Banjo Lies Over the Ocean!"

- Mr. Buono gave a huge thanks to the performers, the Ashokan Center and Ruth for making this collaboration possible.

- Mr. Buono then reported that on December 3rd, our very own Jazz Ensemble and Youth Chorale, in conjunction with the Chorus "Ars Choralis" performed a children's holiday concert titled "Hot Chocolate" at the Overlook Methodist Church to a completely packed audience. The program was narrated by retired teacher Jim Ulrich. Ars Choralis was conducted by Barbara Pickhardt, and our ensembles were directed by Harvey Boyer and Abigail Mitchell. The Bennett Jazz Ensemble and Youth Chorale performed the pieces "Rag Mop," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," and finished with "Hot Chocolate" from the movie "*The Polar Express."* They will perform these numbers at their winter concert on December 19th and would also love to perform some of these selections for the next Bennett BOE meeting in February.

- During Mr. Buono's presentation, Karen Hadley was presented with the 2023 New York State Association for Reduction, Reuse and Recycling Leadership award. Angelina Brandt, Director of Sustainability at Ulster County Resource Recovery presented the award. Along with Ms. Hadley were several dedicated students, Hanna Metawee, Baxter Bryant, Alice Slips, Oliver Haas, and Grayson Peltzman.

4. Presentations

4.01 Interim Director of PE, Health & Athletics, Jonnah O'Donnell will present the Fall Sports Wrap up

5. Acceptance of Minutes

5.01 Acceptance of Minutes

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby accepts the minutes of November 14, 2023
Motioned: Trustee Hemingway Lynch
Seconded: Trustee Goodrich
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Jerome, Trustee Mitchell-Marell, Trustee Goodrich, Trustee Hemingway Lynch, Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Storey, Trustee Bishop

6. Superintendent District News

6.01 The Superintendent will report District News

Superintendent McLaren started off by reporting that we are in the middle of the holiday season and she would like to wish everyone an enjoyable holiday season. This is the time to be grateful for family and friends.

- Ulster BOCES iPark Proposal
    - Dr. Schenker and the Ulster BOCES team will attend a Board meeting at each of the eight county school districts throughout January and February to share details about a lease opportunity in the former IBM complex in Kingston, currently called iPark 87.

    - Space and program growth are concerns for both the special education and career and technical education programs at Ulster BOCES. The opportunity they are exploring addresses both. They have provided some initial written materials for our review but would like to speak with us in person to share more details and answer any questions. We anticipate them attending our first meeting in February.

- Parent Workshops
    - Our parent workshop series is continuing and tomorrow we have a virtual workshop to discuss correcting problem behavior, use of time-outs, use of time-ins, effective use of reinforcement, and teaching kids to accept “no”.

- Communications Survey
    - Please consider participating in our communications survey. It is anonymous and should take approximately 10 - 15 minutes to complete. This survey is intended to help us create more effective communication and to provide communication through your preferred methods. We sent out a reminder email to all staff and our families today.

- Transportation Bid
    - Our transportation bid will be released on Friday. We are looking forward to finalizing our transportation contractor and planning for the coming school year. The bids will be due back toward the end of January and we should be able to award the contract in February. This will help with planning and budgeting.

- Superintendent’s Conference Day
    - We had our conference day last week and I need to thank Assistant Superintendent Laffin and our Cabinet for collaborating and providing a plethora of meaningful sessions. We sent out a feedback form and received positive feedback as well as suggestions for the future. Some of the positive remarks are as follows:
      I attended the Safety training and thought it was very informative and well-presented

Quality time to discuss particulars with my department.
I liked that I had time to dive into some of the Orton Gillingham materials. Specifically, I planned a nonfiction unit to match classroom objectives, but with a more laser focus for tier 3 supports.
The trainings were relevant and well delivered
I think a lot of great, specific info was provided.
S.H.E.L.L Training / the attorney's Instructional approach to dealing with tough topics in a school setting
The safety presentation was very informative but heavy.
I liked that there were clearly delineated places to be and that there was not a ton of empty time. Opportunity for additional AI training.
The presenter is excellent.The opportunity to work with some of the 6th grade teachers and learning what their curriculum, practices and expectations are and how they differ from the middle schools.
Being able to work on curriculum development. It was great that everyone was able to hear the same information during the first session in the auditorium so that there is no confusion moving forward. It also gave me ideas to bring back to our safety committee. Our later sessions with our Morningside partner were so powerful. She led us through some bonding exercises and everyone felt comfortable sharing their feelings about the transition.
I thought the safety training was important. I like the emphasis on having plans that everyone in the building knows and is comfortable enacting. I really liked the behavior specialist. She gave us lots of food for thought. The security training in the morning was very well done. There was a lot of information that I can apply to my classroom practice and it also gave me a deeper understanding of the history of lockdowns and how effective they are and why they are effective.
I enjoyed the training first thing in the morning. He covered a lot of topics that were important to building safety.
Some of the behavior techniques were spot on and work with my students. Some things I am going to try.

- Events:
    - Twelfth Night was performed on December 1st and 2nd and was a wonderful performance
      The Middle School Orchestra, Chorus, and Band concert was last week and was also wonderful.
      The High School Concert will be held on Thursday of this week.
      Bennett's concert will be on December 19th.
- Board Goal/Superintendent Action Steps
    - As we have discussed, the Board Goal leads to my goals for the year. As I shared earlier in the year, our focus is implementing the changes that are in motion for September. I will add these to the webpage Optimizing Onteora, but I'll also review them now. These

are the high-level action steps that have multiple milestones that we will be meeting as we progress through the year.

- **Action Steps:**
  1. Create and implement a communications plan
     a. Short-term and long-term objectives
     b. Complete a communications survey
     c. Incorporate survey results into a formal communications plan
  2. Implement the integration of the sixth grade into the Middle School
     a. Work with students to create a mural at the Middle School
     b. Determine program needs, faculty assignments, and room locations
     c. Finalize after-school opportunities for sixth-grade students
     d. Work with parents of incoming middle school students to become acquainted with the middle school
     e. Bring incoming middle school students to the building for orientation
  3. Transition the Phoenicia students, faculty, and staff to Bennett
     a. Work with students to create a mural at Bennett
     b. Once retirements have been submitted, identify role and room locations for faculty and staff at either Bennett or Woodstock
     c. Hold events for Phoenicia families to become acquainted with Bennett
     d. Hold events for Phoenicia students to become acquainted with Bennett
  4. Begin the visioning process for a future central campus
     a. Potentially partner with a community member to facilitate conversations with constituents related to the visioning process for a central campus
     b. Utilized community conversations to Identify school community priority items related to a central campus
     c. Obtain initial design options and cost estimates for MS/HS upgrades, Bennett Elementary modifications, athletic fields, parking lots, and transportation department location and structure
     d. Use cost estimates combined with the budget reduction related to the elimination of the annual Transfer to Capital budget expense and annual building maintenance to determine if potential capital work has a taxpayer implication or may be cost-neutral

7. Student Representative Report

7.01 The Student Representative on the Board, Sophia Odato, will give a report

- Ms. Odato starting off by reporting that recently in Student Government, we've forwarded the benches we'd like to see in our outdoor classroom to Mr. Edelman, and are now waiting to hear back about pricing and installation requirements from our representative. Due to fire hazards we will not be having a holiday door decorating contest this year, but we will be holding a beside the door decorating contest within the High School that we will be judging next Friday.

- Throughout the High School, the music departments are preparing for our concert which is this Thursday at 7pm. Sports teams have been practicing and competing. Last week, Girls Varsity Basketball won their first game against Rondout and are competing against Spackenkill in our gym as we speak. And today, the Boys basketball team is away at Spackenkill. There have also been various class fundraisers taking place… the Freshman Class recently partnered with the Hickory BBQ and Smokehouse and will be having another fundraiser with Buff City Soap in Kingston on December 16th. The Junior Class just closed their most recent fundraiser selling discount brochures to popular stores, and the Senior Class sold refreshments at the Olive Library Craft Fair this past weekend. There is definitely stress among the senior class as we continue to apply to colleges, but we're all excited that Winter Break is coming soon.

8. Board District News

8.01 The Board will report District News

- Trustee Storey reported that recently Superintendent McLaren, Trustee Bishop and herself attended the Rural Schools Winter Conference in Saratoga, NY
    - The Commissioner of Education opened up a dialog conversation instead of a presentation
    - Superintendent McLaren mentioned that she brought up the EV Bus issue and the Commissioner is aware of the issues surrounding the subject and that the district had to decline the grant due to the timeline
    - Trustee Goodrich asked if in this dialog with the Commissioner was there a discussion about the elimination of Regents Diplomas
        - Trustee Storey responded and said that there is a process with Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), but that it was discussed
- Trustee Bishop reported more on the EV Buses and discussed the issues with charging buses with power supply concern

9. Acknowledge Public Be Heard Comments

9.01 The Board will acknowledge the public be heard comments from the last meeting
Stephanie Bryant

10. Public and Student Comment

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

- No one spoke

11. **Break**

11.01 The Board will take a 5-minute break if needed

12. Discussion and Possible Action

12.01 Approve the Budget Calendar for the 2024-2025 Budget Vote and Election

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the Budget Development Calendar for 2024-2025
Motioned: Trustee Goodrich
Seconded: Trustee Reimondo
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Jerome, Trustee Mitchell-Marell, Trustee Goodrich, Trustee Hemingway Lynch, Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Storey, Trustee Bishop

12.02 Discussion on Board Norms

Before Board Meetings, Members Will:

1. Submit items to be placed on the agenda in ample time so the Superintendent may assemble information bearing on the item before the meeting.
2. Ensure there is adequate time for Board members to prepare and review all relevant materials, information, data, etc. related to the agenda items. Whenever possible, contact the Superintendent with agenda questions well in advance of the meeting, allowing time for Superintendent and staff to gather pertinent information. Additional questions may still be presented during the Board meeting as necessary.
3. Request information from or through the Superintendent, and only from staff members with the prior knowledge of the Superintendent.
4. Refer all persons with positive or negative comments regarding school district operations to the proper staff person or administrator directly responsible for the operational activity. Focus on the Board's role and not become involved in the day-today operations of the school system. We will not engage in the resolution of problems; rather we will refer these concerns to the Superintendent.
5. Limit the amount of time Board members spend in schools and Central Administration to only scheduled Board meetings, committee meetings, agenda setting and other Board approved meetings or tours, of which the entire Board is aware.

During Board Meetings, Members Will:

1. Ensure they are fully prepared, on time and ready to participate.
2. Endeavor to start and end meetings on time.
3. Avoid hidden agendas and springing any surprises on other members.
4. Once recognized by the Board President, ensure that each board member is allowed to speak without interruption.
5. Focus on an agenda item until is it resolved or until a specified time has been reached to resume the resolution process.
6. Say it once, say it well.
7. Model the behaviors the Board expects of students, staff, and community members.
8. Before committing to a position on an agenda item or issue make sure all relevant information has been presented, including the Superintendents

recommendation.
After Board Meetings, Members Will:
1. Support the decisions of the Board, and will not work to undermine Board decisions or encourage others to do so.
2. Abide by the confidentiality laws of executive session and ensure all documents, records, reports, etc. are treated in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, policies, etc.
3. We serve in trust for the entire community.

- The Board discussed creating a Board Subcommittee to expand the Code of Ethics for the District and also discussed the Board Norms, The Code of Conduct, and an Operational Manual.
    - Trustee Jerome asked what are the ramifications if violated
        - Trustee Storey informed the entire board that a Board Trustees can be "written up" and those documents can be submitted to the Commissioner and the Board Trustee can be removed from their seat

- Board subcommittee created
    - Trustee Hemingway Lynch
    - Trustee Storey
    - Trustee Reimondo

12.03 Discuss any comments for the vacancy on the Ulster BOCES Board of Education
- No comments

13. Consent Agenda

13.01 Approve Consent Agenda
Recommended Action: The Board hereby approves item numbers 13.02 -13.10
Motioned: Trustee Jerome
Seconded: Trustee Storey
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Jerome, Trustee Mitchell-Marell, Trustee Goodrich, Trustee Hemingway Lynch, Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Storey, Trustee

13.02 Approve Volunteers
Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the following volunteers:
Bennett School - Janet Parker

13.03 Personnel Agenda

CORRECTED**** Salary Advancements – December 12, 2023 BOE Meeting, retroactive to September 1, 2023											
			Current			Added	Add'l	After Advancement		
Name	Position	School	Step	Credits	Salary	Credits	Money	Step	Credits	Salary
Decker, Brandi	Special Education Teacher	Bennett	5	25	$80,062.00	6	$894.00	5	31	$80,956.00****
Evers, Monir	Guidance Counselor	MS/HS	22	54	$138,265.60	6	$983.40	22	60	$139,249.00

McLean, Erika	Elementary Teacher	Bennett	3	0	$72,576.00	6	$894.00	3	6	$73,470.00****

APPOINTMENT: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Brosnan, Kevin*	Director of Facilities I (Assistant)	12/27/23	$70,000.00 replace resignation PROVISIONAL

Pending pre-employment processing*

APPOINTMENT: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL
PROBATIONARY

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Cservak, Jacob	Custodial Worker	07/03/23 – 07/02/24	Extended Probationary Date
Ellsworth, Joseph*	Custodial Worker	12/18/23 – 06/17/24	Step 1, replace resignation

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
Albright, Heather	Custodial Worker	07/03/23 - 01/02/24	01/03/24

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Carroll, Brittany	Musical - Vocal Coach	$1,222.00
Carroll, Brittany	Musical Coordinator	$524.00
Dizon, Marilyn	Musical – Orchestra Director	$874.00
Matteson, Paige*	Volunteer-Modified- Girls- Basketball Assistant Coach	-$0-
Sanders, Douglas	HS Science Olympiad—Assistant Coach	$1,443.00
Stropoli, Primo	Volunteer- Wrestling-JV-Assistant Coach	-$0-
Stropoli, Primo	Volunteer- Wrestling-Modified-Assistant Coach	-$0-
Turner, Geneva*	Musical-Director	$4,191.00

Pending pre-employment processing*

LEAVE OF ABSENCES: INSTRUCTIONAL

NAME	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM - TO	REMARKS
4229	04/03/24 – 05/13/24	FMLA - paid
4229	05/14/24 – 06/30/24	FMLA - unpaid

LEAVE OF ABSENCES: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

NAME	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM - TO	REMARKS
3310	11/27/23 – 01/08/24	Medical Leave
4184*	11/27/23 – 12/08/23	FMLA- paid

anticipated return date

SUBSTITUTE

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Rifanburg, Emily*	Teacher (certified)	$150.00/day
Schneider, Leigh*	Teaching Assistant (uncertified)	$100.00/day
Schneider, Leigh*	School Monitor	$15.00/hour
Zygmunt, Andrew	Custodial Worker	$15.00/hour

Pending pre-employment processing*

RESIGNATION: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Bonestell, Bernice	Monitor (Bus Attendant)	12/31/23	Retirement

RESIGNATION: INSTRUCTIONAL

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Allison, Bridget	English Teacher	06/30/24	Retirement
Horan, Roseann	Speech-Language Pathologist	06/30/24	Retirement
Thompson, Shelby	Teaching Assistant	12/22/23	Personal

13.04 Donation from Hannaford Helps Schools

Recommended Action: The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a donation totaling $261.00 CASH, from Hannaford Helps Schools Program, to be used to support S.E.L. (social and emotional learning) initiatives at the Onteora High School. The Superintendent recommends approval to increase the 2023-2024 Budget per the following donations:
Hannaford Helps Schools
A2110.431.01 High School Supplemental $261.00

13.05 Donation from Hannaford Helps Schools

Recommended Action: The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a donation totaling $258.00 CASH, from Hannaford Helps Schools Program, to be used to purchase PBIS supplies for the Owl Store at the Woodstock Elementary School.
The Superintendent recommends approval to increase the 2023-2024 Budget per the following donations:

Hannaford Helps Schools
A2110.431.07 Woodstock Supplemental $258.00

13.06 Financial Report
Recommended Action: The Board of Education has reviewed and hereby accepts the Financial Report from September 2023

13.07 Stale Dated Checks
Recommended Action: As of December 13, 2023, the following stale dated checks will be written off.
Check #47412 Tax Assessment, Payee: Anthony Delores Pascone Trust/Aventine Properties, Amount $486.79
Check #43140 Mileage Reimbursement, Payee: Laura Forte, Amount $44.35
Check #44917 Vendor Payment, Payee: Med Concepts, Amount $1,437.00
Check #45312 Senior Award, Payee Amira Chefridi, Amount $100.00
Check # 45325 6th Grade Award, Payee Lili Goodman, Amount $25.00
Check #45477 Tax Overpayment, Payee Sean Meagher & Other Trustees, Amount $65.84
Check #47016 Tax Assessment, Payee: Martine Van Hamel/Aventine Properties, Amount $838.86

13.08 Warrants
Recommended Action: The Board of Education has reviewed and hereby accepts Warrant Schedule 3

13.09 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, #12/23, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Goodrich

13.10 Approve Stipulation of Settlement
Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the Stipulation of Settlement dates December 4, 2023 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such settlement agreement.

14. Contracts and Independent Contractor Retainers

14.01 Approve all Contracts and Independent Contractor Retainers
Recommended Action: The Board hereby approves item numbers 14.02 - 14.09
Motioned: Trustee Reimondo
Seconded: Trustee Storey
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Jerome, Trustee Mitchell-Marell, Trustee Goodrich, Trustee Hemingway Lynch, Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Storey, Trustee

14.02 ICR- F. Falatyn

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 Frank Falatyn Company: FALA Technologies Inc. retained as Mentor in Engineering effective December 13, 2023 to June 6, 2024 at a rate of $250 stipend with no fringe benefits or deductions and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

14.03 ICR- M. DuBois

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 Mike DuBois retained as Mentor in Illustration effective December 13, 2023 to June 6, 2024 at a rate of $250 stipend with no fringe benefits or deductions and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

14.04 ICR- J. Schultheis

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 John Schultheis retained as Mentor in Engineering effective December 13, 2023 to June 6, 2024 at a rate of $0 (stipend waved) with no fringe benefits or deductions and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

14.05 ICR. K. Jones

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 Kitty Jones retained as Kit's Interactive Theatre effective June 6, 2024 at a maximum rate of $1,200.00 with no fringe benefits or deductions and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

14.06 ICR- K. Jones

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 Kitty Jones retained as Kit's Interactive Theatre effective May 20, 2024 at a maximum rate of $1,400.00 with no fringe benefits or deductions and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

14.07 Literacy through Multisensory Teaching Inc. Part II

Recommended Action: *AMENDED END DATE* 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 Onteora Central School District and Literacy through Multisensory Teaching Inc., effective

October 11, 2023 through June 30, 2024 for Professional Development in the amount of $2,000 per participant up to 13 educators and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

14.08 Arlington CSD Health and Wellness

Recommended Action: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Arlington Central School District establishes the rate of $927.45 per pupil for the school year 2023-2024 for Health and Welfare Services provided for Onteora resident pupils attending nonpublic schools in the Arlington 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 2023-2024 school year.

14.09 Center for Spectrum Services

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 Center for Spectrum Services effective July, 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024 and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

15. Policies

15.01 Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 2120 Use of Parliamentary Procedure

Motioned: Trustee Storey
Seconded: Trustee Goodrich
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Jerome, Trustee Mitchell-Marell, Trustee Goodrich, Trustee Hemingway Lynch, Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Storey, Trustee

15.02 Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 5686 Use of Surveillance Cameras in the School District

Motioned: Trustee Reimondo
Seconded: Trustee Mitchell-Marell
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Jerome, Trustee Mitchell-Marell, Trustee Goodrich, Trustee Hemingway Lynch, Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Storey, Trustee

15.03 Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 7611 Programs for Students with Disabilities Under the Idea and New York's Education Law Article 89

Motioned: Trustee Reimondo
Seconded: Trustee Mitchell- Marell
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Jerome, Trustee Mitchell-Marell, Trustee Goodrich, Trustee Hemingway Lynch, Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Storey, Trustee

15.04 Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 7619 Use of Timeouts and Emergency Physical Restraint

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee Jerome
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Jerome, Trustee Mitchell-Marell, Trustee Goodrich, Trustee Hemingway Lynch, Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Storey, Trustee Bishop

15.05 Second Reading and Adoption of Policy 7670 Impartial Hearing Officer Appointment and Compensation

Motioned: Trustee Hemingway Lynch
Seconded: Trustee Jerome
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Jerome, Trustee Mitchell-Marell, Trustee Goodrich, Trustee Hemingway Lynch, Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Storey, Trustee Bishop

16. Committee Reports

16.01 Ad Hoc Committee

- Noting to report

16.02 Audit Committee

- Trustee Mitchell-Marell reported that Trustee Goodrich, Wendy Wolfenson, Superintendent McLaren, Robert Curran, Superintendent LaClair, Kimberly Cole, Wendy Wolfenson, Mike Rossi, Drew Boggesss and herself all met at 9:30am last Monday, December 4th. We got a very interesting and informative Student Data Privacy Update by John Reimer, Director of Technology for our district. John reviewed his daily steps to ensure district security and spoke about how his software scans all attachments sent in an email for student data, if sensitive data is detected, he reviews recipients and senders to be sure it's from a reliable source. John answered some questions regarding student privacy. External Audit RFP- The existing contract has been reviewed. Requests for proposals will be sent out in January to local auditing companies and will also be posted in the newspaper. Bids will be reviewed and presented to the Audit Committee in May. Internal Audit Areas- Monica asked if the committee had any suggestions for an upcoming internal audit and since the Business Office has been involved in several audits over the last few years we decided that there is no area that stands out in need of review this year but We'll review the concept of an internal audit again next year. Old Business - Wendy requested a per pupil cost for the past ten years and also how COVID affected the property values. Drew explained how the reservoir ties into taxes. We continued discussion about equalization rates. Next meeting is March 4, 2023

16.03 Communications Committee

- The Committee met last week and received an update on the SCOPE survey and asked that the community please participate in the anonymous survey
    - The more data received, the better for the plan. Trustee Jerome mentioned how important the data from the surgery is
    - The survey is on the website
    - Short term communications plan is being finalized this month (January-September)
- Superintendent McLaren indicated that not all questions need to be answered if anyone is uncomfortable with a particular question

16.04 Facilities Committee
- Nothing to report

16.05 Legislative Action Committee
- Trustee Hemingway Lynch reported that Lobby Day for NYSSBA in on February 7, 2024. This is an invitation for the Board Trustees to go to the New York State Capitol Building

16.06 Policy Committee
- Nothing to report

17. Old Business

17.01 The Board will discuss Old Business
- Nothing to report

18. New Business

18.01 The Board will discuss New Business
- Nothing to report

19. Request for Information

19.01 Board Members will Request Information of the Superintendent
- Trustee Hemingway Lynch asked for an update on the building utilization plan for the Phoenicia building after July, 2024

20. Adjournment

20.01 Adjourn the Meeting. Next meeting is January 9, 2024 at the MS/HS. (proposed 7:50 pm)

Recommended Action: Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:44 p.m.
Motioned: Trustee Storey
Seconded: Trustee Goodrich
Result: Unanimous
Yea: Trustee Jerome, Trustee Mitchell-Marell, Trustee Goodrich, Trustee Hemingway Lynch, Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Storey, Trustee Bishop