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

MINUTES

WORKSHOP MEETING
6:00 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025
MS/HS AUDITORIUM

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call to Order 6:00

1.02 Tobacco Policy Statement

1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

1.04 Roll Call: Trustee Knutsen, Trustee Mitchell-Marell, Trustee Goodrich, Trustee Hemingway Lynch, Trustee Reimondo, Trustee Bishop

Not Present: Trustee Jerome

2. Welcome

2.01 Middle School Principal, James DiDonna will welcome the Board (duration 10 min)

3. Proposed Executive Session

3.01 Enter Executive Session (duration 30 min)

Recommended Action: Motion to enter into executive session to discuss ONTEA negotiations

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

3.02 Exit Executive Session

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

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

4. Presentations

4.01 Assistant Superintendent for Business, Monica LaClair will present the 2025-2026 Revenue and Expenditure Budget (duration 20 min)

5. Acceptance of Minutes

5.01 Acceptance of Minutes

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby accepts minutes of the March 4, 2025 meeting.

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

6. Superintendent District News

6.01 The Superintendent will report District News

Snow Days
We are still holding four snow days. Barring any unforeseen emergencies, this means that Spring Break will be extended to include Monday, April 21st, and that Memorial Day weekend will extend from Thursday, May 22nd through Tuesday, May 27th. I was honestly concerned when we used our first snow day in November and then had a second one prior to the winter break, but Mother Nature is full of surprises.

School Calendar
The draft calendar is on the agenda for approval. We reviewed it at the March fourth meeting and the scheduling of the Superintendent Conference Day in November was raised as a concern, but I'd like to clarify that the evening parent-teacher conferences are the day prior to election day so we should not have an issue this coming school year. Staff members and families should all be able to participate in the election process on election day if they so choose.

Phoenicia Campus
The Town of Shandaken had requested that the District sell the Phoenicia campus to the Town for $1 and the District had supported this request. To accomplish this sale, the District voters would need to approve the sale. The Board would need to approve adding this item to the ballot in May at tonight's meeting. The Town did not have enough time to fully investigate this option and the restrictions that accompany this type of sale. If the Town were to acquire the campus for less than market value, there would be a restriction on its use. The Town would not be able to lease space in the building to for-profit entities moving forward. This would limit their ability to raise the annual revenue to support the campus. They have since reached out to inquire as to whether the Town might

be able to lease the building. We have provided information related to the lease agreement that was in place between the Rondout School District and the Town of Rosendale. This was a seven-year lease. We can legally lease the campus for up to ten years without voter approval.

NYS Public High School Athletic Association Leadership Conference
Olivia McHugh is representing Onteora at the leadership conference this year. This is the first year that Onteora will be sending a student representative to this conference. This event is for current 10th and 11th graders and will help students sharpen their leadership skills and more positively influence their teams, athletic departments, schools, and communities. Students were required to apply to attend and we are proud that Olivia applied and was selected. Congratulations!

Communications for Capital Project
We met with Holly Brooker this week and reviewed the strategies that she typically utilizes to promote capital projects. We have already done the initial steps by creating a presentation that can be used when we meet with community and school groups. Ms. LaClair and I are creating a video review of the presentation that can be put on the website and shared with the community members for those who cannot attend a presentation. I will share our more in-depth plan at our next meeting. We were fortunate enough to be invited to present at the Phoenicia library last week and will be meeting with the Woodstock seniors tomorrow. We have also requested space at the Olive Free Library Clothing Swap, Yard Sale, Harp Pop-Up Project on May 3rd, and we are requesting time on our PTA meeting agendas as well.

Sound at Board Meetings
We are purchasing a new sound board for our meetings. We have received feedback from a few community members who said it is often difficult to hear the conversation at the Board table. We want to ensure that our community can hear what is being discussed so we our Director of Technology is upgrading our sound system.

Woodstock Talent Show
The Woodstock talent show is this Friday. I understand that there are many young students participating and it is going to be a wonderful event. Please attend if you are able!

7. Board District News

7.01 The Board will report District News

“I'd like to thank all the trustees on our school board for having the courage, after carefully considering the facts, to vote for a single bond proposition to create a modernized and sustainable central campus for our students, staff and community.

This is a conversation that has been ongoing for about 20 years, and has caused deep divisions between trustees, school boards, and communities over time. I

am proud to be a trustee on this board and sincerely respect and value each of you.

It's important to acknowledge all of the community members who have reached out to us, both for and against a single bond proposition and a central campus. We appreciate your input at the podium and via letters and email.

We understand the emotional impact of closing a school. This board and administration stood with the Phoenicia students, staff, and community and we will do the same with the Woodstock school community.

I want to thank our superintendent and assistant superintendents for taking the time and care to develop clear, concise presentations over the last year, for partnering with the amazing Sharon Lipovski who co-developed and facilitated our community visioning sessions, and for honoring the vision of our greater community in the design and development of our capital project plan thus far.

Between now and the May 20th budget and bond votes and BOE elections, the administration and school board will partner to meet with community members in small or large groups to raise greater awareness of our planning process and fully inform them of the bond voting and repayment process. We encourage community groups who would like to meet with us to reach out. Our contact information is on the Onteora Board of Education website.

Soaring to New Heights: Optimizing Onteora is the title of our central campus restructuring website. The website contains a tremendous amount of historical and current information, including all of our reports and presentations. That title has never been just a tag phrase for me. I remain extremely optimistic about Onteora's future as a school district, and I thank you all. - Trustee Bishop

- Trustee Reimondo reported that she, Superintendent McLaren, and Trustee Goodrich attended the Ulster County School Boards Association meeting on March 13, 2025, at the Jane Bullowa Center in New Paltz. During the meeting, she learned that Ulster BOCES has eliminated the need to establish a traffic area during the iPark renovation by securing the opposite side of the building. This change also allows for the addition of 20,000 square feet of floor space at no extra cost.
- The meeting also included discussions on various topics, such as graduation measures, updates on regionalization efforts, changes at the federal government level, and school funding issues, including a review of the Rockefeller Study on Foundation Aid

8. Student Representative Report

8.01 The Student Representative on the Board, Olivia McHugh, will give a report

- Ms. McHugh reported that it has been a very busy time for Onteora. In athletics, spring sports have begun and athletes of the month have been announced and posted outside of the athletic office.
- In the past week or so, the sophomores traveled to the city to visit the Anne Frank Exhibit. And next week, AP Government and Politics and U.S. History classes will be traveling to Albany to visit the New York State Court of Appeals.
- Other events include Trivia Night where students and teachers were able to test their knowledge of places within the school district, marvel characters, and more. The middle school hosted an exciting 3v3 basketball tournament. And Onteora's Music Department organized a wonderful Pops Concert and Art Show for community members and students to enjoy.
- Lastly, this evening I brought the newest edition of The Talon with me. This edition includes the first ever profile of the girls' varsity wrestling team.

9. Acknowledge Public Be Heard Comments

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

- Faedra Dagirmanjian
- Tansy Michaud
- Stephanie Bryant
- Sierra Smith
- Pam Parker

10. Public and Student Comment

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

- Faedra Dagirmanjian

11. Discussion and Possible Action

11.01 Approve 2025-2026 School Calendar

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the School Calendar for the 2025-2026 school year, as attached

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

11.02 Nomination for Ulster BOCES Board Seat

Recommended Action: BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District hereby approves the nomination of Allison Dodd to an At-Large seat on the Ulster County BOCES Board of Education for a three (3) year term beginning July 1, 2025 through and including June 30, 2028

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

11.03 Ongoing Discussion: Board Email Responses to the Public (15 min)

12. **Break**

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

13. Consent Agenda

13.01 Approve Consent Agenda

Recommended Action: The Board hereby approves item numbers 13:02 -13.11

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

13.02 SEQRA

Recommended Action: WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District ("Board" or "District") is considering undertaking a proposed capital improvement project involving significant renovations and upgrades to Reginald R Bennett Elementary School and Onteora Jr/Sr High School. These improvements will include site and athletic facility renovations; expansion of parking lots, a 30,000 GSF addition, interior and exterior building renovations, alterations, and upgrades; and related furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, and incidental improvements and expenses (the "Proposed Action"); and
WHEREAS, the Proposed Action is subject to review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the Regulations promulgated thereunder ("SEQRA 6 NYCRR Part 617"); and
WHEREAS, the Board in accordance with SEQRA, having classified the Proposed Action as Type I Action and having declared its intent to serve as Lead Agency for the coordinated review of the Proposed Action, circulated Part 1 of the Full Environmental Assessment Form ("FEAF") and other supporting

documentation to all known involved/interested agencies and afforded the agencies thirty (30) calendar days to respond; and
WHEREAS, having received no objection to the Board being declared Lead Agency after circulating Part 1 of the FEAF and other supporting documentation to the identified potential involved/interested agencies, the Board is declared the Lead Agency for the coordinated review of the Proposed Action under SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the information and documentation describing the Proposed Action and its impacts on the environment in Parts 1, 2, and 3 of the FEAF and the supporting documentation, collectively annexed hereto as Exhibit "A," and made a part hereof:
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District:
1. Adopts the findings, conclusions, and rationale relating to the probable environmental impacts of the Proposed Action contained within Parts 1, 2, and 3 of the FEAF and the supporting documentation incorporated by reference into the FEAF; and
2. Officially makes a Determination of Non-Significance (Negative Declaration) in that the Proposed Action will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and that the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required for the reasons set forth in Parts 1, 2, and 3 of the FEAF and the supporting documentation; and
3. Directs the District's architect, to circulate a copy of the Notice of this Determination of Non-Significance to the potentially involved and interested agencies and to file and publish a negative declaration in the Environmental Notice Bulletin ("ENB") in accordance with 6 NYCRR § 617.12.

13.03 Approve Capital Project Proposition

Recommended Action: RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MARCH 18, 2025, DIRECTING SUBMISSION OF A BOND PROPOSITION AT THE ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AND ELECTION OF THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT, TO BE HELD MAY 20, 2025, AND PRESCRIBING THE FORM OF SUCH BOND PROPOSITION TO BE INSERTED IN THE NOTICE OF SUCH ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING AND ELECTION.
RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTIES OF ULSTER AND GREENE, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:
Section 1. At the Annual District Meeting and Election of the qualified voters of Onteora Central School District, in the Counties of Ulster and Greene, New York (the "District"), to be held on May 20, 2025, a Bond Proposition in substantially the form as hereinafter set forth shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said District. Said Bond Proposition shall appear in the Notice of Annual District Meeting and Election to be held May 20, 2025, and the District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to include such Bond Proposition in said Notice by

inserting therein substantially the following paragraphs:

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Bond Proposition in substantially the following form shall be presented to the qualified voters of the District at such Annual District Meeting and Election:
BOND PROPOSITION
RESOLVED:
(a) That the Board of Education of Onteora Central School District, in the Counties of Ulster and Greene, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to construct improvements and alterations to Bennett Elementary School and the Middle School/High School and to construct site, athletic and recreational improvements (the "Project") substantially as described in a plan prepared by the District with the assistance of CPL Architecture, Engineering & Planning (the "Plan"), which is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk, including (as and where necessary) the construction of improvements and alterations to (i) Bennett Elementary School, including the construction of a building addition to provide additional classroom, library, office, lavatory and security vestibule space; boiler/mechanical room addition, the construction of a new gymnasium and an additional music room; interior reconstruction and space reconfiguration; window replacements; improvements to the drainage, electrical, and heating systems; fuel tank removal (underground tank)/replacement with new above ground tank; and exterior improvements including the reconfiguration of outdoor space and a new drop-off lane, at the estimated cost of $46,351,152; (ii) the Middle School/High School, including renovation/reconstruction of science classrooms; and auditorium, main office, nurse's office and counseling suite renovations, at the estimated cost of $9,989,328; and (iii) the construction of site, athletic and recreational improvements, including track upgrades; the construction/installation of a multi-use turf athletic field; field lighting and drainage; student commons improvements; upgrade to the parking at the MS/HS, and the demolition of the bus garage, at the estimated cost of $14,159,520; all of the foregoing to include the original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, demolition, and ancillary or related site or other work required in connection therewith, and to expend for all of the foregoing, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of $70,500,000, provided that the estimated costs of the components of the Project as set forth in detail herein and in the Plan may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interests of the District;
(b) that the amounts of $10,000,000 from the District's "2023 Capital Reserve Fund", approved by the voters of the District on May 16, 2023, and $5,000,000 from available current funds of the District are each hereby authorized to be expended to pay a portion of the cost of the Project, and such expenditures are hereby approved; and
(c) that a tax is hereby voted in an aggregate amount of not to exceed $55,500,000 to finance the balance of such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and that in anticipation of said tax, bonds

of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed $55,500,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.
Said Bond Proposition will appear on the ballots used for voting at said Annual District Meeting and Election, in substantially the following condensed form:
BOND PROPOSITION
YES NO
RESOLVED:
(a) That the Board of Education of Onteora Central School District, in the Counties of Ulster and Greene, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to construct improvements and alterations to Bennett Elementary School and the Middle School/High School and to construct site, athletic and recreational improvements; and to expend therefor an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of $70,500,000; (b) that the amounts of $10,000,000 from the District's "2023 Capital Reserve Fund", approved by the voters of the District on May 16, 2023, and $5,000,000 available from current funds of the District are each hereby authorized to be expended to pay a portion of said total cost, and such expenditures are hereby approved; and (c) that a tax is hereby voted in an aggregate amount of not to exceed $55,500,000 to finance the balance of such total cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed $55,500,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

Section 2. The proceeds of the bonds authorized pursuant to the Bond Proposition set forth in Section 1 hereof, and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, may be applied to reimburse the District for expenditures made for the purpose or purposes for which said bonds are authorized. The foregoing statement of intent with respect to reimbursement is made in conformity with Treasury Regulation Section 1.150-2 of the United States Treasury Department.
Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

13.04 Approve Overnight Trip

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves Olivia McHugh to attend the NYSPHSAA Student Leadership Conference at the Hilton in Albany, NY on Thursday, April 3, 2025 with an overnight stay on April 2, 2025 with all related fees, room and board.

13.05 Personnel Agenda

APPOINTMENT: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL
PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	PROBATIONARY PERIOD	REMARKS
Baldwin, Kurtis	Custodial Worker/ B&G	09/25/24 – 09/24/25	Extended Probation
Donaldson, Dustin	Custodial Worker/Groundskeeper I/B&G	10/04/24 – 10/03/25	Extended Probation

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM -TO	REASON
4261	03/07/25 – 04/16/25*	Extended unpaid FMLA
4225	03/17/25 – 04/04/25	Paid FMLA
3431	06/11/25 – 07/28/25*	Paid FMLA
3431	07/29/25 – 09/19/25*	Unpaid FMLA

anticipated dates

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: INSTRUCTIONAL

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM -TO	REASON
3187	04/10/25 – 04/23/25*	Paid FMLA
3927	03/10/25 – 05/09/25*	Paid FMLA
3937	05/12/25 – 05/30/25*	Unpaid FMLA

anticipated dates

SUBSTITUTE

NAME	POSITION	RATE
Ahouse, Melanie	Teaching Assistant (certified)	$115.00/day effective Sept 2025

RESIGNATIONS: INSTRUCTIONAL

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Brown, Walter	Softball-JV-Head Coach	03/05/25	To accept Softball-Varsity-Head Coach

RESIGNATIONS: NON - INSTRUCTIONAL

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Christiana, Patricia	Monitor (Bus Attendant) /Transportation	03/08/25	Personal
Cservak, Jacob	Custodial Worker/ B&G	03/14/25	Personal

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Brown, Walter	Softball-Varsity-Head Coach	$4,700.00

Signore, Mark Softball-Varsity-Modified- Volunteer Coach -$0-

The Board hereby requests to review the personnel file of employee 03182025 at the April 1, 2025 Board of Education meeting in executive session.

13.06 Budget Transfer

Recommended Action: The Superintendent recommends the transfer of $50,500.00 to reallocate funds for a CPL invoice for Solar PV and Geothermal/HVAC Electrification Assessments.
Amount $50,500.00 from Budget Code A1620.160-00 to Budget Code A1621.449-17

13.07 Donations

Recommended Action: The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a donation totaling $700.00 CASH, to be used towards a scholarship award for the graduating class.
The Superintendent recommends approval of the following donations:
C.A.R.E. for O.C.S $700.00
The Superintendent recommends acceptance of donations totaling $550.00 CASH, from various donors towards scholarship awards for the graduating class.
The Superintendent recommends approval of the following donations:
Marianne Adler $25.00
Margaret Haug $425.00
Robin Perls-Shultis $100.00
The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a donation totaling $1,000.00 CASH, from Clark Patterson Lee, to support the Health and Wellness Meet, Greet, & Eat event at the Onteora High School.
The Superintendent recommends approval of the following donations:
CLARK PATTERSON LEE
CM2989.400-25 Health and Wellness $1,000.00
The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a donation totaling $500.00 CASH, from First Student, to support the Health and Wellness Meet, Greet, & Eat event at the Onteora High School.
The Superintendent recommends approval of the following donations:
FIRST STUDENT
CM2989.400-25 Health and Wellness $500.00
The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a donation totaling $250.00 CASH, from Leonard Bus Sales, to support the Health and Wellness Meet, Greet, & Eat event at the Onteora High School.
The Superintendent recommends approval of the following donations:
LEONARD BUS SALES
CM2989.400-25 Health and Wellness $250.00
The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a donation totaling $250.00 CASH, from Mt. Tremper Lawn Care, to support the Health and Wellness Meet, Greet, & Eat event at the Onteora High School.
The Superintendent recommends approval of the following donations:

MT. TREMPER LAWN CARE
CM2989.400-25 Health and Wellness $250.00
The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a donation totaling $250.00 CASH, from River Radiology, to support the Health and Wellness Meet, Greet, & Eat event at the Onteora High School.
The Superintendent recommends approval of the following donations:
RIVER RADIOLOGY
CM2989.400-25 Health and Wellness $250.00
The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a donation totaling $250.00 CASH, from Woodstock Hardware & Diane's Kitchen, to support the Health and Wellness Meet, Greet, & Eat event at the Onteora High School.
The Superintendent recommends approval of the following donations:
WOODSTOCK HARDWARE & DIANE'S KITCHEN
CM2989.400-25 Health and Wellness $250.00
The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a donation totaling $1,000.00 CASH, from Uncle Bob's Memorial Scholarship, to support the Book Boogie at the Bennett Elementary School.
The Superintendent recommends approval of the following donations:
Uncle Bob's Memorial Scholarship
A2110.431-03 Bennett Supplemental $1,000.00

13.08 Financial Report

Recommended Action: The Board has reviewed and hereby accepts the Financial report from February 2025

13.09 Warrants

Recommended Action: The Board of Education has reviewed and herby accepts Warrant Schedule 7

13.10 Surplus Kitchen Equipment

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 out dated kitchen equipment from the Food Service Department as surplus and authorizes the sale or disposal of the equipment.

13.11 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, #03/25, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Reimondo

14. Contracts and Independent Contractor Retainers

14.01 Approve all Contracts and Independent Contractor Retainers

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves item numbers 14.02 -14.03

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

14.02 ICR- M. Savatgy

Recommended Action: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approves the Independent Contractor Retainer between the Onteora Central School District and Matthew Savatgy as Bennett Earth Day Coordinator effective April 15, 2025 through June 6, 2025 at a maximum rate of $1,060.00 with no fringe benefits or deductions and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

14.03 Health and Welfare Services for Kingston City School District

Recommended Action: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Kingston City School District establishes the rate of $1,517.00 per pupil for the school year 2024-2025 for Health Services provided for Onteora resident pupils attending nonpublic schools in the Kingston City 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 2024-2025 school year.

15. Policies

15.01 First Reading of Policy 3435 Culture, Climate and Belonging

16. Committee Reports

16.01 Audit Committee

- Nothing to report

16.02 Communications Committee

Trustee Hemingway Lynch reported that the committee held a brief meeting to discuss the content to be included in the board's monthly newsletter

16.03 Facilities Committee

- Nothing to report

16.04 Legislative Action Committee

- Nothing to report

16.05 Policy Committee

- Nothing to report

Trustee Goodrich reported on the Health and Safety Committee:

- New SRO: The committee was introduced to the new School Resource Officer (SRO).
- Unification: Updates on unification efforts were shared.
- Staff and Student ID Badges: Plans were discussed for implementing staff and student ID badges for the upcoming school year, including strategies to encourage students to wear them consistently.
- Building Awareness: Emphasis was placed on increasing staff awareness of who is present in the building at all times.
- New MS/HS Vestibule: The committee reviewed updates on the new vestibule for the Middle School/High School.
- Blue Lights: The group discussed the new blue light system, which will activate during lockdowns to signal the status clearly throughout the building.

Trustee Reimondo reported on the Health and Wellness Committee.

- Meet, Greet and Eat will be held on April 7, 2025 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm
- Currently 11 restaurants will be participated
- The committee has raised a total of $4,750.00 to date

17. Old Business

17.01 The Board will discuss Old Business

- The Board Trustees reviewed their takeaways from Chapter 3 of The Governance Core 2.0

18. New Business

18.01 The Board will discuss New Business

- Nothing to discuss

19. Request for Information

19.01 Board Members will Request Information of the Superintendent

- Trustee Hemingway Lynch inquired about the Board Trustees' responsibilities regarding communication for the upcoming vote. She requested a coordinated effort for community outreach about the bond vote, including engaging students and staff, and discussed how the Board can contribute to these efforts in their role

20. Adjournment

20.01 Adjourn the Meeting. Next meeting is April 1, 2025, at Woodstock School.

Recommended Action: Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:22 pm.

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

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