

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

REGULAR MEETING/BUDGET HEARING

MINUTES

6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2013
Middle School/High School

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call to Order 6:00

1.02 Tobacco Policy Statement

1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

1.04 Appoint District Clerk

Motion: The Board of Education hereby appoints Victoria McLaren as District Clerk at \$0 additional salary until a new District Clerk is hired.

Motioned: Trustee Spencer

Seconded: Trustee Fletcher

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee McKeon

Not Present: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Hickey

1.05 Roll Call

Present: Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee McKeon

Not Present: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Hickey

2. Executive Session

2.01 Enter Executive Session (proposed 6:05 duration 1 hour)

Motion: Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss ONTSA negotiations and the discipline of a particular employee

Motioned: Trustee Spencer

Seconded: Trustee Fletcher

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee McKeon

Not Present: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Hickey

Now Present: Trustee Osmond arrived at approximately 6:05

2.02 Exit Executive Session (proposed 7:05)

Motion: Motion to exit Executive Session

Motioned: Trustee Fletcher

Seconded: Trustee Spencer

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee McKeon, Trustee Osmond

Not Present: Trustee Hickey

2.03 Re-enter Public Session

Motion: Motion to re-enter public session

Motioned: Trustee Fletcher

Seconded: Trustee Osmond

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Spencer,
Trustee Kurnit, Trustee McKeon, Trustee Osmond

Not Present: Trustee Hickey

3. Acceptance of Minutes

3.01 Acceptance of minutes (proposed 7:10)

Motion: The Board of Education hereby accepts the minutes of 4/24/13 BOE meeting

Motioned: Trustee Osmond

Seconded: Trustee Fletcher

“Dear Governor Cuomo” filmmaker’s name is misspelled.

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Spencer,
Trustee Kurnit, Trustee McKeon, Trustee Osmond

Not Present: Trustee Hickey

4. Welcome

4.01 Principal Lance Edelman will welcome the Board (proposed 7:15)

- Exciting time of the year for HS
- Great to see number of students participating in after school activities
- AP Testing began Monday for 2 weeks
 - 155 exams will be administered
- Remind parents – final exam is first week of June
- Regents begin the next week
- Regents prep and homework help are available
- All information is on the website
- Introduced Jean Douglas who has stayed after her retirement and Colette Caprotti – DECA advisors
 - DECA students Danielle Barringer(DECA Pres) Jonathan Loizou went to the International Career Development Conference
 - DECA – Distributive Educational Clubs of America – International Marketing Club
 - Community Service events include:
 - Spring/Fall Blood drive
 - Coats for kids
 - Holiday helping hands
 - Meet, Greet and Eat
 - Senior Citizens Dinner
 - Competitions
 - Regional – this year at Rockland Community College
 - Onteora DECA 26 out of 30 members placed, they go onto State
 - State: Rochester – 19 competitors, Danielle was

- Anyone who has taken a business class qualifies for membership in DECA in grades 9-12
 - International: Anaheim, CA for
 - Danielle and Jonathan received first place
 - 16,000 in attendance
 - Professional Sales Event category
 - Danielle placed second

5. Board District News

5.01 The Board will announce district news (proposed 7:20)

Trustee McGillicuddy reported:

- Superintendent Phyllis McGill and Trustee Fletcher attended Scholarship Awards dinner at the Wiltwyck Country Club
- Attended Square Dance at Phoenicia and Modified Track Meet
- Poetry Slam – great to hear students' creative way of expressing themselves
- Thursday is District Wide Safety Team Meeting
- Friday Board is touring the Career and Tech Center

Trustee Fletcher reported:

- Enjoyed the Scholastic Dinner - Valedictorian Danielle Barringer, Salutatorian Alexa Oaks and Honor Student Anna Weissman and their families attended
- Michael Uslan was speaker- Executive producer of Batman movies and author of a book about making the movies
- The whole Phoenicia School went to the art gallery to see self-portraits and to library to see trout on display
 - Many parents were on hand to chaperone

Trustee Osmond reported on the success of the Meet, Greet and Eat event and that the Bennett Variety Show on 5/17/13

6. Superintendent District News

6.01 The Superintendent will report on District News (proposed 7:25)

- Ontario was named 1,610 in Newsweek's Best High Schools in America list
- School report cards are available - will be reporting to the Board
- 5/1/13 was scoring and Conference Day
 - Kindergarten screening
 - Last count is 90 enrolled
 - Secondary counselors and nurses went to a workshop on identifying drug abuse
 - TA training on Teachers College Reading and Writing program
 - Elementary Technology TAs met with BOCES Communications person Valerie Havas and IT John Reimer to work on the websites at elementary level
- Attending a luncheon with the speaker being the Chancellor for Higher Education at SUNY New Paltz
 - Continue to work through providing a multi semester experience to prepare teachers

- Teachers and administrators assisting in many ways
- Friday will be a tour of the Career and Tech Center with the Board
- 5/23/13 is Senior Senior Prom by Rotary and DECA students

Trustee Kurnit mentioned the Chorus and Orchestra concert tomorrow night

7. Student Representative Report

7.01 Liza Tumen/Sean Hickey, the Student Representative to the Board will report (proposed 7:30)

7:50

- Sports teams are doing well
 - Tennis undefeated
 - Baseball team is 14 and 1
 - Girls track – doing well tomorrow last home game
- Courtyards are open – walk outside to go to classes
- Friday is Decades, A Musical Review
- Saturday is Field Day
- 5/17/13 is 3-Point Shoot Out

8. Budget Hearing

8.01 The 2013-2014 Budget Hearing will be presented (proposed 7:35 duration 10 min)
Superintendent Phyllis McGill presented:

- Second consecutive year of no tax levy increase
- Budget preserves class sizes, course offerings and student services
- More than \$600,000 State aid restored to the District
- NYC Tax Certiorari with Hurley ended favorably, additional money in reserves able to reply
- \$1.18 million in infrastructure repair in this budget – repair and replacement of pavement and buildings; electrical repairs/replacements
 - Projects outside of Capital Reserve and EPC
- Still benefiting from Reconfiguration
- Contract settled with step plus.9 (year 1), .5 (year 2), .5 (year 3) low increases for District and area
- Trimmed line items that have not been used for years
- Maximized Capital Reserves
- 1.9 position reduction, through changing student needs
- Stable enrollment at Woodstock Elementary
- Providing services to 1,446 students this year, projected to 1,407 next year
- Reductions
 - 1 Elementary teacher because reducing from 6 sections of 3rd grade in 3 buildings to 5 sections in 2 schools
 - Social Studies 4, Art .4, Science and Math part time eliminated – less students in grades 9-12
 - 3 TAs retired not replacing positions
- Adding 1 reading teacher, 1 special education teacher, 1 CSE/CPSE Chair/District Wide Asst. Principal, 1 Secretary (10 month), 1 Supervisory Custodian, Summer Academic Intervention Support program – 3 hours a day

for at-risk student

Assistant Superintendent for Business Victoria McLaren reported:

- Components
 - Program is 79% of budget (Instruction)
 - Capital is 12%
 - Administrative 9%
 - The makeup of these components is set by State
- Using over \$3 million to offset levy
 - Traditionally use \$2 million
 - Will use tax certiorari money to offset next year's levy as well
- Voting at all 4 Elementary schools on 5/21/13

Discussion:

- Debt service includes Inter-fund transfers
- Summer Intervention Program is for grades K-9
 - Starting discussing today
- Parents of Private and Parochial students must put in application for transportation by 4/1/13
 - \$372,000 for transportation of these students; aid is \$200,000
- 45 home schoolers
- 170 students in private and parochial school

9. Public/Student Comment

9.01 The public and students may comment on any agenda or non agenda item.

(proposed 7:45 duration 10 min or more)

8:15

No public or student comment was made

10. Discussion and Possible Action

10.01 Side Letter of Agreement - OTA for APPR Evidence Binders and Alternate Projects
(proposed 7:55)

Motion: The Board of Education hereby approves the Side Letter of Agreement between the Onteora Teachers Association and Onteora Central School District regarding the APPR Evidence Binders and Alternate Projects

Motioned by: Trustee Fletcher

Seconded by: Trustee Kurnit

Results: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee McKeon

Not present: Trustee Hickey

~~10.02 Side Letter Between OTA and OCSD regarding non-administrator as Observer for APPR (proposed 8:00)~~

10.03 Name Lead Evaluators for APPR (proposed 8:05)

Motion: The Board of Education hereby approves the resolution below, naming Marki Clair-O'Rourke and Robert Wood as Lead Evaluators in the APPR process

Motioned: Trustee Kurnit

Seconded: Trustee Fletcher

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee McKeon

Not present: Trustee Hickey

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Marki Claire-O'Rourke and Robert Wood are hereby certified as a Qualified Lead Evaluator of teachers having successfully completed the following training requirements prescribed in 8 NYCRR §30-2.9 (b):

1. The New York State Teaching Standards, and their related elements and performance indicators/the Leadership Standards and their related functions;
2. Evidence-based observation techniques that are grounded in research;
3. Application and use of the student growth percentile model and the value-added growth model as defined in 8 NYCRR §30-2.2;
4. Application and use of the State-approved rubrics selected by the school district for use in the valuation of building principals, including training on the effective application of such rubric to observe a principal's practice;
5. Application and use of the assessment tools that the school district utilizes to evaluate its building principals, including, but not limited to structured portfolio reviews; student, parent, teacher, community feedback; professional growth goals; school improvement goals, etc.
6. Application and use of the State-approved locally selected measures of student achievement used by the school district to evaluate its principals;
7. The scoring methodology utilized by the Department and the school district to evaluate a building principal under 8 NYCRR §30-2, including:
 - a. how scores are generated for each subcomponent and the composite effectiveness score of building principals, and
 - b. application and use of the scoring ranges prescribed by the Commissioner for the four designated rating categories used for the overall rating of principals and their subcomponent ratings; and
8. Specific considerations in evaluating teachers of English language learners and students with disabilities
9. Training on the use of the Statewide Instructional Reporting System, also required by 8 NYCRR §30-2.9 (b), will be provided once the NYS Education Department makes available the information required for such training.
10. This certification has been issued in accordance with the process for certifying lead evaluators described in the district's annual professional performance review plan.

10.04 Approve Volunteers (proposed 8:10)

Motion: The Board of Education hereby approves the following volunteers: Brigitte Wojnarowicz and Robin Chess for Phoenicia Elementary

Motioned: Trustee Spencer

Seconded: Trustee Osmond

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee McKeon

Not present: Trustee Hickey

10.05 Legal Hours Retainer for 13-14 school year (proposed 8:15 duration 10 min)

Superintendent Phyllis McGill explained:

- This year negotiated OTA Contract and APPR in house, expected to over by 3 hours for this year, reducing the dollars
- Cut \$100,000 from the legal line of the 13-14 budget, due to the settling of the contract
- Budgeted \$248,000 for 12-13 year, cut that number

Discussion:

- Ongoing discussion of the Board, as to which way is better to go with the

attorney

- Allocate money in the budget, but don't retain as much as in budget
- Attorney is not asking for increase in rates – budgeted what we will use, propose to keep retainer same
- Vote on this in at the 6/4/13 meeting

10.06 Abolish Position (proposed 8:25)

Motion: The Board of Education hereby abolishes the following position effective 6/30/13: 1.0 FTE Elementary Teacher

Motioned: Trustee Fletcher

Seconded: Trustee Osmond

Reduction of 1 third grade teacher- being appointed to 1 of the reading teacher positions

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee McKeon

Not present: Trustee Hickey

10.07 Approve Board of Registration (proposed 8:30)

Motion: The Board of Education hereby approves the 2013 Board of Registration as attached.

Motioned: Trustee Spencer

Seconded: Trustee Osmond

2013 BOARD OF REGISTRATION REGISTRATION May 14, 2013 2:00 - 8:00

VOTING May 21, 2013 P.M. 2:00 - 9:00 P.M. Chairperson: Ray Haberski

	OLIVE/ MARBLETOWN	WOODSTOCK	HURLEY	SHANDAKEN/ LEXINGTON
Chief Registrar/Inspector :	Arlene Kelly	Karen Shultis	Joan Freer	Mary Lane
Registrars/Inspectors:	Carmen Ajce Barbara Allison Alice Barringer Grace Guendel Ruth Halsted Margaret Harkin Tina Kelder Kathy Kretchmer Jayne Rion Tonya Rothmann Ternice Winne Barbara Wright	Gail Bonestell Bruce Eckert Donna Eckert Ann Filippone Gwen Garber Marilyn Michaels Alice Rice Janet Shultis Elaine VandeBogart Jessica Wilber	Rene Dyditta Henry May Marcella May Tracy Oakes Taylor Oakes Linda Rose Stacy Murphy	Saveria Fecci Tina Rice Finola Ryan Marge Scow Leatrice Winchell
	8 Books. 2 machines	7 Books, 2 Machines	5 Books, 1 Machine	4 Books, 1 Machine

RATE OF PAY

Two Registrars at each Polling Place on Registration Day, May 14, 2013

\$85 each

Registrars/ Inspectors on Voting Day, May 21, 2013	\$85 each
*1 Registrar per registration book, 2 Inspectors per machine	
Four Chief Registrar/Inspectors for Voting Day	\$180 each
Two Machine Inspectors who inspect machines at 4 Polling Places in early May	\$380 each
& Machine Custodians on Vote Day for West Hurley and Bennett	
One Chief Machine Inspector -Final Inspection of Machines with the District Clerk on or before May 20, 2013	\$115

Using lever machines this year; will gather information about the new machines

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee McKeon

Not present: Trustee Hickey

10.08 Adopt Math Series (proposed 8:35)

Motion: The Board of Education hereby adopts the Pearson EnVision Math Series for grades K-6

Motioned: Trustee Spencer

Seconded: Trustee McKeon

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee McKeon

Not present: Trustee Hickey

10.09 Discussion on Board and Superintendent Goals (proposed 8:40 duration 35 min) 8:30

The Board reflected on their 12-13 Goals and measure the progress

Goal 1. Educational Vision

Promote a stimulating, healthy and safe environment conducive to learning, which improves the educational experience for all students, creates a stimulating learning environment that teaches beyond the test while meeting State and Federal requirements, and that increases graduation rate and aspirational performance measures.

Discussion:

- Not ahead of Goals – action items need to be built into Board agendas
 - To have quarterly report presentations
- Things are happening, even if it has not been reported to Board
- Pair goals down next year to be able to achieve/be more selective and determine how achievement will be attained
- Goal is educational vision – action items were guide – didn't want to forget ideas
- Accomplished educational vision part of goals – not necessary to reach action items
- Overall educational vision is important to accomplish – creating a stimulating learning environment while meeting state and federal requirements
 - How to measure this? Work these into Board meetings
- Did receive reports at each Board meeting for the first 6 months of the year on the reconfiguration

- Would like to be invited into the schools to see what is happening with Project Based Learning
- Look at what is working and not working looking to next school year
- Value at united 6th grade moving into 7th grade
- Not have 1 year goals – vision is important to keep and reshape
- Look at action items as items to focus on for the next year

Goal 2. Facilities

Implement 5 Year Facilities Plan, and Energy Performance Contract. Review and maintain/renovate the District's facilities and grounds incorporating environmentally sustainable practices; use such practices as a teaching tool for students, to improve academic education and social culture.

Discussion:

- Advisory committee working on EPC – recommendation end of summer/beginning of fall
- Much needed improvements are part of budget
- Discussion about West Hurley at meeting after next

Goal 3. Community & Culture

Maintain an open, positive relationship with the Community and Superintendent and continue to work together to improve the culture in our schools and to advocate for and engage our Community.

Discussion:

- Met most of the action items for this goal
- Fortunate to have active parents
- Work on using school buildings for community
- More District-wide activities this year
- Good working relationship with union
- Moving in the right direction

Goal 4. Budget & Finance

Maintain a long term fiscal plan that protects and maximizes the district assets through the use of collective bargaining, school tax reform and energy conservation to create a positive campus that attracts both families and successful teachers to our district.

Discussion:

- Need to keep thinking about long-term financial plan
- Different atmosphere now with collective bargaining agreements than with last contract
- Incorporating energy efficiency, looking at ways to conserve and educating students
- Refinancing of bond and adding the non-reoccurring costs for repair of buildings this year – both very beneficial
- Follow up with 5 year financial plan and review of how District is doing
 - Discussion to start in June
- Compared to other Districts, we are doing well financially
- Have been good trustees of districts assets

- Expanded options for students

Goal 5. Board Development

Attract, develop and retain Board of Education Trustees, with a focus on Student Achievement and Educational Excellence along with responsible management of District finances.

- Going to many conferences
- Think about having FAQ on web site Board Page
- Plan retreat soon – have retreat at end of June or August/beginning of September
 - Come out of retreat with something on paper – improve processes and review it

11. **5 Minute Break

11.01 The Board will break for 5 minutes (proposed 9:15)

The Board took a break at approximately 9:20

No Longer Present

Trustee Kurnit left the room at approximately 9:25

12. Consent Agenda

12.01 Approve Consent Agenda (proposed 9:20 duration 5 min)

9:30

Motion: Approve consent agenda item numbers 12.02-12.05

Motioned: Trustee Spencer

Seconded: Trustee Fletcher

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Spencer, Trustee McKeon

Not present: Trustee Hickey, Trustee Kurnit

12.02 Personnel Agenda

TERMINATIONS: INSTRUCTIONAL

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the TERMINATION of the following INSTRUCTIONAL staff members. These terminations are 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 individuals, having the least seniority in the tenure area affected by the abolishment, shall be laid off from their positions with the District effective June 30, 2013.

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	FTE/TENURE AREA	REMARKS
Polacco, Nicole	1.0/Elementary	Will be offered a 1.0 FTE Reading Teacher position

APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

NAME	CERTIFICATION	TENUREA EFFECTIVE DATES	SALARY/	REMARKS
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	REA	FROM – TO	STEP	
Polacco, Nicole	Literacy (Birth – Grade 6)Reading	09/01/13 – 08/31/16	4MA + 6	Replaces V. Cahill

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS 2012-2013

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Thompson, Carolyn	AIS/Living Environment (After School) - .50 FTE (Split w/M.Scott Via)	\$ 938.50
Via, M. Scott	AIS/Living Environment (After School) - .50 FTE (Split w/C.Thompson)	\$ 938.50

APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL
TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	SALARY	REASON
Dearden, Jessica	Temporary School Monitor - BN	02/06/13 – 04/29/13*	Step 2	Temporary position

*To revise ending date

POSITION CHANGE

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	SALARY/STEP	REMARKS
Evans, Rebecca	10 Month Typist – WD	09/01/13	5	From 12 Month Typist to 10 Month Typist

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Gilsinger, Jeffrey	Substitute Custodial Worker	\$10.00/hour

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: INSTRUCTIONAL

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
#3187	04/01/13 – 04/28/13*	Medical Leave – Paid Medical Leave
#3187	04/29/13 – 05/10/13*	Medical Leave – Unpaid Medical Leave (Sick Bank requirement)
#3187	05/11/13 – 06/21/13*	Medical Leave – Paid Medical Leave (Sick Bank)

*Extension of leave

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

Motion: 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, #05/13, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee McGillicuddy

12.04 Quarterly Financial Report

Motion: The Board of Education has reviewed and hereby accepts the Financial Management Report for the quarter ending 3/31/13

12.05 Accept Donations

Motion: The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a donation totaling \$500.00, CASH, from The Ancient Order of Hibernians to be used for Marching Band. The Superintendent recommends approval to increase the 2012-2013 Budget per the following donations:

Ancient Order of Hibernians

A2110.431.23 Supplemental \$500.00

The Superintendent recommends acceptance of donations totaling \$8,500.00 CASH, from various donors as scholarship awards for the Class of 2013.

The Superintendent recommends approval of the following donations:

Donation Amount and Donee's Name
\$200.00 Historical Society-Town of Olive
\$300.00 The Tosi Family
\$150.00 Lake Hill Sportsmans
\$500.00 American Legion
\$800.00 Onteora Teacher Association
\$250.00 Ostoyich Family
\$1,000.00 Rose & Kiernan
\$100.00 Tongore Garden Club
\$200.00 American Legion 950
\$250.00 Sara Fisher/Donna Logsdon
\$500.00 Tischler Dental
\$200.00 West Hurley Rescue Squad
\$500.00 Fleishmann/Pine Hill Rotary
\$1,700.00 Imagine Onteora
\$400.00 Bernstein Family
\$300.00 Heppner Family
\$100.00 Historical Society of Woodstock
\$250.00 Robin & Audrey Hunter
\$600.00 Onteora Lions Club
\$200.00 Erin McGurgan

Now Present

Trustee Kurnit returned at approximately 9:30

13. Committee Reports -5 min each

13.01 Audit Committee - Trustee Spencer to report. Next meeting is 4:30 at Central Administration on TBD (proposed 9:25)

Trustee Spencer reported:

- Yesterday's meeting did not have a quorum, informal meeting
- Internal audit is complete
- Risk assessment – special education audit complete and no major issues
- External audit started – no major issues will complete it in August

13.02 Facilities Committee - Trustee Kurnit to report. Next meeting is 3:30 at Central Administration on TBD

Has not met since last Board meeting

13.03 Policy Committee - Trustee McGillicuddy to report. Next meeting is 9:30 at Central Administration on 6/3/13

Has not met since last Board meeting

13.04 Legislative Action committee - Trustee McGillicuddy to report. Next meeting is at 6:30 in the Central Administration Conference room on TBD

Has not met since last Board meeting

13.05 District Committee: Health and Wellness Committee. Next meeting is in Room 207 of the High School at 2:45 on TBD

Trustee Fletcher reported on last 2 meetings

- Focused team on committee
- Cafeteria has posters up on sugar content in drinks – makes them informed customers
 - Michael Rushford's students created posters
- 4 members went to school summit – parent members and Food School Lunch Manager – Chris Downs
 - Very productive for parents to learn about purchasing
- Meet, Greet and Eat successful again
 - Salad bar next year in High School
 - Soup made in school from scratch is improvement in cafeteria
 - Competition was an interesting experiment that worked
- Focusing on food and nutrition
- Federal regulations may take all Snapple drinks out of school
- Bullying prevention report
- Update on GSA
- Next meeting plan to meet at Bennett – move into different schools –
- Next year – meet at other elementaries
- Project Based Learning included the students learning about Gumbo and Ric Orlando coming in to make Gumbo

13.06 District Committee: Technology - Superintendent McGill to report. Next meeting is in the Woodstock School on TBD

- Tech TAs got together with John Reimer and Valerie Havas to discuss school's web sites improvements

14. Old Business

14.01 The Board will discuss Old Business (proposed 9:40)

West Hurley Advisory Committee had many suggestions that they did not have power to research

- Won't know if there is interest for any ideas until empower someone to research – a realtor is best
- Put on agenda before end of school year to discuss listing the property with realtor for sale or lease
 - Be sure can weigh sale price offered with type of business and have the right person there
- Need to address parceling land for firehouse
- Building has been empty for 8 years
- Value has gone down, has cost money each year property is deteriorating

School Board Tours

- Still need to tour buildings as a Board

Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Osmond and Trustee McKeon met as subcommittee for EPC and Capital Project

- Drafted report that identified pieces of information needed by administration before recommended as well as time line

- Hoping to have recommendation by end of June – need information from administration first

Exit poll

- Mirrors Shalmon School District's survey
- There will be paper surveys and laptops at each polling place
 - HS Students will be available to get people to complete survey
- Trustee McGillicuddy wrote blurb about survey in newsletter

15. New Business

15.01 The Board will discuss New Business (proposed 9:45)

Concerns at Woodstock about large classes in Kindergarten and 1st grade – 25 students compared to Phoenicia's smaller classes

- Inform the parents of the monthly enrollment reports to verify their assumptions
- Following the recommendations on class size
 - Not having very small classes – does not positive impact learning to have small class sizes as opposed to staying in guidelines
 - Research shows that where class size matters is in poverty rate and there is a difference of poverty in the 2 schools
 - ESL is an at risk population that is placed at Phoenicia
 - Average class size is 80-100 students
 - Ms. Schnell has the option of putting an additional teacher in any grade she feels needs to be smaller class size
 - This decision is at a principal level, not appropriate for the Superintendent to say where to place that person
 - Reconfiguration allows to cut down on number of classes per grade

What Budget Presentation questions have come up so far?

- Bring enrollment report
- Number of teachers, average pay, average number of years
- Make the notation on bottom of page with addition/subtraction of teachers more noticeable
- Next year break out salaries differently on presentations

Rural Schools Conference coming up – highly recommended by Trustee Fletcher, who cannot attend this year

Discuss Belleayre Projects at a future Board Meeting

Trustee Fletcher will not be present at Reorganizational Meeting in July

16. Request For Information

16.01 The Board will request information (proposed 9:50)

Trustee Kurnit requested information on materials used in school for maintenance

- Boys room bleach smell

- Are the products environmentally safe?

Trustee McGillicuddy asked for local assessment data and status of wind turbine

- Assistant Superintendent for Business Victoria McLaren said got state approval and hoping to be complete by the end of summer
- Principal Gabriel Buono reported that company he was contracting with has gone out of business, need to find new contractor

17. Public Comment

17.01 The public will comment on any agenda or non-agenda item Please limit comments to 3 minutes (proposed 9:55 duration 10 min)

No public comment was made

18. Adjournment

18.01 Adjourn Meeting. Next meeting is Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at 10:05 pm at the MS/HS
Don't forget to Vote in all 4 Elementary Schools (proposed 9:30)

Motion: The meeting is adjourned at approximately 10:15

Motioned: Trustee Osmond

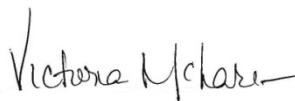
Seconded: Trustee Fletcher

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Spencer,
Trustee McKeon, Trustee Kurnit

Not present: Trustee Hickey

Minutes Recorded By:
Victoria McLaren, District Clerk



Minutes Typed By:
Fern Amster



Board of Education: Ann McGillicuddy, Tony Fletcher, Laurie Osmond, Dan Spencer, Tom Hickey, Rob Kurnit, Michael McKeon