

# ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412**

### **MINUTES**

#### **REGULAR MEETING**

**7:00 p.m.**

**June 17, 2008**

**Woodstock Elementary School**

**CALL TO ORDER** Trustee Bernholz called **REGULAR MEETING** to order at approximately 7:02 p.m.

### **TOBACCO POLICY STATEMENT**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENT** Trustees Mary Jane Bernholz, Cindy O'Connor, Rita Vanacore, Laurie Osmond, Maxanne Resnick, Michelle Friedel and Richard Wolff

**ALSO PRESENT** Superintendent of Schools, Leslie G. Ford; Assistant Superintendent, Victoria McLaren; Student Board Representative, Nicholas Alba; District Clerk, Jeanne Shultis; and approximately 67 visitors.

**NOT ALSO PRESENT** Assistant Superintendent, Deborah Fox

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES** Trustee O'Connor moved to approve the following **RESOLUTION**:  
**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District that the minutes of the Work Session held on June 3, 2008, and the Special Meeting held on June 10, 2008, are hereby accepted as submitted. Trustee Friedel seconded the Motion. *Discussion. Trustee Resnick requested two corrections on the June 3 minutes: on the last line of Old Business, Board member should be plural and on the Public Comment – Open Microphone, the last speaker's name should be spelled "Moesle"*  
 7 Yes 0 No  
**CARRIED**

**WELCOME TO WOODSTOCK SCHOOL** Woodstock Elementary School Principal Bobbi Schnell welcomed everyone to Woodstock Elementary School and spoke about the highlights of the year they are celebrating: writing program, first grade Opus 1 rock creations in the very special butterfly garden, science fair, stellar music program with a performance of Annie and the retirement of four Woodstock teachers.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SERVICE AND PRESENTATION OF AWARDS** The retirement of the following people was announced and plaques in honor of their years of service to the District were presented to those in attendance:

#### **Teaching Staff**

Cheryl Ahouse	Donna S. Albright
Deidre Davis Amplo	Suzanne Barthel
Stephen G. Bayer	Mary Ann Bruck
Kathleen C. Carle	Edna D. Ferraro
Michael T. Gallagher	Mary Mistler
Lois M. Ostapczuk	Sandra Perna

Diane Pettit  
Jeanne K. Schlosser

Jacqueline Schechter  
Robin Young Sears

**Non-Teaching Staff**

Barbara Allison-Conway  
Dee Suozzo  
Gale L. Borden  
Donna M. Duma  
Leatrice Winchell

Patricia E. Stevens  
Barbara Wright  
Rosetta L. Close  
Jeanne M. Shultis

**Board Members**

Mary Jane Bernholz  
Herb Rosenfeld

Cindy O'Connor  
Rita Vanacore

**DISTRICT NEWS**

Superintendent Ford reported that June is a busy month with many special events such as:

- Flag Day Ceremonies
- Sixth Grade Ceremonies
- Celebrations in Kindergarten for the Alphabet
- High School Academic Awards Ceremony – grades 9 - 11
- National Honor Society Induction Ceremony
- High School Senior Scholarship Awards Ceremony
- Final Exams
- Regents Exams
- GED Graduation Ceremony
- Graduation Rehearsal for Senior Class
- Commencement Ceremony

**REPORT FROM  
2007-2008  
STUDENT BOARD  
REPRESENTATIVE**

Student Representative Nicholas Alba reported that:

- The Student Affairs Council chose William Melvin as next year's Student Board Representative
- The last day of classes in the High School was Thursday
- The class trip will be June 26 to Seaside Heights, New Jersey.

**STUDENT  
COMMENT**

No student comments were made at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Donna Flayhan spoke about the future of the new Board and its relationship with the Superintendent and the incumbent Board members with everyone working in the best interests of the District.

Trustee Bernholz announced a ten-minute break at approximately 7:36 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT  
continued**

- Donna White-Davis spoke in opposition to the agenda item extending the contracts of two administrators and the water issue at the High School.
- Lisa Valvo thanked the Board for their hard work, dedication and the lowest tax levy ever in the history of the District, especially the three outgoing Board members. She spoke briefly about the changes brought about making the Transportation Department much safer and asked for a moment of silence in memory of Kevin O'Connor. She presented the three outgoing Board members and the retiring District Clerk with bouquets.

- Abbe Aronson spoke in opposition to the previous speakers comments.
- Donna White-Davis spoke in opposition to some of Lisa Valvo's comments.
- Trustee O'Connor spoke as an individual, not as a Board member, about transportation and addressed the comments and statements made over the last several months. She thanked her fellow Board members for supporting and helping her with all transportation issues that she brought forth to make changes to make our transportation safer, with required documentation, flexibility, route efficiency, contract control and safety enforcement, all of which offsets the small increase over the past costs.

**MOTION TO ENTER  
INTO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

Trustee Friedel moved to enter into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at approximately 8:45 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular person or persons. Trustee Wolff seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**MOTION TO  
RETURN TO  
REGULAR SESSION**

Trustee Bernholz moved to return to **REGULAR SESSION** at approximately 9:37 p.m.

Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**PRESENT**

Trustees Mary Jane Bernholz, Cindy O'Connor, Rita Vanacore, Laurie Osmond, Maxanne Resnick, Michelle Friedel and Richard Wolff

**REPORTS/  
PRESENTATIONS**

Board Committee Facilitator Trustee O'Connor commended the committee members for all their hard work.

- Audit Committee Report – Trustee Bernholz reported that the committee will next meet on July 7, 2008.
- Communications Committee – Trustee O'Connor reported that they are already working on the next District calendar.
- Facilities Committee – Trustee Resnick stated that the committee had reported out at the last meeting.
- Policy Committee – Trustee Vanacore reported that there are several policies on the agenda for a second reading and adoption. Superintendent Ford reported that the green committee's work on the initial district policy has been received from our legal representatives and she is working on the administrative regulations so they will come through together.
- Technology Committee – Trustee Friedel reported that the committee met on June 9 and reviewed the final revisions for the employee agreement technology acceptable use policy, the student acceptable use policy and the student public appearance permission form, as well as the student technology user agreement and parent permission form. It is hoped these will be included in the 2008-09 student handbook.

- Annual Fiscal Internal Report – Internal auditor Patricia Leimgruber read the first annual risk assessment report and responded to Board members' questions.
- Business Reports – District Treasurer Monica Kim reviewed the monthly reports with the Board.
- Alternative High School Programs – Principal Lance Edelman, joined by the following members of his staff – Jean Daniel Louis, Alicia Curlew, Elaine Conroy, David Nelsen-Epstein, Jason Calinda and John Wildermuth – presented a comprehensive report on the needs of alternate education students, the opportunities available to them and the need to ensure compliance with all State and Federal mandates. They presented a plan created by the committee, which will meet the requirements and needs of all students.

## DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

### MOTION TO APPROVE AGREEMENT BETWEEN OCSD AND EMERALD DATA SOLUTIONS, INC.

Trustee Friedel moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approve the End User Service Agreement for a three year term with Emerald Data Solutions, Inc. to provide a proprietary web-based service known as BoardDocs for an annual cost of \$9,000, and authorizes the Board President to sign the agreement.

Trustee Wolff seconded the Motion. *Discussion.*

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

### MOTION TO ACCEPT TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE CONFIDENTIAL/ MANAGERIAL EMPLOYEES

Trustee O'Connor moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Onteora Board of Education that the employees holding the titles listed below as of July 1, 2008, shall receive a transitional annual salary increase of \$1,750 or 3.5%, whichever is higher, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, with accepted terms and agreements.

#### **CONFIDENTIAL STAFF**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title - Position</u>
Crispell, Louise	Account Clerk/Typist – Accounts Payable
Hommel, Gail	Senior Account Clerk/Typist - Payroll
Kim, Monica	District Treasurer
Palmerini, Denise	Account Clerk/Typist - Personnel
Snyder, Teresa	Account Clerk/Typist – Secretary to the Assistant Superintendent For Business
Tinti-Harkin, Margaret	School Program Secretary - PPS
Van Dyke, Maureen	School Program Secretary – Asst Supt

#### **MANAGERIAL STAFF**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>
Downs, Christine	School Lunch Manager
Giambrone, Peter	Head Custodian

Moraca, David                      Director of Transportation  
O'Neill, James                    Building Maintenance Leader

Trustee Friedel seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

7 Yes – Trustees Bernholz, O'Connor, Vanacore, Resnick, Osmond, Friedel, and Wolff

0 No

**CARRIED**

**DISTRICT WIDE  
SAFETY PLAN**

Trustee Bernholz moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District that the District Wide Safety Plan is hereby approved as presented by Assistant Superintendent Victoria McLaren.

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.

7 Yes    0 No

**CARRIED**

**SURVEY**

The creation of survey for parents of students attending private schools to determine what would entice them to return with preliminary phone call made by a Board member requesting they complete survey was discussed. Trustee Osmond feels it should include home schoolers and she is working on designing the survey.

**MOTION TO  
APPROVE  
CONTRACT  
RENEWAL FOR  
ASSISTANT  
SUPERINTENDENT  
FOR BUSINESS**

Trustee O'Connor moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District that the employment contract between the District and Victoria McLaren covering the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2011 is hereby approved as discussed in Executive Session, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized to execute the contract on the District's behalf.

Trustee Wolff seconded the Motion. *Discussion.*

ROLL CALL VOTE:

6 Yes – Trustees Bernholz, O'Connor, Vanacore, Resnick, Friedel, and Wolff

1 Abstain – Trustee Osmond

0 No

**CARRIED**

**MOTION TO  
APPROVE  
CONTRACT  
RENEWAL FOR  
SUPERINTENDENT  
OF SCHOOLS**

Trustee Friedel moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District does hereby adopt and extend its Agreement with the Superintendent through and including June 30, 2011.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education does hereby direct the Board President to execute that Agreement, referenced above, and on file with the District Clerk's office.

Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion. *Discussion.*

ROLL CALL VOTE:

6 Yes - Trustees Bernholz, O'Connor, Vanacore, Resnick, Friedel, and Wolff

1 Abstain – Trustee Osmond

0 No

**CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF  
SIDE LETTER OF  
AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN OCSD  
AND OAA AND A  
PARTICULAR  
EMPLOYEE**

Trustee Friedel moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District that the side letter of understanding dated June 12, 2008, by and between the Onteora Central School District, the Onteora Administrator's Association and a particular employee, is hereby approved.

Trustee O'Connor moved to second the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**POLICY**

**SECOND READING  
AND ADOPTION OF  
POLICY UPDATES**

Trustee Bernholz moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District hereby approve the Second Reading and Adoption of the following policies:

- o Policy #1332 Duties of the School District Treasurer and Purchasing Agent
- o Policy #1335 Appointment and Duties of the Claims Auditor
- o Policy #5693 District Owned Cellular Telephones/Personal Data Assistant
- o Section 7000 – Students (with the exception of Policies #7312 *Student Dress Code*, 7316 *Time Out Room* and #7370 *Use of Electronic Devices By Students*)
- o Policy #8241 Patriotism, Citizenship and Human Rights Education
- o Policy #8340 Textbooks/Workbooks/Calculators
- o Policy #8370 Animals in the School (Instructional Purposes)
- o Policy #8470 Home Instruction (Home Schooling)

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion. *Discussion. Policy #1332 Duties of the School District Treasurer and Purchasing Agent will be changed, removing word "procedures" and inserting words "duties and responsibilities".*

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**PERSONNEL**

**RESIGNATIONS:  
ADMINISTRATIVE**

Trustee Friedel moved to approve the following ADMINISTRATIVE RESIGNATIONS:

NAME	POSITION/ SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Boyce, Barbara	Director of Pupil Personnel Services	October 1, 2008	Retirement

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion. *Discussion.*

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**APPOINTMENTS:  
ADMINISTRATIVE**

Trustee Friedel moved to approve the following ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT					
NAME	CERTIFI- CATION	TENUR E AREA	PROBA- TIONARY DATES	SALARY STEP	REMARKS
*Davenport, Andrew	School District Administrator	Principal	7/18/2008 – 7/17/2011	\$100,000	Replaces P. Schwartz

\*Pending completion of pre-employment processing

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**RESIGNATION(S):**  
**INSTRUCTIONAL**

Trustee Friedel moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATION(S):

NAME	POSITION/ SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Allison-Conway, Barbara	Teaching Assistant – BN	June 30, 2008	Retirement
Wright, Barbara	Teaching Assistant – BN	June 30, 2008	Retirement

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**LEAVE(S) OF**  
**ABSENCE:**  
**INSTRUCTIONAL**

Trustee Friedel moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVE(S) OF ABSENCE:

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
#1275	5/24/08 – 6/13/08	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave
#1275	6/2/08 – 6/30/08	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**LEAVE OF**  
**ABSENCE:**  
**INSTRUCTIONAL**

Trustee Friedel moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

NAME	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON	POSITION	REMARKS
Hopper, Elizabeth	9/1/08-6/30/09	Unpaid Leave of Absence	Teaching Assistant – WD	To accept long- term substitute Elementary Teaching Position – BN

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**APPOINTMENTS:**  
**INSTRUCTIONAL**

Trustee Friedel moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

**PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT**

NAME	CERTIFI- CATION	TENURE AREA	PROBA- TIONARY DATES	SALARY STEP	REMAR KS
Morris, Ashton	Initial – Social Studies 7-12	Social Studies	9/1/08 – 8/31/11	1MA	Replaces D. Opalka
*Serkowski, Natalie	Initial – Social Studies 7-12	Social Studies	9/1/08 – 8/31/11	1MA	Replaces M. Bruck

\*Pending pre-employment processing

**TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT**

NAME	POSITION	PERIOD	RATE OF PAY	REMARKS
Elmendorf, Suellen	Summer Nursing	32.5 hours	Hourly rate	Summer hours
McDaniel, Colleen	Summer Nursing	180 hours	Hourly rate	Summer hours
Panza, Marcia	Summer Nursing	32.5 hours	Hourly rate	Summer hours
Paton, Stephanie	Summer Nursing	100 hours	Hourly rate	Summer hours
Skeats, Susan	Summer Nursing	32.5 hours	Hourly rate	Summer hours
Goodemote, Patricia	Speech/Language Evaluator	7/1/08 – 8/31/08	\$32/hour	Summer Services
Hartmann, Hayden	*School Psychologist/CPSE/CSE Chairperson	7/1/08 – 8/31/08	\$32/hour	Summer Services
Simco, Jennifer	*School Psychologist/CPSE/CSE Chairperson	7/1/08 – 8/31/08	\$32/hour	Summer Services

\* Amended position

**EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS**

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Battista, Lynn	GLA Co-Advisor	\$425*
Shultis, Mary	GLA Co-Advisor	\$425*

\* Amount amended & pro-rated

**PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES**

NAME	CERTIFICATION	SALARY
*Bernard, Gail	Certified Substitute School Nurse	\$95/day

\*Pending pre-employment processing

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**  
**NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

Trustee Friedel moved to approve the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVE(S) OF ABSENCE:

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
#1073	5/1/08 – 5/21/08*	Medical – Paid (Sick Bank)
#1073	5/22/08 – 6/30/08	Family Medical Leave
#1073	5/22/08 – 6/30/08	Medical – Unpaid
#1250	6/7/08 – 6/30/08	Family Medical Leave
		Medical – Paid Leave

\*revise dates

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**APPOINTMENTS:**  
**NON-INSTRUCTIONAL**

Trustee Friedel moved to approve the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

**APPOINTMENT**

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	AMOUNT	REMARKS
Leimgruber, Patricia	Internal Auditor	10/24/2007 – 6/30/2008	\$2,500	Additional salary due to increase in scope of duties

**PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT**

NAME	POSITION/ SCHOOL	PROBA- TIONARY PERIOD	SALARY/ STEP	REMARKS
*Berryann, Cheryl	Account Clerk/Typist	6/24/08 – 12/24/08	\$29,000	Replaces L. Winchell
*Pending pre-employment processing				

**TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS**

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	FROM - TO	PAY RATE
Clayton, Betty	Summer School Bus Attendant	7/1/08 – 8/31/08	\$9.00/hour
*Croswell, David	Summer School Bus Driver	7/1/08 – 8/31/08	On Step
*Hoag, June Ann	Summer School Bus Attendant	7/1/08 – 8/31/08	On Step
*Rescind appointment			

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**APPOINTMENTS:  
NON-  
INSTRUCTIONAL**

Trustee Friedel moved to approve the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

<b><u>APPOINTMENT</u></b>			
NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	AMOUNT
Komuves-Barta, Gina	District Clerk	6/18/08	\$14.50/hour

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**FINAL NYSED  
CLEARANCE  
HAS NOT YET  
BEEN RECEIVED:**

Trustee Friedel moved to acknowledge that FINAL NYSED CLEARANCE HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED for:

NAME	POSITION
Benjamin, Amanda	Summer Substitute Custodial Worker
Benjamin, Katelyn	Summer Substitute Custodial Worker
Bergenn, Brandon	Baseball – J.V. – Head Coach
Croswell, David	Part Time School Bus Driver
Cservak, Jacob	Summer Substitute Custodial Worker
Downes, Troy	Soccer – 7/8 grade (Boys)
Henderson, Robin	Uncertified Substitute Teacher
Hull, Lewis	Building Maintenance Helper – HS
Kiersted, Amanda	Summer Substitute Custodial Worker
Kerwin, Michelina	Uncertified Substitute Teaching Assistant
Lejeune, Deborah	Certified Substitute School Nurse
Perez, Brian	Soccer – J.V. (Boys)
Puertas, Lucas	Summer Substitute Custodial Worker
Trimboli, Johanna	Uncertified Substitute Teacher
Waligurski, Karen	Certified Substitute School Nurse

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

## INSTRUCTION

### MOTION TO APPROVE CSE/CPSE RECOMMENDATIONS, SCHEDULE U, #06/08 A-061708

Trustee Friedel moved to approve the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations, Schedule U, #06/08 A-061708, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Resnick. Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion. *Discussion.*  
7 Yes 0 No  
**CARRIED**

## BUSINESS AND FINANCE

### MOTION TO TERMINATE NOREASTER

Trustee Friedel moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:  
**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District ("Board of Education") awarded the mechanical contract ("Contract") for the Woodstock Elementary School Boiler Replacement Project 2007 to NorEaster Heating & Cooling, Inc. ("NorEaster") for the sum of \$425,000.00 on June 19, 2007; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education entered into the Contract with NorEaster as of July 25, 2007 to perform the scope of work identified in the Project Manual dated May 15, 2007 ("Contract Documents"); and  
**WHEREAS**, NorEaster was required under the Contract Documents to have substantially completed the Contract no later than October 15, 2007; and  
**WHEREAS**, NorEaster failed to complete its work by October 15, 2007; and  
**WHEREAS**, the Project Architect has certified that, since that date, NorEaster has repeatedly failed to supply sufficient labor and materials to complete its work under the Contract, failed to make payment to subcontractors for labor and materials; and has otherwise substantially breached the Contract;  
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Section 14.2 of the General Conditions as set forth in the Contract Documents, the Board of Education terminate NorEaster's right to perform the Contract for cause, effective upon seven days notice; and  
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education authorize its attorneys to notify NorEaster's Surety of this action and request that it perform its obligations under the Performance Bond.  
Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion. *Discussion.*  
7 Yes 0 No  
**CARRIED**

### APPROVAL TO CLOSE TAX CERTIORARI RESERVE – 2003- 2004

Trustee Friedel moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:  
**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approve that the Tax Certiorari Reserve for the 2003-2004 school year with a balance of \$410,676.27 be closed in accordance with law (maximum time period four (4) years).  
Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.  
7 Yes 0 No  
**CARRIED**

**APPROVAL TO  
CLOSE TAX  
CERTIORARI  
RESERVE – 2004-  
2005**

Trustee Friedel moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:  
**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approve that the Tax Certiorari Reserve for the 2004-2005 school year with a balance of \$1,586,811.12 be closed.  
Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.  
7 Yes    0 No  
**CARRIED**

**APPROVAL TO  
CLOSE TAX  
CERTIORARI  
RESERVE – 2005-  
2006**

Trustee Friedel moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:  
**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approve that the Tax Certiorari Reserve for the 2005-2006 school year with a balance of \$1,853,767.59 be closed.  
Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.  
7 Yes    0 No  
**CARRIED**

**ESTABLISHMENT  
OF TAX  
CERTIORARI  
RESERVE – 2007-  
2008**

Trustee Friedel moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:  
**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approve that the Tax Certiorari Reserve for the 2007-2008 school year be established in an amount up to \$1,786,173.50, to safeguard the district when and if claims from 2007-2008 fiscal year for assessment petitions are resolved and tax refunds are required.  
Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.  
7 Yes    0 No  
**CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF  
DECREASE IN  
EMPLOYEE  
BENEFITS  
ACCRUED  
LIABILITY  
RESERVE FUND**

Trustee Friedel moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:  
**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District approve that the Employee Benefits Accrued Liability Reserve Fund be decreased in the amount of \$283,946.13, for the purpose of compensating unused and unpaid sick leave, personal leave, holiday leave, vacation time, time allowances granted in lieu of overtime compensation and any other forms of payment of accrued but unliquidated time earned by its employees.  
Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.  
7 Yes    0 No  
**CARRIED**

**DONATIONS**

**DONATION BY  
MRS. ANNE  
MARONEY OF  
CHILDREN'S  
BOOKS TO THE  
PHOENICIA  
SCHOOL LIBRARY**

Trustee Friedel moved to accept the donation from Mrs. Anne Maroney of nine (9) James Herriot children's books valued at \$150.00 to the Phoenicia School Library.  
Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.  
7 Yes    0 No  
**CARRIED**

**DONATION BY  
FRIENDS OF  
MAUREEN OF  
BLUESTONE  
BENCHES AND  
TABLE**

Trustee Friedel moved to accept the donation from Friends of Maureen bluestone benches and table valued at approximately \$600 to be placed at the Woodstock Elementary School in memory of Maureen Ihnken.

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee O'Connor spoke about her concerns with track runners practicing on Route 28 where we now have a Child Safety Zone.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Vanacore expressed the gratitude of the standing Board from 2005-2008 to the retiring District Clerk and presented her with a token from them all.

Superintendent Ford introduced Gina Komuves-Barta who was recommended for appointment as District Clerk tonight.

Trustee Resnick questioned the finger printing issues mentioned in the risk analysis for soccer coaches. Assistant Superintendent McLaren responded.

**BOARD MEMBERS  
REQUEST FOR  
INFORMATION**

Trustee Resnick requested a report on the status of the wastewater treatment plant.

Trustee Resnick requested a new format for future general fund reports that would include a way to reflect the percentage of increase for any lines that increase beyond a certain set point. Assistant Superintendent Victoria McLaren responded that she would check on the capabilities of the new business office software.

**PUBLIC COMMENT  
– Open Microphone**

No public comments were made at this time.

**MOTION TO  
ADJOURN**

Trustee O'Connor moved to adjourn at approximately 11:37 p.m.

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

Recorded by:  
Jeanne Shultis  
District Clerk

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