

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

REGULAR & ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes

7:10 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015

Middle School/High School

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call to Order 7:10

1.02 Tobacco Policy Statement

1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

1.04 Roll Call

Present: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Moor,
Trustee Davis, Trustee Schnell
Not Present: Trustee Osmond

2. Executive Session

2.01 Enter executive session (proposed 7:10 duration 30 minutes)

Recommended Action: Motion to enter into executive session to discuss the contract
of the Superintendent

Motioned: Trustee McGillicuddy

Seconded: Trustee Schnell

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Moor, Trustee
Davis, Trustee Schnell

Not Present: Trustee Osmond

2.02 Exit Executive Session and Return to Public Session (proposed 7:40 pm)

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

Motioned: Trustee Davis

Seconded: Trustee Kurnit

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Moor, Trustee
Davis, Trustee Schnell

Not Present: Trustee Osmond

3. Acceptance of Minutes

3.01 Acceptance of Minutes

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the minutes of the
5/5/15 Board of Education meeting.

Motioned: Trustee Davis

Seconded: Trustee Schnell

- Trustee Kurnit stated that although he was not present at the last BOE
meeting, he watched the video of the meeting

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Moor, Trustee
Davis, Trustee Schnell

Not Present: Trustee Osmond

4. Superintendent/Board News**4.01 The Board and Superintendent will share District news**

Acting Superintendent/Asst. Supt. for Business Victoria McLaren
Woodstock:

- Go Green Day on 5/15/15 included rotating between different learning stations learning about a range of topics, including recycling, watershed protection, animal welfare, and bicycle safety
- Weather Bug Weather Station was installed today -should be fully online by the end of the school year as a learning tool for students
- Healthy Snack Initiative has been on going and will culminate next Friday with a healthy snack party for all students
- Incoming Kindergarten students will be coming to visit on 6/15/15 and 3rd grade students are visiting Bennett on Wednesday
- The 2nd grade is visiting the Trevor Zoo on Friday and the 1st grade is going to the play house on the 5/28/15
- 5/30/15 is the annual PTA yard sale

Phoenicia

- Incoming kindergarten students will visit 5/15/15
- Kindergarten Celebration will be held 6/5/15 at 10:15 AM
- Phoenicia PTA and Shandaken Community Garden have developed a partnership this year where the 3rd grade students have planted kale, peas and beans for the Phoenicia Food Pantry

Bennett:

- Last week was the Colonial Trade Fair and the Gumbo presentation with Ric Orlando
- 4th, 5th, and 6th grade Band and Orchestra Concert will be on Wednesday at 7pm in the MS/HS Auditorium
- 5/26/15 4th, 5th and 6th grade Choral Concert at the MS/HS Auditorium.
- Jazz band is playing on 5/28/15 at the Bearsville Theatre

MS/HS

- Last evening was the MS/HS Band Spring Concert
- Thursday evening at 7 PM is the HS Jazz Ensemble, Sounds of Jazz, and Chamber Spring Concert
- 5/28/15 at 7 PM is the Community Mentor Program's presentations
- 4th Quarter 5 week progress reports are being mailed out tomorrow
- After School Regents Review sessions are available and have been posted on the high school's website

Board news

Trustee McGillicuddy reported:

- Attended the Olive Town Budget Forum with Trustee Schnell and Trustee Davis
- Attended the 5th grade art opening at Woodstock WAAM

Trustee Davis reported:

- Attended the Washington DC trip wonderful time, weather great
 - Renewed respect for middle school educators in how they deal with the

students

- MS/HS Band concert last night wonderful
- Music in the Park – nice showing- proud of musicians and 7th graders

Trustee Moor reported:

- Attended the 2nd and 3rd grade concert with Choir and Recorder non 5/6/15
- Packed house at Woodstock Primary School
- Mr. Schubert did superb job inspiring the students with wonderful music

Trustee Fletcher reported:

- Attended the 4th grade Colonial Fair on Friday
- Also attended the budget forums for the Woodstock PTA and Woodstock Town board- PTA
- Board is invited to all the many wonderful events this time of year and they try to get to everything
 - Appreciates all invitations and hard work
- Transportation presentation to the District Comprehensive Planning Team for Later MS/HS Start Times
 - Ask for Board to see the presentation
 - Calls for Bennett students to be on the same bus run as MS/HS - will save \$150,000 and reduce transportation time by having more buses for more students
- Other approaches would cost money

Acknowledge Public Be Heard

Rick Wolff commented on why we still use the West Hurley School for the Budget and Vote

- System of Personal Registration – must vote in your designated town

5. Presentations

5.01 2014-15 Onteora Athletics Achievements and Participation (proposed 7:45 duration 15 min)

8:04

Athletic Director Michael Carney presented a review of achievements and participation of the athletic program:

Goals:

- Provide a sports experience that meets student expectations
- Provide competitive program that Provide a competitive program that supports the District's educational mission
- Teach success through adult leadership/mentorship and the athletic process
 - Have highly qualified, caring adults that can reach children through sports
- Member of good standing in the Mid Hudson athletic league and Section IX NYSPHSA –

Why students play sports:

- To get excellent sports experience
- Learn new skills from great coaches
- Opportunity to compete- desire to wear school jersey and colors is important to

them

- Coach/athlete relationship – learn from coach and want coach to know get to know them personally
- Shared experience with peers- success, failure comradery
- Fun – different for every person from winning, to just being around friends
 - Provide for everyone who wants to play
 - Measure through a survey – are we providing a service for the students?

Fall Competitive teams:

- Soccer, Cross Country, Tennis, Golf, Field Hockey, Volleyball, Football (JV/V Kingston Merger)

Fall Season Highlights:

- Boys Soccer-Sectional Finalist
- Girls Soccer-qualified for Sectional Play
- Cross-Country-Two students competed in State Championships
- Boys Golf-Refer to Spring Highlights

Winter Competitive Teams:

- Basketball, Wrestling, Indoor Track, Skiing

Winter Season Highlights:

- Wrestling-Three wrestlers placed in the top three of respective weight class at Sectionals, One student competed at State Championships
- Indoor Track-Two students qualified/competed at State championships
- Skiing-Undefeated in league competition, Boys were Sectional Champions (16th year in a row), Three skiers qualified/competed at State Championships

Spring Season Competitive Teams:

- Baseball, Softball, Golf, Tennis, Track

Spring Season Highlights:

- Golf(B)-V, Sectionals/State Championships Only
- Baseball-Qualified for Sectionals missed MHAL by 1 game
- Girls Golf-Successful first season, 11 girls golfed – mostly new to sport won 4 matches, many are interested for next year
- Tennis-Division Champion, Entire team qualified for MHAL Individual Championships, 1 double team made to semi-finals
- Won Team Championships and lost team
- Track-Successful league season, MHAL girls 2nd – never below 4th or 5th place
 - Exceptional program
- Boys Golf-Sectionals-2 Qualifiers, 1 anticipated qualifier for State Championships

Participation:

SEASON	MS	HS	TOTAL
FALL	100	162	262
WINTER	52	140	192
SPRING	82	147	229
Individual Students	*112=56% (N=205)	*267=59% (N=458)	60 per 100 students participate in at least one sport per school year

Discussion:

- Other Districts do not calculate participation
- Important in a rural area to have an athletic program that has good participation
- Part of educational experience – winning is great, but learning new skills is most important

5.02 Presentation on Plan as to how Project Based Learning will be rolled out in a true form throughout the grades at Bennett (proposed 8:00 duration 45 min)

8:30

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction Marki Clair-O'Rourke presented:

- Grateful for opportunity – learned about Project Based Learning by working with teachers at Bennett for the last 3 weeks to a month
 - Was here 2 days a week when PBL started, so was not part of planning process
- Never trained in PBL -found one model that kept coming up in research
 - Dive into understanding what the 7 essentials of PBL as an easy framework with which to start
- 7 Essentials of Project Based Learning
 - Need to Know
 - A Driving Question – sends of purpose
 - Student Voice and Choice – more student voice the better
 - Teaching of 21st Century Skills – use technology
 - Self-assess, teacher-assess, peer assess
 - Inquiry and Innovation – students hypothesize
 - Feedback and Revision- use rubrics to provide criteria expected up front
 - A Publically Presented Product – not learning just for the teacher or the test but engaging and showing work to audience in authentic way
 - +1 Curriculum Integration – opportunity to bring teachers together in all subject areas around a challenge
- Went over each grade, their essential question, activities included and ideas for advancement/enhancement
- Met with teachers to discuss how their current projects align with the 7 Essentials
 - Lack of rubrics, lack of student voice
- Improvement plan:
 - Summer 2015– support grade levels to revise PBL curriculum to implement identified improvement strategies
 - 2015-16 – Implement Identified Improvement Strategies
 - 2015-16 – Monthly book study on *Setting the Standards for Project Based Learning*:
 - *A Proven Approach to Rigorous Classroom Instruction* by John Larmer and John Mergendoller
 - Purchase copies of book about 7 essentials do book study with Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction Marki Clair-O'Rourke and Gabriel Buono to learn alongside teachers

- PBL Workshop this summer at BOCES to send a team to teachers to look at another model
- Recommendation is to take this year to learn and do professional development that need to be done and enhance current projects
- Lessons Learned:
 - Expectation to implement same year as CCLS, New Math Program, APPR, and first year of restructuring
 - Teachers' perception is they had no "voice" in development of expectations
 - Lack of appropriate and sufficient professional development
 - Not well versed in PBL, need to learn alongside the teachers
 - Lack of structured/formal budget development process
 - Time consuming to plan and implement with fidelity
 - Difficult to align/integrate with Teachers College and Math curriculum expectations
 - Bring in TC experts to help

Discussion:

- Appreciate frankness and transparency of presentation
 - Understand that we're doing a good job, but could do more
- Trustee Schnell sent questions ahead of time by email
 - Board looks forward to seeing the answers
 - Concerned that Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction Marki Clair-O'Rourke and Bennett Principal Gabriel Buono will learn alongside teacher - should be a step ahead of teachers so they can be used for advice
 - District is desperate for expertise, bring in PBL experts to train staff – in order to see PBL improve at a rapid pace, may need to bring in experts and a good deal of curriculum hours over the summer to plan year to use PBL as it should be
 - RFI – what sort of curriculum hours are being offered to staff to develop PBL lessons – how does it compare to last year and going forward is there budgetary support
 - Decide to continue to use the consultants or look elsewhere
 - Need a course on PBL and creating essential questions – not easy to create a really good essential question
 - Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction Marki Clair-O'Rourke did not hear the teachers bring up PBL at Teachers College sessions
 - TC going forward with focus on academic integration
- PBL has been around a long time and need to put thought into how to move forward: yearlong projects or mini projects and how to integrate student choice
- Hardly any differentiation in District and can't have PBL or good instruction without differentiation
 - Many experts in field to turn to
- No clearly defined District-wide curriculum for any PBL projects, whether year-long or shorter projects
 - When projects are same year to year, progress may not be the same

- Open up and make it a holistic process between staff and students
- When supported PBL through Reconfiguration – putting the grades together was supposed to encourage teachers to have a voice
- Hopeful that moving into 4th year of PBL, would be looking into new projects for each grade or together as a school
- Colonial Fair had dance integrated, other than that, has not changed from year to year
- 4th grade should take on something new
- Need to integrate 21st Century Skills which are critical thinking, collaboration and problem solving – this can be developed in historical context
- Article from Educational Leadership Magazine discusses very current topics for PBL – water pollution, closed beaches- this engages and drives inquiry – seems we are old fashioned
 - Be careful that PBL answers questions
- Ideally trying to infuse lessons with all qualities of 7 essentials
 - Students should direct course of study and choose topics that are meaningful to them, thereby purposeful
- Absence of science and math in projects – seems there were opportunities for them to have incorporated with this year's PBL– i.e. architecture
- Decide if will stray with same subjects, but work on driving questions to engage projects and get students more engaged
- Schedule has been created to carve out more time for social studies from 2 days to 4 days
 - Gabriel Buono's PBL presentation said that there wasn't enough time because of how much preparation had to happen with testing - now more time has been designated, how did that happen?
- Find out what other schools are implementing PBL and how they accomplished PBL

6. Consent Agenda

6.01 Approve Consent Agenda (proposed 9:10)

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves Consent Agenda item numbers 6.02-6.07

Motioned: Trustee McGillicuddy

Seconded: Trustee Schnell

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Moor, Trustee Davis, Trustee Schnell

Not Present: Trustee Osmond

6.02 Personnel Agenda

APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL

SHORT TERM SUBSTITUTE

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATES FROM-TO	PAY RATE	REMARKS
Maisenhelder, Ariel *extension of leave	Speech Language Pathologist - WD	4/6/15-6/25/15*	1MA	LOA Replacement

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS 2014-15

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Cook, Debra	AIS/Living Environment(After School) (split w/J. Nguyen)	\$956.50

Nguyen, Jamie AIS/Living Environment (After School) (split w/D. Cook) \$956.50

SUBSTITUTES - RESCISSION

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT	EFFECTIVE DATE
Bridges, Eileen	Certified Substitute Teacher	\$95.00/day	5/12/2015

LEAVE OF ABSENCE EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM - TO	REASON
3209	5/16/15-6/30/15	Parental - Unpaid
3572	5/11/15-6/12/15(1/2 day)*	Medical - Paid
3572	6/12/15(1/2 day)-6/19/15*	Medical - Unpaid

*revised dates

APPOINTMENTS: NON INSTRUCTIONAL

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS		EFFECTIVE DATES	
NAME	POSITION	FROM - TO	PAY RATE
Baughman, Lisa	Summer Custodial Worker	6/29/2015-8/28/15	\$10.00/hr
Beesmer, Carol	Summer Custodial Worker	6/29/2015-8/28/15	\$10.00/hr
Caprotti, Patricia	Summer Custodial Worker	6/29/2015-8/28/15	\$10.00/hr
Clinton, Lessia	Summer Custodial Worker	6/29/2015-8/28/15	\$10.00/hr
Davis, Sally	Summer Custodial Worker	6/29/2015-8/28/15	\$10.00/hr
Gille, Ella	Summer Custodial Worker	6/29/2015-8/28/15	\$10.00/hr
Gilsinger, Jeffrey	Summer Custodial Worker	6/29/2015-8/28/15	\$10.00/hr
Ginelewicz, Walter	Summer Custodial Worker	6/29/2015-8/28/15	\$10.00/hr
Jansen, Tina	Summer Custodial Worker	6/29/2015-8/28/15	\$10.00/hr
Martin, James	Summer Custodial Worker	6/29/2015-8/28/15	\$10.00/hr
Placke, Bobbi	Summer Custodial Worker	6/29/2015-8/28/15	\$10.00/hr
Roosa, Esther	Summer Custodial Worker	6/29/2015-8/28/15	\$10.00/hr
Scheible, Elizabeth	Summer Custodial Worker	6/29/2015-8/28/15	\$10.00/hr
VanLeuvan, Maria	Summer Custodial Worker	6/29/2015-8/28/15	On step
Walters, Nancy	Summer Custodial Worker	6/29/2015-8/28/15	\$10.00/hr

6.03 Revised Board of Registration

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the revised Board of Registration for the 2015 Vote and Election

6.04 Approve 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, #5/15, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee McGillicuddy

6.05 Abolish Position

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby abolishes the following position as of 6/30/15: part-time typist (18 hours a week)

6.06 Create position

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby creates the following position as of 7/1/15: .5 FTE English as a Second Language (ESL)

6.07 Approve training for Valerie Storey

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves Valerie Storey to

attend 12 hours of Mandatory training at the NYSSBA Headquarters in Latham, NY on May 29 & 30, 2015 at \$400 plus hotel and travel expenses.

7. Request for Information

7.01 The Board will request information

Trustee Schnell asked if the Red Dress Run raising money for outside organizations is legal

Trustee Davis asked for Master schedules of all building for next year to see science and social studies

Trustee Fletcher asked for more information on stipended coaches who leave school early for sports

- Numbers, time being spent out

Trustee McGillicuddy asked:

- What the retention process is and how it is communicated
- If the 5th grade was not allowed to visit the 4th grade Colonial Fair and if it is true, why?

Trustee Moor asked:

- Follow up on his RFI about the plan for Phoenicia class size configuration next year and the rational behind the plan
- Summer curriculum hours that is authorized for PBL and lesson planning
- Attorney hours consumed according to contract and last 2 years how many hours on a monthly basis

8. Canvass Votes

- 3rd most vote getter gets the short term appointment
 - Since that is Trustee Osmond, the Board will appoint a candidate to sit in the vacant seat for the last 6 weeks of the school year

8.01 Declaration of Votes Cast Proposition 1 (proposed 9:15)

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby accepts the votes cast for Proposition 1: 2015-2016 Budget: \$51,656,975 Yes 495 No 159

Motioned: Trustee Schnell

Seconded: Trustee McGillicuddy

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Moor, Trustee Davis, Trustee Schnell

Not Present: Trustee Osmond

8.02 Board Seats - Declaration of Votes Cast

Recommended Action: The Board hereby accepts the votes cast for the 3 Board Seats

Three Vacancies:

Two - 3 year terms - Effective July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018

One - 1 year, 6 week term effective May 19, 2015 to June 20, 2016

Declaration of Votes Cast*:

Bobbi (Barbara) Schnell: 491

Laurie Osmond: 348

Valerie Storey: 410

* Statement of the Chair has the accurate numbers

Motioned: Trustee McGillicuddy

Seconded: Trustee Kurnit

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Moor, Trustee Davis, Trustee Schnell

Not Present: Trustee Osmond

8.03 Oath of Office for New Board Member

The District Clerk will swear in a new Board member to fill the seat vacated by Tom Hickey

- Consensus to appoint Trustee Schnell
 - Top vote getter
 - Continuity
 - Knows current issues
- Voter turn out is very low - the entire county had low turnout
- Statewide- NYS School Board Association expected low turnout

9. Adjournment

9.01 Adjourn Meeting. Next meeting Tuesday 6/2/14 at the Phoenicia School

Recommended Action: The meeting is adjourned at 9:55

Motioned: Trustee McGillicuddy

Seconded: Trustee Davis

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Moor, Trustee Davis, Trustee Schnell

Not Present: Trustee Osmond

Minutes Recorded By:
Fern Amster



Board of Education: Tony Fletcher, Rob Kurnit, Laurie Osmond, Ann McGillicuddy, Gideon Moor, Tanya Davis, Barbara Schnell