

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

REGULAR MEETING and COUNTY WIDE VOTE

MINUTES

6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2019

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 Roll Call

Present: Trustee Salem, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Shands, Trustee Ratcliff

Not Present: Trustee Warren

2. Welcome

2.01 HS Principal, Lance Edelman will welcome the Board (proposed 6:05 duration 10 min)

- Mr. Edelman asked the Choral Teacher and Vocal Coach for the play, Brittany Rondeau to report on the student play, "Sweeny Todd" to be on May 3-5th
 - Emily Peck and Justin Blydenburg performed a scene from the play for the Board
- Field Trips happening: Ulster County Law Enforcement Center, Physics Students to Six Flags for Physics Day, Spanish and Art Club going to NYC together to save money – going to different places and will meet up later
- Meet, Greet and Eat – fundraiser for Belleayre Bash
- Events are on their website calendar-
 - Guidance is hosting a Parent Night - topic is the College Admission Process with guests from a few colleges
 - Last few years open to only 11th grade, now to everyone
- After school homework help and regents prep schedules are available on the website
- June exams are on the calendar under student resources
 - Where possible, they minimized the number of exams any student has in one day

Now Present:

Trustee Warren arrived at 6:05

3. Executive Session

3.01 Enter executive session (proposed 6:15 duration 1 hour)

Recommended Action: Motion to enter into executive session to discuss the discipline of an employee and the raise for Confidential Managerial Staff and District Treasurer.

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee Shands

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Salem, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Shands, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Warren

3.02 Exit Executive Session and Return to Public Session (proposed 7:15 pm)

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

Motioned: Trustee Kurnit

Seconded: Trustee Ratcliff

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Salem, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Shands, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Warren

4. Acceptance of Minutes

4.01 Acceptance of Minutes (proposed 7:15)

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby accepts the minutes of the April 2, 2019 Board Meeting

Motioned: Trustee Ratcliff

Seconded: Trustee Storey

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Salem, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Shands, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Warren

5. Superintendent District News

5.01 The Superintendent will report District News (proposed 7:15)
7:25

- Thanks to everyone that came out to the various meetings to speak
 - You have been heard and the program changes have been removed
 - Not recommending any reduction in staffing for Social Studies
- Next week will be our Meet, Greet and Eat on April 29th from 5:30 – 7:30
 - Showcases our local restaurants and cafeteria food
- Thanks to students for providing a preview of the musical

6. Student Representative Report

6.01 Student Representative, Satch Sumner-Waldman will report to the Board

- Have a skeleton of the constitution of the Association of Student Government
 - Election process – Treasurer, Secretary, President, and Vice President must be seniors and will be the officers of the 6-12 Association of Student Government
 - Mandate 1 meeting per quarter with all students grades 6-12
 - May have to be a weekend or after school
 - Amendments need to be established
 - Is standing document until amended

7. Board District News

7.01 The Board will report District News (proposed 7:25)

Trustee Storey reported:

- Belleayre Bash fundraiser at 5 Guys Burgers and Fries brought in over \$230
 - Thanked public for their support for students
- Clarify an answer given by PPS Director Cindy Bishop from a meeting on Monday with Bennett parents

- 6th grade IEP says 40 min, 7th grade says 42 min

Trustee Shands reported Belleayre Bash fundraiser – local business owner said he would be willing to do something at his establishment

Trustee Kurnit reported on the Bennett Parent Meeting on Monday thanked the many staff and parents for their attendance and participation

Trustee Osmond reported

- School Board Trustee election
 - Trustee Shands will not be running
 - Trustee Salem will be running
 - Dafne DeJesus is running for the other empty Board seat
- Glad everyone has been heard and thanks to all that came out for the last meeting's Public Be Heard
 - How do we not go through this next year?

Trustee Salem asked the students to keep coming to speak to the Board on what they like and don't like at school

8. Acknowledge Public Be Heard Comments

8.01 The Board will acknowledge the public be heard comments from the last meeting Jenny Frank, Sophie Frank, Ella Williams, Lisa Phillips, Miriam Silver-Altman, Matt Ryan, Sara Lynch, Brittany Alexander, Dannah Chaifetz, Brian Powers, Lila Ressler, Sophia Roberts, Dafne DeJesus, Jody Driscoll, Sharon Lipovsky, Frida Flores, James Sofranko, Emily Salem, Natalie Horberg, Johanna Trimpoli, Izzy Helm, Julia Rose, Ben Johansen, Cecilia Maillet, Eva Donato, Liam McKeon, Mia Quick

9. Public and Student Comment

9.01 Public and Students may comment on any agenda or non-agenda item (proposed 7:30 duration 10 min or more)

Grace Hallinan – VP of Junior Class. Value of position of Philosophy teacher – a teacher that inspires students to love learning. HS system has made anxiety rise and disinterest in education. Give this teacher as many classes as he is willing to teach.

Melissa Thongs – on behalf of elementary staff– thanks to Superintendent Victoria McLaren, the Board of Education and PTA for maintaining the programs currently in place next year. In the future, include staff, parents and community in dialogue about future for the district

Danah Chaifetz – gratitude of making the students feel seen and heard

Lisa Phillips – Thank you for keeping the philosophy teacher – he makes the students feel that they have power in the world. This should be the beginning of a change in the education in Onteora

Bob Bloomer –Have a system to be able to verify how much time a person spent in the classroom so the accusations from parents that an administrator made a false statement about visiting classrooms doesn't happen again. If anything on an IEP is to be changed parents should have at least 90 days notice

Eva Donato – reiterate what everyone else is saying – thanks for listening to students – makes us feel heard

Natalie Horberg thank you so much for hearing us about the philosophy teacher

10. 2019-2020 Budget Discussion

10.01 2019-2020 Budget Presentation (proposed 7:40 duration 30 min)

7:50

Discussion:

- No presentation because it is the same as last time
- .4 teacher was never taken out of the budget, so no change to budget
- I-pads – repurposing I-pads from HS to kindergarten
 - Grades 1-6 are receiving Chromebooks, kindergarten teachers asked for I-pads
- Smart Schools Bond Act – bringing forward some plans in the next month – survey identified the first part of plan is to be security related
- High classified student rate causes the budget to be higher as well as
 - Transportation due to geography
 - Out of district programs
 - Active employees' and retirees' health insurance
 - Health insurance is in general expensive and by contract must give to retirees
 - Also when Medicaid eligible must reimburse and pay part of that as well
- What resources are being allocated to enhance the curriculum by creating a more robust civics education in 7-12 that engages and creates conversation about the world around us
 - Developing civics curriculum has not been a priority of teaching staff
- Columbia Teachers College program is very expensive, use that money to enhance curriculum
 - Won't be leaving Teachers College – too much invested in materials, curriculum and resources
 - Did extensive literacy coaching this year – got inconsistent results from schools on survey about coaching
- Don't have a strong vision statement and it was not done collaboratively
 - Look at make-up of Shared Decision Making Committee
 - Create a vision statement
 - Create a Long term plan
- 7th and 8th grade are barely getting mandatory requirements in the time they have now, let alone trying to add civics class
 - Interweave natural resources into curriculum

Recommended Action: Superintendent recommends Board of Education approval of the following Proposition: Proposition # 1 – 2019-2020 Budget:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Onteora Central School District Board of Education be and is hereby authorized to expend the sums set forth under the various headings which are voted upon in gross and not in detail in the total amount of \$57,403,498 (which includes \$20,000 to support public library) for the year commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, and the Board is authorized to levy and collect the necessary tax thereof on the taxable property of the District.

Motioned: Trustee Shands

Seconded: Trustee Storey

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Salem, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Shands, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Warren

11. Discussion & Possible Action**11.01 Ulster BOCES Budget Vote (proposed 8:20)**

Recommended Action: The Onteora Central School District Board of Education hereby approves the 2019-2020 Ulster County Board of Cooperative Educational Services Administrative Budget in the amount of \$6,254,483.00

Motioned: Trustee Osmond

Seconded: Trustee Ratcliff

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Salem, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Shands, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Warren

11.02 Ulster BOCES Election

Recommended Action: The Onteora Board of Education hereby casts their ballot for the following 3 candidates running unopposed for the Ulster County Board of Cooperative Services:

Barbara Carroll (New Paltz 3 year term) Gail Hutchins (Rondout 3 year term) David Thompson (At-Large seat 3 year term - from New Paltz)

Motioned: Trustee Ratcliff

Seconded: Trustee Shands

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Salem, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Storey, Trustee Shands, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Warren

Nay: Trustee Kurnit

11.03 Donations

Recommended Action: The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a donation totaling \$12.00 CASH, from The Hannaford Bags for my Cause Program, to be used to support the Middle School PBIS program. The Superintendent recommends approval to increase the 2018-2019 Budget line A2110.431.02 (Middle School Supplemental by \$12.00

The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a donation totaling \$2,000.00 CASH, from Imagine Onteora, LTD, to be used towards the sound system for the Athletic Field/Press Box Capital Project. The Superintendent recommends approval of \$2,000.00 from Imagine Onteora, LTD

The Superintendent recommends acceptance of a donation totaling \$250.00 CASH, from The Reis Group Insurance Company to support Health & Wellness specifically for the 2019 Onteora Senior Class Belleayre Bash. The Superintendent recommends approval of \$250.00 from The Reis Group

Motioned: Trustee Ratcliff

Seconded: Trustee Shands

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Salem, Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Shands, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Warren

11.04 Possible Building Utilization and Grade Configuration Study (proposed 8:25 duration 20 min)

8:20

- Shared Decision Making (SDM) committee interviewed consultants that might help guide us through creating a long term plan
 - SDM did not think any would work

- They want to shepherd the plan through the District
- Found 2017 Westmoreland School District study on Building Utilization and Grade Configuration
 - Completed to give unbiased options
 - Spoke to consultant and Superintendent of Westmoreland –was impressed with consultant
- Learned from last few weeks that there is never too much input
 - Need to tread carefully be sure people feel heard and give clear answers
- SDM and Board need to communicate through the process
- SDM need to go back to constituent group they represent to give information and get feedback

12. ** Break **

12.01 **The Board will take a break at 8:40

No Longer Present:

Trustee Salem left at 9:15

Trustee Osmond led the meeting

13. Policies

Motion to table policies

9:25

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee Shands

Result: Unanimous

Motioned: Trustee Osmond

Seconded: Trustee Ratcliff

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Shands, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Warren

Not Present: Trustee Salem

14. Independent Contract Retainers

14.01 Approve All Independent Contract Retainers (proposed 8:55)

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the Independent Contract Retainers in items 14.02-14.04

Motioned: Trustee Kurnit

Seconded: Trustee Ratcliff

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Shands, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Warren

Not Present: Trustee Salem

14.02 ICR - Neden

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 Terianne Neden for a Nutrition Residency from April 23, 2019 through April 25, 2019 at a rate of \$87.50 per hour, plus cost of food, handout and materials to a maximum of \$720.25, at Woodstock Elementary School and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

14.03 ICR - Rust

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 Mark Rust as an "Earth Day" Assembly Performer on April 30, 2019 a rate of \$500.00 per program to a maximum of \$500.00, at Phoenicia Elementary School and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

14.04 ICR - Schwartz

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 Jill Ann Schwartz as a Dance Educator for the period beginning April 22, 2019 to April 25, 2019 at a rate of \$1,500.00 per residency, to a maximum of \$1,500.00, the Woodstock Elementary School and authorizes the Superintendent to sign such an agreement.

15. Consent Agenda

15.01 Approve Consent Agenda (proposed 9:00)

Recommended Action: The Board hereby approves item numbers 15.02-15.14

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee Shands

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Shands, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Warren

Not Present: Trustee Salem

15.02 Personnel Agenda

SUBSTITUTE

NAME	POSITION	REMARKS
Weidner, Sandra	Certified Instructional	Effective 3/30/2019

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	RATE	REMARKS
Churchwell, Francis*	Custodial Worker	4/24/19-6/30/19	Step 1	
Blakely, Sabrina	Summer Nursing Hours	7/1/19-8/31/19	Hourly	Up to 80 Hours
Brower, Allison	Summer Nursing Hours	7/1/19-8/31/19	Hourly	Up to 32.5 Hours
Elmendorf, Suellen	Summer Nursing Hours	7/1/19-8/31/19	Hourly	Up to 40 Hours
Hansen, Karen	Summer Nursing Hours	7/1/19-8/31/19	Hourly	Up to 50 Hours
Kight, Heather	Summer Nursing Hours	7/1/19-8/31/19	Hourly	Up to 32.5 Hours

*pending pre-employment processing

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Keenan, Bryan	AIS/Chemistry (After School) 1	\$2,004.00
Rivera, Stephanie	AIS/Regents Prep (After School) 3	\$2,004.00

15.03 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, #4/19, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Storey

15.04 Juul Agreement

Recommended Action: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District accepts the terms stated in the Juul Agreement dated , between the District and Employee# 04242019 and, upon such terms, extends the probationary period through close of business September 17, 2020.

15.05 Approve Volunteer

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the following volunteer for Phoenicia: Annie VanKleek

15.06 Property Tax Report Card

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the Property Tax Report Card for the 2019-2020 school year.

15.07 2019 Board of Registration

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the Board of Registration for the 2019 Vote and Election

15.08 UC Board of Elections Polling Agreement

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the polling agreement between the Onteora Central School District and the Ulster County.

15.09 Surplus Books

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 library books from Phoenicia Elementary School as surplus and authorizes the sale and/or disposal of these books.

15.10 Stale Dated Checks

Recommended Action: As of April 24, 2019, the following stale dated checks will be written off.

Check #35025 Tax Overpayment, Payee: Michelle Kimmey, Amount \$29.15

Check #35000 Tax Overpayment, Payee: Ingrid Spinedi, Amount \$25.07

Check #34506 Cafeteria Acct, Payee: Cybele Nielsen, Amount \$12.20

Check #34497 Cafeteria Acct, Payee: Samantha Drechsler, Amount \$17.81

Check #33686 Award, Payee: Vaughn Seninde, Amount \$50.00

Check 33646 Award, Payee: Caleb Frank, Amount \$25.00

Check 33299 Vote Day, Payee: Ted Weidenbacher, Amount \$100.00

Check 33076 Accounts Payable, Payee: Columbia Beauty Products, Amount \$240.00

Check 32998 Tax Overpayment, Payee: Joao Oliveira & Robert Mauntner, Amount \$64.68

Check 32492 Mileage Reimbursement, Payee: Jackie Parisi, Amount \$12.31

15.11 ECA Reports

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the ECA 1st and 2nd quarter reports.

15.12 Warrants

Recommended Action: The Board of Education has reviewed and hereby accepts Warrant Schedule 8

15.13 Financial Report - Quarterly ending March 31st

Recommended Action: The Board of Education has reviewed and hereby accept the Financial Report for the quarter January - March 2019

15.14 Overnight Trip for Science of Survival

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the overnight trip on May 3-5, 2019 to the Ashokan Reservoir for the students of the Science of Survival course at no cost to the district.

16. Committee Reports - no committees met**17. New Business**

17.01 The Board will discuss New Business
No new business was discussed

18. Old Business

18.01 The Board will discuss Old Business
No old business was discussed

19. Request For Information

19.01 Discuss Requests for Information

Trustee Shands asked how people will vote on Budget Vote and Election Day

- Anyone can vote in any voting location utilizing Google Docs live time
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Trustee Kurnit asked more about English as a New Language coordinator stipend and who it is- will they go back to having ENL meetings?

- Will be posting the stipend position – will see who applies for it
- Help to create ENL program in Woodstock, put professional development together for 20-21 school year

20. Adjournment

20.01 Adjourn Meeting. Next meeting May 7, 2019 in the Woodstock School (proposed 9:10)

Recommended Action: The meeting is adjourned at 9:40

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee Shands

Result: Unanimous

Yea: Trustee Osmond, Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Storey, Trustee Shands, Trustee Ratcliff, Trustee Warren

Not Present: Trustee Salem

Minutes Recorded by Fern Amster,
District Clerk



Board of Education: Kevin Salem, Laurie Osmond, Valerie Storey, Lindsay Shands, Bennet Ratcliff, Rob Kurnit, Robert Burke Warren