

# ***ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT***

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

## ***MINUTES***

**REGULAR MEETING  
7:00 p.m.  
July 31, 2007  
Onteora Middle-High School**

**CALL TO ORDER** Trustee Bernholz called **REGULAR MEETING** to order at approximately 7:11 p.m.

### **TOBACCO POLICY STATEMENT**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENT** Trustees Mary Jane Bernholz, Cindy O'Connor, Rita Vanacore, Maxanne Resnick, Herb Rosenfeld, Michelle Friedel, Richard Wolff

**ALSO PRESENT** Superintendent of Schools, Leslie G. Ford; District Clerk, Jeanne Shultis; and approximately 18 visitors.

**NOT ALSO PRESENT** Assistant Superintendent, Deborah L. Fox; Assistant Superintendent, Victoria McLaren; Student Board Representative, Nicholas Alba;

Trustee Bernholz announced changes to Board agenda forma:

- The first Public Comment on future agendas will be dedicated to comments on items included in the meeting agenda, limited to 2 minutes per person for a total of 15 minutes.
- The second Public Comment on future agenda will be for "Open Microphone" comments from the public on any topic, limited to 2 minutes per person for a total of 15 minutes.
- Presentations will be made at one meeting and the vote, whenever possible, will be held at the next meeting.
- Beginning in September the first meeting of the month will be a workshop meeting and the second meeting of the month will be a business meeting.
- Requests for agenda items must be submitted by 2:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the Board meeting.

**ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES** Trustee Vanacore moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:  
**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District upon recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the minutes of the Reorganization/Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on July 10, 2007, are hereby accepted as submitted.  
 Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.  
 7 Yes 0 No  
**CARRIED**

**DISTRICT NEWS** Superintendent Ford reported that:

- Chris Kasprzyk and the football team did a great job fundraising and were able to purchase needed items such as a laminator for sports ID's, t-shirts, football shorts for summer work, video camera with tripod, DVD case, food bottled water and tubs for equipment.

- The Board had a very worthwhile Retreat this afternoon. In the next month, the Board will be setting Board Goals. A strategic planning process is under consideration.
- Trustee Friedel reported on the NYSSBA Conference for new school board members that she and Trustee Wolff attended earlier this month.

**STUDENT  
COMMENT**

No student comments were made at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT  
– Agenda Related  
Items (limited to a total  
of 15 minutes)**

- Sante Moesle spoke about busing students and ways to increase district enrollment
- Laurie Osmond spoke about planning for the future and the Forbes article ranking Ulster County schools.
- Peter Friedel spoke about the graduation podium still being on the football field and the lack of coaches so close to the beginning of the fall sports season.

Student Board Representative Nicholas Alba arrived at approximately 7:35 p.m.

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

Student Board Representative Nicholas Alba reported that students are enjoying their summer vacation and the Student Affairs Council welcomes the new Assistant Principal Mr. Edelman and the new Middle School Principal Mr. Schwartz.

Trustee Bernholz acknowledged correspondence recently received by the Board.

**DISCUSSION**

**FOREIGN  
LANGUAGE  
EXCHANGE  
PROGRAM**

The following proposal was discussed by the Board:

- Foreign Language exchange program with Germany in the fall of 2007 as proposed by Margit Kaindl-Richer:
  - 1) The 15 German students and 2 teachers would be at Onteora from October 14 until November 3, 2007. Our students would travel to Germany in July 2008.

**DISCUSSION AND  
POSSIBLE ACTION**

**MOTION NOT TO  
ENTERTAIN A  
VOTE ON THE  
LARGE PARCEL  
LEGISLATION**

Trustee O'Connor moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

- **BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District will not entertain a vote on the Large Parcel Legislation, thus sending a clear message to the New York State Legislature, the Ulster County Legislature and the Onteora Central School District that, we, the Trustees feel that this type of legislation fractures the cohesiveness of a school district and that no school district should be involved in political issues.

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.  
*Discussion.*

Trustee Resnick moved to table the Motion until the next Board meeting.

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

- 3 Yes – Trustees O'Connor, Resnick, Rosenfeld
  - 4 No – Trustees Bernholz, Vanacore, Friedel, Wolff
- DEFEATED**

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MAIN MOTION:

- 5 Yes – Trustees Bernholz, O'Connor, Vanacore, Friedel, Wolff
- 2 No – Trustees Rosenfeld, Resnick

**CARRIED**

**MOTION TO  
ACCEPT THE 2007-  
2010  
TECHNOLOGY  
PLAN**

Trustee Wolff moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District accept the 2007-2010 Technology Plan as presented at the July 10, 2007, Board of Education meeting.

Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.

*Discussion.*

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**MOTION TO  
CREATE  
INSTRUCTIONAL  
POSITION**

Trustee Friedel moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District upon recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the following position be created effective September 1, 2007:

**Instructional**

Special Education 1 FTE

Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**PERSONNEL**

**RESIGNATION(S):  
INSTRUCTIONAL**

Trustee Friedel moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATIONS:

NAME	POSITION/ SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Sellitti, Kathleen	Special Education Teacher HS	August 1, 2007	Personal

Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**APPOINTMENTS:  
INSTRUCTIONAL**

Trustee Friedel moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

**WHEREAS**, the following employees have been fingerprinted, the fingerprints have been submitted to the New York State Education Department (SED) for processing and the District has not received clearance for such employees as of the date of this meeting;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints the following instructional employees on an emergency conditional basis:

**PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT**

NAME	CERTIFICATION	TENURE AREA	PROBATIONARY DATES	SALARY STEP	REMARKS
*McLean, Kelly	Childhood Education (Grades 1-6)	Reading	9/1/07 – 8/31/10	1MA	Replaces F. Chaikin - retirement
*White, Kevin	School Social Worker	School Social Worker	9/1/07 – /31/10	10M	Replaces L. Mandano - retirement

\*pending completion of pre-employment processing.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that such emergency conditional appointments shall become conditional appointments upon receipt of State Clearance from SED.

**RECALL FROM PREFERRED ELIGIBLE LIST**

NAME	TENURE AREA	EFFECTIVE DATE	SALARY STEP	REMARKS
Schauman, Heather	Special Education	9/1/07	6M + 6	Resignation Replacement

**SHORT-TERM SUBSTITUTE**

NAME	CERTIFICATION	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	SALARY	REASON
Kelder, Tina	Pre-K, K-6	Elementary Teacher – BN	9/4/07 – 10/19/07	1MA	Replace D.Erlwein (Leave)

**EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS**

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT	REMARKS
Bruck, Mary Ann	Seventh Grade Trip Coord.	\$431	
Melvin Jr, William	Computer Advisor – MS	\$4,533	
Sears, Robin	District Health Coordinator 2 <sup>nd</sup> Longevity	\$200	

**WHEREAS**, the following employees have been fingerprinted, the fingerprints have been submitted to the New York State Education Department (SED) for processing and the District has not received clearance for such employees as of the date of this meeting;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board hereby appoints the following instructional employees on an emergency conditional basis:

**EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS**

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT	REMARKS
*Hannon, William	Athletic Director	\$11,848	Effective 8/1/07 Prorated \$10,860.67

\*pending completion of pre-employment processing.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that such emergency conditional appointments shall

become conditional appointments upon receipt of State Clearance from SED.

Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**TERMINATION(S):  
NON-  
INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Wenzel, Robert	District Treasurer	August 5, 2007	Termination

Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**LEAVE OF  
ABSENCE:  
NON-  
INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
#2403	7/3/07 – 7/27/07	Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave

Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

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**RESIGNATION:  
NON-  
INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Colletta, Nancy	Typist, HS Guidance	August 31, 2007	Retirement

Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**APPOINTMENTS:  
NON-  
INSTRUCTIONAL**

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

APPOINTMENT				
NAME	POSITION/ SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	SALARY	REMARKS
Kim, Monica	Internal Auditor	7/1/07- 7/3/07	\$15,000	Pro-rated
Ryder, Edward L.	Custodian – BN	8/1/07	Step 12	Replaces G. VanLeuvan
Kim, Monica	District Treasurer	8/5/07	\$60,000	Replaces R. Wenzel
Wenzel, Robert	District Treasurer	7/1/07- 8/5/07	\$56,750	Pro-rated

**TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT**

NAME	POSITION	FROM – TO	PAY RATE	REMARKS
Rushkoski, Sharon	Clerical (up to 40 hours)	7/1/07 – 8/10/07	\$9.50/hr	District Calendar

**TEMPORARY APPOINTMENTS**

NAME	POSITION/ SCHOOL	FROM - TO	PAY RATE
Benjamin, Roger	Summer Substitute School Bus Driver	7/17/07 – 8/10/07	On Step

Trustee O'Connor 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
Eiferd, Mae	Substitute Nurse (RN)
Elmendorf, Marissa	Substitute Custodial Worker - Summer
Hass, Barbara	Certified Substitute Teacher
Huben Jacobsen, Julia	Substitute Teaching Assistant
Krebsler, Lynn	Substitute Bus Attendant
LaFera, Nicholas	Track – Spring – Assistant
Marx, Ida	Substitute Teaching Assistant
Thompson, Sarah	Uncertified Substitute Teaching Assistant
Turner, Robert	Uncertified Substitute Teaching Assistant
Vos, Christine	Uncertified Substitute Teacher and Teaching Assistant

Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**INSTRUCTION**

**MOTION TO APPROVE  
CSE/CPSE  
RECOMMENDATIONS,  
SCHEDULE U, #07/07  
A-073107**

Trustee Friedel moved to approve the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations, Schedule U, #07/07 A-073107, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Bernholz. Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.

*Discussion.*

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS AND  
FINANCE**

**MOTION TO APPROVE  
AWARD OF TRUCK  
BID TO LATHAM FORD**

Trustee Friedel moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** upon recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the award of the bid for the

Ford F-550 Truck with Van Body to the lowest responsible bidder, Latham Ford for the amount of \$36,692.00 based on the bid documents of July 11, 2007.

Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**MOTION TO APPROVE  
THE AWARD OF BID  
FOR LETTERHEAD,  
ENVELOPES AND  
FORMS**

Trustee Friedel moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education approve the award of the bid for Letterhead, Envelopes and Forms to the lowest responsible bidder based on the bid documents of July 26, 2007 as listed below:

<b>Bid</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Letterhead	Tri – State Associated Services	\$ 735.00
Envelope	Empire Business Forms	\$ 898.00
Forms	Advanced Printing Company	\$ 6,406.50

Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS REPORTS**

Trustee Friedel moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** upon recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Ontario Central School District has reviewed and hereby approves the FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORT for July 2007

Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trustee O'Connor questioned the reasoning behind the decision on having only one designated newspaper. Discussion supported continuing a close relationship with all local newspapers, utilizing the designation merely to fulfill legal reporting obligations.

Trustee Bernholz announced the Committee designations for Board members for this year:

Audit Committee – Trustee Bernholz

Budget Committee – Trustee O'Connor

CDEP Committee – Trustee Friedel

Communications Committee – Trustee Bernholz

Early Childhood Committee – Trustee Vanacore

Facility Committee – Trustees Resnick and Wolff

Policy Committee – Trustees Vanacore and Wolff

Technology Committee – Trustees Resnick and Friedel

The chairperson of each committee will report to Trustee O'Connor after the meetings with the minutes so that they may be processed and placed on the District website.

Trustee Bernholz reported that Trustee Wolff requested that the Facilities Committee look into a Transportation aspect as a sub-committee when do ing future educational planning.

Trustee Vanacore referenced a letter from the Superintendent to the Town of Olive and requested that the District's legal counsel provide, in writing, the exact explanation, citing the educational law, to clarify the decision for the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Trustee Bernholz moved that the goal setting session be held at the August 28 Board meeting with a small consent agenda to finish business necessary for the start of the new school year, beginning at 6:00 p.m. rather than 7:00 p.m. Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**GOALS UPDATE**

Trustee Bernholz reported that new goals would be established at the August 28 Board meeting.

**BOARD MEMBERS  
REQUEST FOR  
INFORMATION**

Trustee Rosenfeld requested a discussion on the Forbes Magazine article.

Trustee Friedel requested regents scores and student achievement history information be provided for the goal setting session on August 28.

Trustee Wolff requested that Board meetings be started early so Board members would have time to see the building the meeting is being held in to comply with the annual inspection of buildings in District policy.

Trustee Bernholz requested that the Board be provided with the entrance plans for the new Director of Transportation and the new administrators.

**PUBLIC COMMENT –  
Open Microphone  
(limited to a total of 15  
minutes)**

No public comments were made at this time.

**MOTION TO ENTER  
INTO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

Trustee Friedel moved to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION at approximately 8:30 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 Rosenfeld moved to return to REGULAR SESSION at approximately 9:50 p.m.

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**PRESENT**

Trustees Mary Jane Bernholz, Cindy O'Connor, Rita Vanacore, Maxanne Resnick, Herb Rosenfeld, Michelle Friedel, Richard Wolff

**SALARY INCREASE -  
ADMINISTRATIVE**

Trustee Vanacore moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools that the salaries of the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and the Assistant Superintendent for Business be each increased by



**REGULAR MEETING**

July 31, 2007

Middle-High School

23

3.75% for the school year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Trustee Vanacore moved to adjourn at approximately 10:55 p.m.

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

Recorded by:  
Jeanne Shultis  
District Clerk

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