

# ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

## *MINUTES*

REGULAR MEETING  
Tuesday, February 14, 2006  
Woodstock Elementary School  
6:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER** Trustee Patterson called the **REGULAR MEETING** to order at approximately 6:02 p.m.

### TOBACCO POLICY STATEMENT

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

**PRESENT** Trustees Patterson, Vanacore, Flourney, Rosenfeld, D'Orazio, Bernholz, O'Connor

**ALSO PRESENT** Superintendent, Justine Winters; School Business Administrator, Victoria McLaren; and approximately 0 visitors

**NOT ALSO PRESENT** Assistant Superintendent, Deborah Fox; District Clerk, Jeanne Shultis

**MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION** Trustee Vanacore moved to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION at approximately 6:03 p.m. to discuss the employment history of a particular person.

Trustee Rosenfeld seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION** Trustee Patterson moved to return to REGULAR SESSION at approximately 7:10 p.m.

Trustee Flourney seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

Regular session called to order at approximately 7:13 p.m.

**PRESENT** Trustees Patterson, Vanacore, Flourney, Rosenfeld, D'Orazio, Bernholz, O'Connor

**ALSO PRESENT** Superintendent, Justine Winters; Assistant Superintendent, Deborah Fox; School Business Administrator, Victoria McLaren; District Clerk, Jeanne Shultis and approximately 22 visitors

### WELCOME TO WOODSTOCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Woodstock Elementary School Principal Bobbi Schnell introduced students who spoke about two successful and very popular programs:

- Book Clubs – volunteer clubs held during lunch and recess once a week. Teacher advisors are Joann Margolis, grade 6, Phyllis Evans, grade 5 and Hilary Partridge, grade 4. Students Sophie Finn, Grade 6,

Violet Lasdun, grade 5, and Isaac Gustafson, grade 4, described their club experiences.

- Peer Mediation – Ulster-Sullivan Mediation Services trained approximately 20 students last year from grades 4, 5 and 6. This year only the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders participate, but another training session is anticipated in the spring. Advisors are Joann Margolis and Deb Leshkevich. Students Jackie Valvo, Kelsey Hoffman, Adam Rejto, and Violet Lasdun, spoke about their experiences with the program. Peer Liam Kahn was also present.

**DISTRICT NEWS**

Superintendent Winters introduced Christine Downs who was listed on the agenda to be appointed to the position of School Lunch Manager.

Superintendent Winters announced that:

- Dr. Laurie Cassel, Bennett Elementary School Principal, has been selected by Ulster County BOCES to accompany them later in February on a SURR (School Under Registration Review) visit as the elementary principal from this region. She will accompany Marty Ruglis, Ulster County Superintendent, and Anthony Amodeo, Deputy Superintendent, to a school in Buffalo, which has been identified as having significant recurring problems with their State test scores. When that occurs, the Commissioner of Education sends a SURR team in to analyze the problems and offer suggestions for improvement. Upon her return from Buffalo, Dr. Cassel has said that she will be glad to share the insight that she gains during the SURR visit with our staff here.
- Friday, February 17, 2006, will be a half-day staff development. Samples of the first run of the brochures were provided for Board members. Deborah Fox was commended for all the hard work she, her staff, and Brigid Shultis put in to schedule all the workshops and put it all together. If the weather is not cooperative on Friday and there should be a two-hour delay, the staff development will be canceled and students will be coming in for a full day of school.
- The District newsletter that Deborah Fox's office has worked hard on and many have contributed fine articles to, is being mailed today. All taxpayers and everyone in the District should receive it by the end of the week.

Trustee Patterson read a letter that was e-mailed by a parent who had complained at a Board meeting a year ago about some issues in the math department and now he has written a very complimentary letter commending Mrs. Burkhardt for her extraordinary efforts to help students which resulted in improved achievement for his child through her high standards, teaching professionalism and devotion to students. Trustee Patterson commended Mrs. Burkhardt on behalf of the Board for her hard work.

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**REPORT FROM 2005-  
2006 STUDENT  
BOARD  
REPRESENTATIVE**

Student Representative Louis Jargow reported that:

- The original idea for the Senior Class Trip was an overnight trip to Virginia, which was very complicated and did not have enough support. That has been changed to a day trip to Six Flags New England.
- The Forum is scheduled for March 31<sup>st</sup>. The first hour of the day will be on the "Future of Ulster County". The intent is to get speakers like Dean Gitter, Maurice Hinchey, County Legislators, State Representatives, etc. or at least letters from them or representatives from their offices to talk about their vision of what Ulster County will be. Ideas to be discussed are the expansion of Ulster County, building up Kingston and the Town of Ulster, the idea of keeping Ulster County wild, or turning it into a suburb or bringing in other industries such as high end science nano-technology kind of development, film industry, etc. Speakers, questions, students' speeches on their viewpoint or argument are included in the plans.
- Also being planned is a Field Day on May 25<sup>th</sup> starting at lunch with a picnic outside then games, class activities and sports on the last day before Memorial Day weekend.

**STUDENT COMMENT**

There were no student comments at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jean Rose, resident, taxpayer, and director of plays at the High School, expressed her concerns about the condition of the High School stage equipment and the auditorium.

**REPORTS/  
PRESENTATIONS**

- Audit Committee Report – Trustees Bernholz had nothing new to report at this time.
- Communications Committee – Trustee Patterson had nothing new to report. At a future Board meeting, a discussion on how we can better communicate at both the Board and District levels will take place.
- Facilities Committee – Trustee Flournoy had nothing new to report. The next meeting is scheduled for February 21, 2006, at 4:30 p.m.
- Future of the District Commission – Nothing new was reported. Next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at Bennett School.
- Policy Committee – Nothing new was reported.
- Technology Committee – Nothing new was reported. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2006, at 3:45 p.m. in the District Conference Room.

- BUDGET PRESENTATIONS – Victoria McLaren
  - BOCES
    - BOCES Services in General Support Category
    - General Support
    - BOCES Services in Instructional Category
    - Instructional Support
    - Total BOCES Budget
  - TRANSPORTATION
    - Current Staffing
    - Current Year Bus Runs
    - Vehicle Inventory
    - District Owned Vehicles
    - Proposed Vehicle Purchase 2006-2007
    - Proposed Equipment Purchase 2006-2007
    - Line Item Expenditures Pupil Transportation
    - Line Item Expenditures Garage Building
    - Summary Budget

**DISCUSSION AND  
POSSIBLE ACTION**

Trustee Rosenfeld 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 following Foreign Language exchange program with Germany in 2006 as proposed by Margit Kaindl-Richer:

- 1) The 15 German students and 2 teachers would be at Onteora from March 27 until April 15, 2006. This includes 9 school days and the spring break.
- 2) Our students would travel to Germany after graduation from Monday, June 26 until July 17, 2006.

All funds are raised by the students.

The overnight chaperone stipends and transportation allotments were budgeted for in the 2005-2006 budget.

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.

*Discussion.*

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**PERSONNEL**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

**NON-  
INSTRUCTIONAL  
SCHEDULE QQ  
#02/06**

Trustee Vanacore 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 following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

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NAME	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON	POSITION	REMARKS
Downs, Christine	2/15/06 – 8/31/06	Unpaid Leave of Absence	Cook - HS	To accept provisional appointment as School Lunch Manager

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED****PERSONNEL****LEAVE OF ABSENCE:  
INSTRUCTIONAL  
SCHEDULE Q #02/06**

Trustee Patterson 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 following INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

NAME	EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON	CURRENT POSITION
Haverly, Michelle	#2574	9/1/06 – 6/30/07	Educational Leave – Unpaid	Special Education Teacher – HS & ASPIE

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED****APPOINTMENTS:  
INSTRUCTIONAL  
SCHEDULE N #02/06**

Trustee Patterson 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 following:

**PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT  
PART-TIME APPOINTMENT  
PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE  
EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS**

**PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT**

NAME	POSITION/ SCHOOL	FROM – TO	TENURE DATE	STEP	REMARKS
Cattabiani, Catherine	Teaching Assistant – ASPIE	2/1/06 – 6/4/07	6/5/07	3	Recalled from PEL – Status changed from Long-Term Substitute

**PART-TIME APPOINTMENT**

NAME	POSITION/ SCHOOL	FROM – TO	STEP	REMARKS
Hunter, Adelia	0.6 French Teacher – HS	2/1/06 – 6/30/06	4B+0	Indie & ASPIE Programs

**PER DIEM SUBSTITUTE**

NAME	CERTIFICATION	SALARY
Thomas, Kylene	Certified Substitute Teacher	\$95/day

**EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS**

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Fisher, Jeffrey	SAT Prep (After School) – Math	\$1,611
Silander, Myra	Sophomore Class Advisor	\$708

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**RESIGNATIONS:**  
**INSTRUCTIONAL**  
**SCHEDULE O #02/06**

Trustee Patterson 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 following INSTRUCTIONAL RESIGNATIONS:

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Haggerty, Michael	Skiing – Varsity – Head Coach (Boys)	February 1, 2006	Personal

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**  
**NON-**  
**INSTRUCTIONAL**  
**SCHEDULE QQ**  
**#02/06**

Trustee Patterson 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 following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON
#2810	2/3/06 – 4/28/06 (Friday only)	Medical – Paid; Family Medical Leave

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**APPOINTMENTS:  
NON-  
INSTRUCTIONAL  
SCHEDULE NN  
#02/06**

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:  
**BE IT HEREBY** RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Ontario Central School District hereby approve the following NON-INSTRUCTIONAL:

**PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT  
PART-TIME APPOINTMENTS**

**PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT**

NAME	POSITION/ SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	SALARY	REMARKS
Downs, Christine	School Lunch Manager	2/15/06	\$45,000	Replace G. Ecklund (retirement) Pending Exam

**PART-TIME APPOINTMENTS**

NAME	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE	STEP	REMARKS
*Curtis, Leslie	Part-Time Bus Attendant (School Monitor Bus)	2/15/06	1	Replace C. Berryann (resigned)
*DeWitt, Gloria	Part-Time Bus Attendant (School Monitor Bus)	2/15/06	1	Replace C. Berryann (resigned)
*Rossman, Dana	Part-Time Bus Attendant (School Monitor Bus)	2/15/06	1	Replace J. Guglielmetti (resigned)
Short, James	Part-Time Bus Attendant (School Monitor Bus)	2/15/06	1	Replace N. Heagle (resigned)

\*Pending completion of pre-employment processing

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**INSTRUCTION**

**MOTION TO  
APPROVE THE  
CSE/CPSE  
RECOMMENDATIONS  
SCHEDULE U, #02/06  
A-021406**

Trustee Patterson moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:  
**BE IT HEREBY** RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Ontario Central School District hereby approve the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations, Schedule U, #02/06 A-021406, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Flournoy.

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was introduced at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS** No old business was discussed at this time.

**BOARD MEMBERS  
REQUEST FOR  
INFORMATION**

Trustee Vanacore requested that the corporations such as architects and others submitting proposals or reports send them on disk instead of paper. Trustee Patterson concurred. Trustee D'Orazio expressed concerns.

Trustee O'Connor requested that the architects add Plan C to their research as well as Plan A since it appears to be somewhat more feasible from a cost perspective.

Trustee Rosenfeld requested information on how the final decision will be made as to which plan will be pursued and suggested that teachers and the leadership team be invited to speak on the educational soundness of the final choice.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Angie Singer asked why there is not a plan for 2 elementary schools and a grade 6-8 middle school. Superintendent Winters responded that that is included in Plan E.

**MOTION TO ENTER  
INTO EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

Trustee Bernholz moved to enter into EXECUTIVE SESSION at approximately 8:27 p.m. to discuss matters leading to the employment of particular person(s) and contract negotiations.

Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.

7 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

Trustee D'Orazio left at approximately 9:32 p.m.

**MOTION TO RETURN  
TO REGULAR  
SESSION**

Trustee Flournoy moved to return to REGULAR SESSION at approximately 9:50 p.m.

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Trustee Bernholz moved to adjourn at approximately 9:58 p.m.

Trustee Patterson seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

Recorded by:  
Justine C. Winters  
Clerk Pro Tem

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Recorded by:  
Jeanne Shultis  
District Clerk

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