

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2011

Middle School/High School

MINUTES

1. Opening Items

Information: 1.01 Call to Order 6:00

Trustee McGillicuddy called the meeting to order at approximately 6:10

Information: 1.02 Tobacco Policy Statement

Information: 1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

Information: 1.04 Roll Call

Trustee McKeon, Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit

2. Acceptance of Minutes

Action, Minutes: 2.01 The Board of Education accepts minutes of 3/22/11 (proposed 6:05 duration 5 min)

Motion: The Board of Education hereby accepts the minutes of 3/22/11

Motion by Trustee McGillicuddy, second by Trustee Osmond.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Trustee McKeon, Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Hickey, Trustee Kurnit

3. Welcome Address

Information: 3.01 High School Principal Lance Edelman will welcome the Board (proposed 6:10 duration 15 min)

Assistant Principal Jessica Robertson announced:

- Monday, April 4th the German partner students from the GAP program arrived with 2 teachers and will stay until 4/22/11:
- There will be a dance on 4/15/11 to welcome them
- Visit the website for all upcoming events

Teachers Lynn Batista and Shelly Hamilton presented the awards to the winners of the Creative Expression contest - winners receive a \$25 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble

- Courtney Van Leuvan
- Sophia Corwin
- Ariana Chaves
- Autumn Carter
- James Temple

Friday, April 18, 2010 the school is participating in the 16th annual Day of Silence. Students can take a vow silence or have a speaking role to show support

Social Worker Dimintri Hernandez gave an overview of the High School's Suicide Prevention Training for teachers to give the framework of what the procedure is in the buildings

4. Superintendent's Budget Presentation

Action, Information: 4.01 The Superintendent will present the Budget Recommendations for 2011-2012, for adoption (proposed 6:25 duration 1 hour)

6:30

Superintendent Phyllis McGill presented the Recommended Budget

- Graduation rate of 80% needs to be improved
- Student enrollment
 - Not as many kindergarteners coming in as 12th graders graduating
 - Decrease in enrollment equals decrease in number of teachers needed
 - "Last In, First Out" Labor Law decides that the last hired teachers are first to be excessed
- Maintain programs to meet students' needs while staying within the income of the district
- Onteora in tax rate is lower than other districts in county
- The \$300,000 recovered from the State Aid loss restored:
 - 1 elementary teacher to address class size
 - 3 Elementary Rec stipends for all elementary schools
 - Monday/Friday late bus runs (5:15)
- If budget is defeated, only the equipment line will be removed and the budget will be below the allowable contingency level
- Actual levy is set after books are audited and closed in August
- Capital Reserve Fund proposition
 - Hold any financial savings gained from energy saving measures
 - Work on repairs from the 5 year plan being created from the Building Condition Survey

"Last In, First Out" law was discussed

- Lay offs using this law just takes out the last hired teachers, rather than based on merit
- Laid off teachers, teaching assistants and administrators stay on a call back list for 7 years
- Community needs to be in touch with legislature to change this law

Trustee Fletcher asked how we can maintain the after school programs without spending the stipends

- Mr. Edelman is looking into the Esposuppose literary journal and the Poetry Slam
- Will be discussed during Onteora Teachers Association contract negotiations

Discussion about the union working with administration on ideas to help the district with lost state aid and the Board's compassion for the staff and families which will have lost income

Resolution: Superintendent recommends Board of Education approval of the following Proposition: Proposition # 1 – 2011-2012 Budget

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ontario 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 \$50,541,121 (which includes \$20,000 to support public library) for the year commencing July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012, and the Board is authorized to levy and collect the necessary tax thereof on the taxable property of the District.

Motion by Trustee McGillicuddy, second by Trustee Osmond.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Trustee McKeon, Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit

5. Public/Student Comment

Information: 5.01 The public or students may comment on the budget (proposed 7:25 duration 20 min or more)

7:30

Interim Woodstock Principal Jack Jordan- thanked the board for the opportunity to work at the Woodstock Elementary School

6. Board District News

Information: 6.01 Trustees Fletcher and Kurnit will report on the Educational Forum they attended, the New Paltz Board structure and New Paltz Budget presentation and comparisons (proposed 7:45 duration 15 min)

7:35

Trustee Kurnit reported that he and Trustee Fletcher attended a forum on 3/24/10 at New Paltz High School where there was a panel of 3 people - Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, Frank Mauro from the Fiscal Policy Institute and Gerald Benjamin from the Center for Research, Regional Education

- Assemblyman Cahill has a bill in Albany "Equity in Education Act"
- Frank Morro promotes property tax reform
- Gerald Benjamin - property tax is resource to help maintain local control

Trustee Fletcher reported

- the forum was partially sponsored by the New Paltz Board Legislative Action Committee
- observations from watching New Paltz Board of Education
 - policy readings are considered passed on the first reading, unless invoking a 2 meeting rule
 - Board voted on changes to the agenda in the beginning of the meeting
 - Board president read the motion and asked for first and second
 - Did not use Board Docs
 - Agenda
 - Includes policy changes highlighted
 - CSE ID numbers were included

- Board president reported on going to a conference in Denver with teachers and Superintendent
 - Good communication builds trust that leads to collaboration
- New Paltz has a senior citizen tax exceptions
 - Assistant Superintendent McLaren confirmed that Onteora Central School District has same exceptions
 - Talk about this during the Budget forums around the region

Information: 6.02 The Board will announce district news (proposed 8:00 duration 5 min)

Trustee Kurnit reported that the MS Science fair was very enjoyable

Trustee McGillicuddy reported:

- The tour of West Hurley with Trustee Kurnit, Trustee Fletcher, Director of Facilities Jared Mance and Superintendent Phyllis McGill
 - Need to clean out the building
- attended 2 wonderful events - the Colonial Fair and the Quiz Bowl
- Participated in a State Budget Analysis Webinar
 - learned of the growing disparity between wealthy and poor districts in New York State
 - parents and educators can contact our legislators
 - Board represents same constituents they do
- Discuss forming a Legislative Committee
- Board members should attend the Rural School Summit in May by NYSSBA
- Thursday, 4/7/11 is Ulster County School Board Association annual dinner

7. Superintendent District News

Information: 7.01 The Superintendent will announce District News (proposed 8:10 duration 5 min)

7:55

Superintendent Phyllis McGill reported

- Middle School Science Fair
 - Impressed with the level of projects and knowledge of the students
 - Welcome to the 25 students from Germany
 - 11th grader Sophie Strand will be awarded gold medal for poetry at Carnegie Hall
 - The district will be participating in a credit recovery program for students at risk for not graduating to be able to graduate this summer
 - 2 faculty members will have training
 - Article in Woodstock Times about rebirth of Athletics and benefit of having a full time Athletic Director – Onteora students, staff and Athletic Director mentioned

Assistant Superintendent O'Brien reported

- Teachers in grades 3-6 will train in test preparation
- Students are publishing digital books

8. Student Representative Report

Information: 8.01 Student Representative Angie Cross will report (proposed 8:15 duration 5 min)

8:05

Student Representative Angie Cross reported

- German exchange students
 - Dance on April 15th
- SAC picked T- shirt design winner
 - T-shirts will be sold to students for fund raiser
- Green Committee meeting after school on 4/6/11

9. 5 Minute Break

8:10

Break was taken

10. Acknowledge the last Public Be Heard

Information: 10.01 Board President Trustee McGillicuddy will acknowledge those who spoke at the last meeting's Public Be Heard (proposed 8:20 duration 5 min)

8:25

Trustee McGillicuddy acknowledged those who spoke at the last meeting

11. Public/Student Comment

Information: 11.01 The public and students may comment on any budgetary or non budgetary item (proposed 8:25 duration 10 min)

No public comment was made

12. Discussion

Discussion: 12.01 Tour of West Hurley Facilities (proposed 8:35 duration 10 min)

8:25

Superintendent Phyllis McGill reported:

- Buildings have been maintained
- Discuss what the district will do with the West Hurley property

Discussion ensued

Set up a tour of the property for the Board

Discuss setting up a committee with the community at the next Board meeting

- Set up a sub-committee of the Facilities committee
- Look into low-impact business use of land

13. Discussion and Possible Action

Action, Discussion: 13.01 Second reading and adoption of revised Policy 1310 Powers and Duties of the Board (proposed 8:45 duration 5 min)

8:50

Motion: The Board of Education hereby adopts Policy 1310 Powers and Duties of the Board as written

Motion by Trustee McGillicuddy, second by Trustee Fletcher.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Trustee McKeon, Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit

Action, Discussion: 13.02 Legal Retainer for 2011-2012 (proposed 8:50 duration 5 min)

9:55

The Board of Education hereby approves the legal services retainer for 2011-2012 school year for 275 hours at \$48,000

Motion by Trustee McGillicuddy, second by Trustee Osmond.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Trustee McKeon, Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit

Action, Discussion: 13.03 It is hereby agreed by and between the Onteora Central School District and the Onteora Administrators Association and Ms. Jessica Robertson to accept the MOA attached.(proposed 8:55 duration 5 min)

This item is moved to the next meeting for logistical reasons

Action, Discussion: 13.04 Proposition on the ballot for a capital reserve fund (proposed 9:00 duration 10 min)

9:00

Discussion ensued

- This is a dedicated savings account to help repair our buildings. Requires voter approval to remove funds
- Board approves as funds are deposited
- Be sure to explain it in simple, clear language to community. Communicate that this is mandatory legal language

Resolution: BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District submit the following proposition to be included on the ballot for the creation of a capital reserve fund at the Annual Meeting and Election, to be held on May 17, 2011:

Shall the Onteora Central School District Board of Education be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund in the ultimate amount of \$5 million, pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law, for the following objects and purposes: renovate buildings with energy saving measures and improvements that are identified in the District's building condition survey, which amount shall be raised from the savings from energy bills due to energy saving measures and unexpended and unencumbered funds levied upon and collected from the taxable parcels of property situate, lying and being in the District over a probable term not to exceed five years?

Motion by Trustee McGillicuddy, second by Trustee McKeon.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Trustee McKeon, Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit

14. Consent Agenda

Action (Consent): 14.01 Approve consent agenda item numbers 14.02 - 14.04 (proposed 9:10 duration 5 min)

Approve consent agenda item numbers 14.02-14.04

Motion by Trustee McGillicuddy, second by Trustee Spencer.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Trustee McKeon, Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit

Action (Consent): 14.02 Personnel Agenda

SALARY CHANGES: INSTRUCTIONAL

SCHEDULE T 04/11

The Superintendent of Schools hereby recommends the APPROVAL of the following SALARY CHANGE (INSTRUCTIONAL), as the result of **EDUCATIONAL INCREMENT**, effective **February 1, 2011**.

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	CURRENT STEP (SALARY)	REC'D STEP/SALARY
Wolf from, Jane	Elementary – PH	16M+30 (\$88,031)	16M+36 (\$88,799)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE: ADMINISTRATIVE

EMPLOYEE NUMBER EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO REASON

#2285 3/9/11 – 3/25/11 *amended date Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave

RESIGNATION(S): INSTRUCTIONAL

NAME POSITION EFFECTIVE DATE REMARKS
DiBartolo, Anthony Technology 5/5/11 Personal

APPOINTMENTS: INSTRUCTIONAL

EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Bucher, Donald	AIS/Earth Science (after school)	\$1,840
Cohen, Wendy	AIS/Regents Prep (after school) 2 (split)	\$920
Connolly, Brian	AIS/Instructor (After School) 1	\$1,840
Cook, Debra	AIS/Living Environment (after school) (split)	\$920
Knoche, Stephen	AIS/Instructor (After School) 2	\$1,840
Rosato, Phyllis	AIS/Regents Prep (after school) 3	\$1,840
Thompson, Carolyn	AIS/Chemistry (after school) 1	\$1,840
Via, M. Scott	AIS/Living Environment (after school) (split)	\$920
Whitlow, Edward	AIS/Regents Prep (after school) 2 (split)	\$920

PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Cangemi, Steven	Uncertified Substitute Teacher	\$80/day
Halwick, Kathleen	Certified Substitute Teacher	\$95/day
Hunter, Adelia	Certified Substitute Teacher	\$95/day
Klementis, Jennifer	Certified Substitute Teacher	\$95/day
Northland, Aurora	Certified Substitute Teacher	\$95/day
Thomas, Christopher	Uncertified Substitute Teacher	\$80/day
Tomlinson, Christmas	Certified Substitute Teaching Assistant	\$10/hr

RESIGNATION(S): NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Harkin, Karen	PT School Monitor – 2-hr/day	3/28/11	Personal

APPOINTMENTS: NON-INSTRUCTIONAL

PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENT

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	PROBATIONARY PERIOD	SALARY/STEP	REMARKS
Guendel, Carl	Custodial Worker - Itinerant	4/11/11 – 10/11/11	Step 1	Replaces – S.VanLeuvan

Action (Consent): 14.03 Instruction - Schedule U-The Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations
Approve consent agenda item numbers 14.02-14.04

Motion: 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, #4/11, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Fletcher

Action (Consent): 14.04 Financial Mgmt Report - February 2011

Motion: The Board hereby approves the Financial Management Report for February 2011

15. Committee Reports -5 min each

Information: 15.01 Audit Committee - Trustee Spencer to report. Next meeting is at 4:30 in the Central Administration Conference Room on 5/2/11 (proposed 9:15)

9:25

Trustee Spencer reported:

- Internal Auditor Risk Assessment report
 - Looking at format of presentation of information and possibly distributing it to the Board
- Asked Internal Auditor to look into how they are proceeding with contracts

Information: 15.02 Facilities Committee - Trustee Kurnit to report. Next meeting is at 3:30 in the Central Administration Conference room on TBD

Trustee Kurnit reported:

- Director of Facilities gave a general report on the Central Hudson lighting program.
 - Alliance Energy performs the work

- No funds from district
- \$221,000 worth of lighting changes, yield \$6,500 a month from energy savings
- Differs from Performance Energy Contract:
 - No outdoor lighting
 - No upgrade in past renovations to the Bennett school addition
 - Phoenicia is not included because it is out of the Central Hudson territory
- discussed Performance Contract and how Central Hudson will effect them
 - Amaresco contacted and will revise their proposal
 - Con Ed still wants to meet
 - Coming to 4/11/11 meeting
- Mosaic Associates will come to 5/9/11 meeting to begin planning process for Building Condition Survey
- Underground fuel storage tanks in High Schools need to be addressed
- The High School is now on the Boiceville septic plant so the district is no longer using the septic field
 - As part of earlier contract will dig up field and remove all elements and return it to natural ground
 - Once completed, use to increase parking and safety of entering and exiting

Information: 15.03 Green Committee - Trustee Osmond to report. Next meeting is at 2:40 in the HS Conference room on 4/6/11

Trustee Osmond reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting

Information: 15.04 Policy Committee - Trustee McGillicuddy to report. Next meeting is in the Central Administration Conference room at 9:30 on TBD

Trustee McGillicuddy reported that reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting

Information: 15.05 District Committee: Health and Wellness Committee - Assistant Superintendent O'Brien to report. Next meeting is 2:45 pm in the Health Room of the High School on 4/14/11

Assistant Superintendent O'Brien reported that the main focus of the meeting was looking at what the focus will be for future

Trustee Fletcher reported that he had a tour of the new Weight room

- Is now used everyday by non-athletic students

Discussion: 15.06 District Committee: Technology - Superintendent McGill to report. Next meeting is 4:00 pm in Room 121 of the H.S. on 4/25/11

Superintendent Phyllis McGill reported that the committee has not met since the last Board meeting

16. Old Business

Discussion: 16.01 The Board will discuss a student Board meeting in April and topics to be covered (proposed 9:45 duration 10 min)

9:40

Get a quorum of Board Members for May 3, 2011 for one hour for the Student Board meeting

Talk to High School Principal Lance Edelman to see how to get the maximum number of students present

Discussion: 16.02 The Board will discuss old business (proposed 9:55 duration 5 min)

9:45

Motion: Motion to rescind the co-presidents of the Board

Motion by Trustee McGillicuddy, second by Trustee Osmond.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Trustee McKeon, Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit

Trustee Kurnit asked about students on the Autism spectrum being brought back to the district

Trustee Kurnit asked about the GED program being brought back to the district

17. New Business

Discussion: 17.01 The Board will discuss New Business (proposed 10:00 duration 10 min)

9:55

Trustee Fletcher asked about Board members attend the Rural Schools Conference 7/10/11 -7/12/11 in Cooperstown

Trustee Fletcher asked about letters to paper from President of the Board

Discuss at next Board meeting about creating a Legislative Advisory Committee

18. Request For Information

Discussion: 18.01 The Board will request information (proposed 10:10 duration 10 min)

10:00

Trustee Spencer asked about the form created for the facilities tours. Asked the Board look at it and be sure it covers what is needed

Trustee McGillicuddy asked about a report on the Visions 21 program

19. Public Comment

Information: 19.01 The public will comment on any agenda or non-agenda item (proposed 10:20 duration 10 min)

No public comment was made

20. Adjournment

Action: 20.01 Adjourn Meeting. Next meeting WED, 4/27/11 at the Middle School/High School (proposed 10:30)

Motion: The meeting is adjourned at 10:00

Motion by Trustee McGillicuddy, second by Trustee Osmond.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Trustee McKeon, Trustee Osmond, Trustee McGillicuddy, Trustee Fletcher, Trustee Spencer, Trustee Kurnit

2010– 2011 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

***NOTE: snow dates**

July 6, 2010	Reorganization/Regular Meeting	Middle-High School	6:00 p.m.
August 3, 2010	Regular Meeting	Middle-High School	6:00 p.m.
August 24, 2010	Regular Meeting	Middle-High School	6:00 p.m.
September 14, 2010	Regular Meeting	Woodstock School	6:00 p.m.
September 28, 2010	Regular Meeting	Bennett School	6:00 p.m.
October 12, 2010	Regular Meeting	Phoenicia School	6:00 p.m.
October 26, 2010	Regular Meeting	Woodstock School	6:00 p.m.
November 9, 2010*	Regular Meeting	Bennett School	6:00 p.m.
November 30, 2010	Regular Meeting	Phoenicia School	6:00 p.m.
December 14, 2011	Regular Meeting	Woodstock School	6:00 p.m.
January 11, 2011	Regular Meeting	Bennett School	6:00 p.m.
January 25, 2011	Regular Meeting	Phoenicia School	6:00 p.m.
February 8, 2011	Regular Meeting	Woodstock School	6:00 p.m.
February 22, 2011	Regular Meeting	Bennett School	6:00 p.m.
March 8, 2011	Regular Meeting	Phoenicia School	6:00 p.m.
	Regular Meeting		
	Superintendent's 2010-2011		
March 22, 2011	Budget Recommendation	Woodstock School	6:00 p.m.
	Regular Meeting		
April 5, 2011	2010-2011 Budget Adoption	Middle-High School	6:00 p.m.
April 27 , 2011	Regular Meeting AND	Middle-High School	6:00 p.m.
	<i>a countywide vote date for BOCES Board Seats and BOCES Administrative Budget</i>		
May 3, 2011	Regular Meeting and <i>Budget Hearing</i>	Middle-High School	6:00 p.m.
May 17, 2011	Budget Vote	All four (4) Elementary Schools	2:00 to 9:00 p.m.
May 17, 2011	Special Meeting (Declaration of Votes Cast)	Middle-High School	9:30 p.m.
June 7, 2011	Regular Meeting	Bennett School	6:00 p.m.
June 21, 2011	Regular Meeting	Phoenicia School	6:00 p.m.
July 5, 2011	Reorganization/Regular Meeting	Middle-High School	6:00 p.m.

* Meetings are held on Tuesdays @ 6:00 p.m. unless the meeting date is a **snow date**, the meeting will be held the **Thursday** of that week, except **November 9th**, snow date **Wednesday**