

# ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

## ***MINUTES***

**REGULAR MEETING  
6:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, December 12, 2006  
Woodstock Elementary School**

**CALL TO ORDER** Trustee D'Orazio called **REGULAR MEETING** to order at approximately 6:32 p.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PRESENT** Trustees D'Orazio, Bernholz, O'Connor, Vanacore, Resnick

**NOT PRESENT** Trustee Patterson, Rosenfeld

**ALSO PRESENT** Assistant Superintendent, Victoria McLaren; District Clerk, Jeanne Shultis; and approximately 1 visitor.

**NOT ALSO PRESENT** Superintendent, John G. Jordan; Assistant Superintendent, Deborah Fox; Student Board Representative, Frances Barlow

**MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION** Trustee Bernholz moved to enter into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at approximately 6:33 p.m. to discuss matters leading to the employment of a particular person and the employment history of a particular person or persons. Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.  
5 Yes 0 No  
**CARRIED**

Trustee Rosenfeld arrived at approximately 6:45 p.m.

**MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION** Trustee Bernholz moved to return to **REGULAR SESSION** at approximately 7:08 p.m. Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.  
6 Yes 0 No  
**CARRIED**

### **TOBACCO POLICY STATEMENT**

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

**NOT PRESENT** Trustee Patterson

**ALSO PRESENT** Assistant Superintendent, Deborah Fox; Assistant Superintendent, Victoria McLaren; Student Board Representative, Frances Barlow; District Clerk, Jeanne Shultis; and approximately 50 visitors.

**NOT ALSO PRESENT** Superintendent, John G. Jordan

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**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

Trustee Bernholz moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on November 28, 2006, are hereby approved as submitted. Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.

*Discussion. Trustee Bernholz requested that the minutes be corrected to reflect that the motion to adjourn was seconded by Trustee Resnick.*

6 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

Trustee D'Orazio requested a moment of silence for Joe Friedel and Kathy Sarkies who recently passed away.

**WELCOME TO  
WOODSTOCK  
ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL**

- Woodstock Elementary School Principal Bobbi Schnell introduced Woodstock Music teacher, Harvey Boyer, who directed the Woodstock Jazz Band as they performed Blue Monk, In the Mood, and Night Train for the pleasure of the Board and visitors.

Woodstock students who participated were:

- Kayla Kennedy
- Travis Freer
- Kelly Ambrosch
- Delaney Ryan
- Anna Weissman
- Sal D'Ottavio
- Nicholas Barthel
- Austin Weigel
- Noah Chun
- Isaac Gustafson
- Lauren Havens
- Bobby Volk
- Rio Morales
- Hunter Panek
- Kali Dossantos
- Kealy Viglielmo
- Sella Rega
- Molly Hyde
- Jimmy Martucci
- John Hagedorn
- Sequoia Sellinger

**DISTRICT NEWS**

Assistant Superintendent Deborah Fox announced that:

- The 22<sup>nd</sup> DECA Annual Toys for OCS Tots Telethon was a huge success. Despite rescheduling, most of the acts were able to come on December 8<sup>th</sup>. The fine music departments at Onteora provided the backbone of the telethon. Mrs. Cayea, Mrs. Paetow, Mr Murphy and Mrs. Blum all brought their groups. Over 150 students from the Onteora District will benefit from this event with toys, food, clothing and more. Special thanks went to Colleen MacDaniel and her nursing staff, Mrs. Burkhardt and Mrs. Rosato's Honor Society students for making this drive so successful. Also, special thanks went to the Woodstock Fire Department and Woodstock Police Benevolent Association for

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“adopting” Woodstock families and to all the staff members that “adopted” a family to buy gifts for.

- The Coats for Kids drive benefited 54 students.
- DECA hosted a Make A Difference Day drive for items of personal hygiene that were distributed to Family and other shelters.
- Nicole Holmquist, Life Skills teacher, received a \$700 grant for the “Senior Prom” Project from Mid-Hudson Service Learning Institute for Watershed and Environmental Studies “Learn and Serve America Program”.
- It is the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Athletic Director that we cancel Varsity Football for the 2007 season in order to continue the progress of rebuilding the program. This decision needed to be made by December 15<sup>th</sup> in order for the league to begin scheduling.
- The Middle School has been collecting non-perishable foods for a “Stuff the Bus” campaign. All homerooms are feverishly collecting food and we will literally stuff one of our own buses to deliver the food to Family of Woodstock. The whole school will participate in this exciting event.
- The Middle School has assemblies to introduce the new “Battle of the Books” program. Students will form teams of four and devise strategies to become experts on 18 books that have been pre-selected by the committee. The teams will then compete in jeopardy-like competitions until there are the final four. A nighttime competition will be held in the spring with PTSO, parents, teachers, etc. as the audience. Great prizes will be awarded.
- Special thanks to Christine Downs, our School Lunch Manager, for coordinating the Thanksgiving Luncheons at the elementary schools for our Senior Citizens on November 16 and for helping get food and trimmings donated.
- The Phoenicia PTA held a “New, Gently Used, Gently Worn Sale and Coat Giveaway” on Saturday, December 9. The proceeds of the sale will benefit the PTA’s Holiday Cheer Drive, which contributes locally to children and families in need in partnership with the Phoenicia staff’s Annual Enhanced Toys for Tots Drive and helps many Phoenicia families enjoy an extra special Holiday season.
- The Phoenicia Head Start children will be enjoying a Library Story Hour and Sing-a-Long at Phoenicia Elementary School complete with cookies and milk. Before they return to their classroom and “settle down for a long afternoon’s nap”, every child will get to select a new pair of mittens or a hat from the Mitten and Hat Tree.
- Last Friday, December 8, was our Staff Development Program on Cyber Security for Youths. Mark Hoops, Sr. Consumer Fraud Representative from the Attorney General’s office was the keynote speaker. Investigator Dan Bien from the New York State Troopers Cyber Security Unit, presented, as well as staff from Ulster BOCES Model Schools Program. The District PTA Council is considering hosting a parent information night on the topic later this year.
- The District newsletter was mailed last week and featured our nursing staff, among other excellent District programs and personnel.
- We have again received recognition from New York State Public Relations Association for our District newsletter.
- Holiday concerts are underway beginning Wednesday, December 13 at

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the High School for the Chorus and Orchestra, Thursday, December 14 at Woodstock, Monday, December 18 at Phoenicia, and Tuesday, December 19, at Bennett, and Wednesday, December 20 at the High School for the Band and Ensembles. The Middle School concerts will be held in January.

Trustee O'Connor shared the good news that the Kingston Area Football League has accepted Onteora into their league so that we are now able to field a tackle football team starting from ages 8-13. They will practice here in our area. They hope to have the program running by mid-August.

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

Student Representative Frances Barlow reported:

- On Friday, December 15, the senior class is hosting the seniors vs. staff volleyball game
- The National Honor Society is also raising money for Toys for Tots with Family of Woodstock to create boxes for teens.

**STUDENT COMMENT**

No student comments were made at this time.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Tobe Carey spoke about the new district master plan with regard to environmental and energy concerns.
- Meg Carey spoke about the capital improvement project and requested that a K-8 school configuration be explored as an option.

**REPORTS/ PRESENTATIONS**

- Audit Committee Report – Trustee Bernholz reported that the Committee met on December 5 and the Internal Auditor reported that the transition with the Claims Auditor and Internal Auditor is going well and there was a need for the establishment of procedures in our treasurer's office and throughout the District. The Internal Auditor is going to report back to us with a risk assessment matrix. The recommendation given to the Audit Committee is that the day-to-day activity has slowed down so that there is a need for a part-time person to alleviate the backlog. This would be a temporary position supported by the pay scale savings that exist in the change of the treasurer. Assistant Superintendent Victoria McLaren reported that the solution has been to provide a temporary clerical substitute a couple of days per week to assist with the office duties. Trustee Bernholz announced that the next meeting will be in early January.
- Communications Committee – Trustee O'Connor reported that during the last meeting Vicky Chessler, school paper coordinator spoke about her needs. She does not get much support in publishing the paper. We are looking into what can be used at school and if there is a budget for this and we want to determine if there is an interest among the English department teachers to bring back the journalism class to do the paper.
- Facilities Committee – Trustee D'Orazio attended the last meeting where they discussed the best way to use the Excel Aid funds for expanding our children's education and learning. There is over \$660,000 available if we meet certain criteria. The Committee will recommend to the Board that some things be done to spend this money. It still requires further approval. It will have no impact on

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taxes. Doing improvements and renovations to the High School auditorium which is a gathering place servicing the whole community. Also other facilities improvements in the District. Voters will be asked to approve a project using the Excel Aid funds. The Committee also worked on prioritizing facility needs. The next meeting will be early in January.

- Policy Committee – Trustee O'Connor reported that the next meeting will be on January 8.
- Technology Committee – Trustee Vanacore reported that the Committee met and went over projections for the next budget to carry forth replacement of computers. Technology infrastructure might also be part of the Excel Aid request. The next meeting will be on January 8 at 2:30 p.m.
- Early Childhood Committee – Trustee Vanacore reported that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 18, at 4:00 p.m.
- Wellness Committee Report on Life Skills and Life Sports – Robin Sears reported on the history of this committee and the effect of their recommendations from the nutrition committee that have all been implemented very successfully. A movie created by students showing the Wellness Committee's accomplishments was shown. The climbing wall shown was purchased through fund raising efforts of the Middle School. The sub-committee's new recommendations are:
  - 1) That a link to wellness projects/initiatives/information be provided on the District's web page
  - 2) That additional funding be budgeted for the District's food service program for the 2007-2008 school year
  - 3) That the number and frequency of after school, elementary recreation programs be increased
  - 4) That this sub-committee continue in its charge

## DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

### MOTION TO APPROVE 2007 ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION DOCUMENTS

Trustee D'Orazio 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 2007 Annual Meeting and Election documents, reviewed and approved by School Counsel Daniel Petigrow:

- Calendar for Annual Meeting and Election – May 15, 2007
- Legal Notice of Annual Public Hearing on the Budget, Annual Meeting, School District Election and Vote; and
- Budget Presentation Calendar for 2007-2008

Trustee O'Connor seconded the Motion.

*Discussion. Trustee O'Connor questioned the date for the last vote used to calculate the number of required signatures for petitions. It should be corrected to May 16, 2006, but the calculation figures are the correct ones.*

6 Yes    0 No

**CARRIED**

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**MOTION TO HAVE  
SUPERINTENDENT  
DRAFT LETTER TO  
TOWN OF OLIVE RE  
TRAFFIC LIGHT**

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 Superintendent Jordan draft a letter from the Board to the Town of Olive requesting their support for the installation of a traffic light in front of the High School on Route 28 in Boiceville by the New York State Department of Transportation.

Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.

6 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**MOTION TO HAVE  
SUPERINTENDENT  
DRAFT LETTER TO  
NYS DOT RE TRAFFIC  
LIGHT**

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 Superintendent Jordan draft a letter from the Board to the New York State Department of Transportation requesting the installation of a traffic light in front of the High School on Route 28 in Boiceville due to grave concerns for the safety of students and the community.

Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.

*Trustee O'Connor expressed a concern that the light be restricted for use only at dismissal times for buses, not for children crossing the street. The closed campus should not become an open campus. Trustee Resnick stated that Superintendent Jordan had previously suggested that he would request that the light could also be used for special events.*

6 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**MOTION TO  
APPROVE  
APPOINTMENT OF  
NEW  
SUPERINTENDENT  
OF SCHOOLS**

Trustee D'Orazio moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District that Dr. Leslie Goldring Ford be appointed Superintendent of Schools for a three-year period commencing on a date to be determined but, in any event, no later than February 12, 2007, pursuant to the terms of the agreement reached between the Board of the Onteora Central School District and Dr. Leslie Goldring Ford.

Trustee Vanacore seconded the Motion.

*Discussion. Trustee D'Orazio reported that while Trustee Patterson was called away on business and could not be present, he is in support of this Resolution.*

ROLL CALL VOTE:

5 Ayes – Trustees D'Orazio, Vanacore, O'Connor, Resnick, Rosenfeld

1 Nay – Trustee Bernholz

Absent – Trustee Patterson

**CARRIED**

Trustee Rosenfeld left at approximately 8:26 p.m.

**CREATION OF  
INSTRUCTIONAL  
POSITION**

Trustee D'Orazio 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 shall be created effective December 13, 2006:

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*Instructional*

1.0 FTE

Teaching Assistant

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.

*Discussion.*

5 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

- Clarification of Bond Process – This agenda item was tabled.

**PERSONNEL****RESIGNATION(S):**

Trustee Bernholz moved to approve the following ADMINISTRATIVE RESIGNATION with regret:

NAME	POSITION/SCHOOL	EFFECTIVE DATE	REMARKS
Kavanagh, Gayle	Principal – MS	June 30, 2007	Retirement

Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.

*Discussion.*

5 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED****LEAVE OF ABSENCE:  
INSTRUCTIONAL**

Trustee Bernholz moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

EMPLOYEE NUMBER	EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO	REASON	CURRENT POSITION
#2323	12/4/06 – 1/7/07	Extended Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave	Special Education Teacher – HS

Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED****APPOINTMENTS:  
INSTRUCTIONAL**

Trustee Bernholz moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL APPOINTMENTS:

**PROBATIONARY APPOINTMENTS**

NAME	CERTIFICATION	TENURE AREA	PROBATIONARY DATES	SALARY STEP	REASON
Hopper, Elizabeth.	Teaching Assistant	Teaching Assistant	9/5/06 – 9/4/09	Step 1 (\$14,511)	Revised dates

**EXTRA DUTY STIPENDS**

NAME	POSITION	AMOUNT
Bruck, Mary Ann	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trip Coord.	\$416
Bruck, Mary Ann	G/T Advisor - MS	\$1,973
Cease, Deborah	Physical Education Coordinator	\$3,119.20
	Annual Amount \$4,456	
	Prorated for 12/1/06 – 6/30/07	
Connolly, Brian	A.I.S./Regents Prep (After School)	\$1,671

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Murphy, Steven	Music (K-12) Co-Chair	\$1,934.08
	Annual Amount \$5,951	
	Prorated for 12/13/06 – 6/30/07	
Murphy, Steven	Jazz Ensemble Dir	\$1,246
Schubert, Paul	Music (K-12) Co-Chair	\$1,934.08
	Annual Amount \$5,951	
	Prorated for 12/13/06 – 6/30/07	

**PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CERTIFICATION</b>	<b>SALARY</b>
Jones, Adile	Uncertified Substitute Teacher	\$80/day

**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:

**PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CERTIFICATION</b>	<b>SALARY</b>
Jacobsen, Julia	Uncertified Teaching Assistant	\$9/hr
Marx, Ida	Uncertified Substitute Teacher	\$80/day

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

Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.

*The Extra Duty Stipend for Jessica Robertson as AIS/Regents Prep was removed from the Consent Agenda.*

5 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE:  
NON-  
INSTRUCTIONAL**

Trustee Bernholz moved to approve the following INSTRUCTIONAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

<b>EMPLOYEE NUMBER</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE FROM – TO</b>	<b>REASON</b>	<b>CURRENT POSITION</b>
#1756	11/22/06 – 12/8/06	Extended Medical – Paid Family Medical Leave	Custodian – BN

Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**APPOINTMENTS:  
NON-  
INSTRUCTIONAL**

Trustee Bernholz moved to approve the following NON-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;



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**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:

**PER DIEM SUBSTITUTES**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CERTIFICATION</b>	<b>SALARY</b>
Aten, Katherine	Substitute Bus Attendant	\$9/hr

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

Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**FINAL NYSED  
CLEARANCE  
RECEIVED**

Trustee Bernholz moved to acknowledge that the following FINAL NYSED CLEARANCES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
Becker, Kari	Food Service Helper
Vanacore, Ralph	Uncertified Substitute Teacher

Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**FINAL NYSED  
CLEARANCE  
HAS NOT YET BEEN  
RECEIVED**

Trustee Bernholz moved to acknowledge that the following FINAL NYSED CLEARANCES HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>
Aten, Katherine	Substitute Bus Attendant
Brightly, Carolyn	Uncertified Substitute Teaching Assistant
Carr, William	Certified Substitute Teacher
Eiferd, Mae	Substitute Nurse (RN)
Hass, Barbara	Certified Substitute Teacher
Jacobsen, Julia	Substitute Teaching Assistant
Krebser, Lynn	Substitute Bus Attendant
Marx, Ida	Substitute Teaching Assistant
Perkins, Laurie	Uncertified Substitute Teaching Assistant
Vitale, Nicole	Uncertified Substitute Teacher
Vos, Christine	Uncertified Substitute Teacher and Teaching Assistant
Wilber, Abigail	Uncertified Substitute Teacher and Home Instruction
Woodard, Colette	Uncertified Substitute Teacher and Home Instruction

Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**INSTRUCTION**

**MOTION TO  
APPROVE THE  
CSE/CPSE**

Trustee Bernholz moved to approve the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE) Recommendations, Schedule U, #12/06 A-121206, Confidential, as reviewed by Trustee Bernholz.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS  
SCHEDULE U, #12/06  
A-121206**

Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.

*Discussion. Schedule U was amended for Student #9934 should read "up to one hour per day" and that will be corrected by Director of Pupil Personnel Services Barbara Boyce.*

5 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**MOTION TO  
APPROVE CPSE/CSE  
MEMBERSHIP  
ADDITIONS**

Trustee Bernholz 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 CPSE/CSE membership additions for the remainder of the 2006-2007 School Year be approved.

Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**BUSINESS AND  
FINANCE**

**BUSINESS REPORTS**

**MOTION TO  
APPROVE THE  
ACCEPTANCE OF  
THE 2006/2007  
SERVICE LEARNING  
MINI GRANT**

Trustee Bernholz 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 accept the 2006/2007 Service Learning Mini Grant award from the Mid-Hudson Learning Institute for Watershed and Environmental Studies funded through the Ulster County Environmental Management's Learn and Serve America program, NYS Education Department, and the Corporation for National & Community Service for the "Senior Prom" project in the amount of \$700.00.

Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**MOTION TO  
APPROVE THE  
INCREASE OF THE  
2006-2007 BUDGET**

Trustee Bernholz 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 approve the increase of the 2006-2007 Budget per the following grant:

**Mid-Hudson Service Learning Institute for Watershed and  
Environmental Studies**

A2110.431.01	Supplemental – High School	\$700.00
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Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**MOTION TO ACCEPT  
THE 2006/2007  
ANNUAL VISUAL**

Trustee Bernholz 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

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**INSPECTION  
REPORTS**

accept the 2006/2007 Annual Visual Inspection Reports.

Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**MOTION TO  
APPROVE THE  
FINANCIAL  
MANAGEMENT  
REPORTS AND  
WARRENT**

Trustee Bernholz moved to approve the following ADMINISTRATIVE RESIGNATION:

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** on recommendation by the Superintendent of Schools that the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District has reviewed and hereby approves the FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT REPORTS for:

- December 2006

and the following WARRANT(s):

- WARRANTS – Schedule J - # 12/06

Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.

*Discussion. Warrant #7 was corrected by changing check # 48413 to 48213.*

5 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**MOTION TO ACCEPT  
DONATION FROM  
ROBIN SEARS**

Trustee Bernholz moved to accept the DONATION from Robin Sears of a 19" Hitachi monitor and a NEC VHS player/recorder valued at \$100.

Trustee Resnick seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Update on the up-coming Half Day Staff Development days – Deborah Fox reported that this is scheduled for January 12 and teachers will be working in buildings to analyze student data to identify longitudinal trends, strengths, and gaps in student performance. This will roll out the work for the February, March and April Staff Development days. The elementary principals and Ms. Fox have recently been trained by staff at Ulster BOCES in a very good method of looking at our data and we analyzed our ELA and Math State assessments from 2003 through 2006 and we are going to have the teachers then learn how to look at this process to inform instruction.
- Enrollment Information – Victoria McLaren reported that the prior versions of the FACTS enrollment projection reports compared to our actual enrollments were included in your packets. It can be seen that they are trending together in a downward direction. We are trying to work out in the central office the reasons for the students departing our District with the monthly enrollment report to the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business was introduced at this time.

**GOALS UPDATE**

No update on the Board goals was given at this time.

**BOARD MEMBERS  
REQUEST FOR  
INFORMATION**

Trustee Resnick requested that consultant James Walker, who is doing the analysis of Pupil Personnel Services, provide a report to the Board on the Special Education Department.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Corey Cavallaro spoke about the loss of Gayle Kavanagh to retirement at the end of this school year and the Board's appointment of a new Superintendent of Schools.
- Douglas Hoffman spoke about the capital improvement project and energy savings (green building) and what our decision will teach our children.
- Deb Fox requested that the Board let her know if they plan to use the next newsletter for a survey on the capital improvement project so that she can let Ulster BOCES know the focus desired for that issue.

**MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee O'Connor moved to enter into **EXECUTIVE SESSION** at approximately 9:00 p.m. to discuss a student related matter.

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**MOTION TO RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION**

Trustee Bernholz moved to return to **REGULAR SESSION** at approximately 10:03 p.m.

Trustee D'Orazio seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

**PRESENT**

Trustees D'Orazio, Bernholz, O'Connor, Vanacore, Resnick

**NOT PRESENT**

Trustees Patterson, Rosenfeld

**MOTION TO UPHOLD SUPERINTENDENT'S DECISION**

Trustee D'Orazio moved to approve the following RESOLUTION:

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** on the appeal of the Jobson family from the Superintendent's decision re class ranking of their child. The Board has decided to uphold the Superintendent's decision based on the fact that it was the Board's feeling that the decision was not arbitrary or irrational.

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yes – Trustees D'Orazio, Bernholz, O'Connor, Vanacore, Resnick

No – 0

Absent – Trustees Patterson and Rosenfeld

**CARRIED**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Trustee Vanacore moved to adjourn at approximately 10:05 p.m.

Trustee Bernholz seconded the Motion.

5 Yes 0 No

**CARRIED**

Recorded by:  
Jeanne Shultis  
District Clerk

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