

ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOICEVILLE, NEW YORK 12412

SPECIAL MEETING

9:00 a.m.

Minutes

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020
TELECONFERENCED

1. Opening Items

1.01 Call to Order 9:00

1.02 Tobacco Policy Statement

1.03 Pledge of Allegiance

1.04 Roll Call:

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

Not Present: Trustee Warren, Trustee DeJesus

2. Action Items

2.01 Revise 2019-2020 School Calendar

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the revised 2019-2020 School Calendar as recommended by Superintendent

- Superintendent Victoria McLaren things are changing every minute. Ask Board to change calendar to use spring break and leftover snow days now

Motioned: Trustee Storey

Seconded: Trustee Salem

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Warren, Trustee DeJesus

2.02 Memorandum of Agreement with ONTEA

Recommended Action: The Board of Education hereby approves the MOA between the Onteora Central School District and the Onteora Non-Teaching Employees Association regarding the Holiday Good Friday.

- Because spring break is moved, ONTEA has Good Friday off by contract, need to change their contract, only other unit that has Good Friday in their contract is OAA and that is unless it is needed for the 180 day requirement

Motioned: Trustee Salem

Seconded: Trustee Storey

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Warren, Trustee DeJesus

2.03 Update by Superintendent Victoria McLaren

- Request by ONTEA to provide salary to part-time staff
 - People are coming in to prepare meals and transportation to deliver meals

- Can apply for unemployment, but now working, so unemployment will not cover them, don't want to harm them
- Food service staff, transportation staff – monitors at each stop drop food at house
- Building level staff also part-time, don't want to separate them
- Pros and Cons – Con: it's not financial viable for them, they can't support us- will have more trouble delivering food
- Working with attorney– have not had a chance to finalize appropriate MOA
- Approximate cost - \$11,000 every other week, normally spending \$20,000 on substitute pay, which we don't need now
- Do not have all aid for 2019-2020, assuming the budget will not be changed for current year
 - We are better than others because we get 80% of revenue from taxes, so we won't be as affected as other school districts
 - If Governor guarantees aid, we can guarantee all employee salaries
- Request from transportation contractor asked to still be paid – contract not structured that way
 - May want to think about that – not decide this week
 - Rationale – if the contractor's drivers do not have income they will lose bus drivers
- State Ed and Governor office released guidance that each district must provide a plan on how we will be feeding and instructionally caring for students
 - They want us to partner with local child care facilities to provide child care for medical personnel and first responders
 - Will reach out to Healthy Kids After-School Program
 - Doing ok with meals and curriculum now, but as it continues, will be missing planned instruction
 - Putting together hundreds of meals for our students and at 11:00 will start delivery
 - Will be more by Monday, as people continue to sign up
- Contacted by staff, students and community to offer to help, it is appreciated, but the point is not to gather
- Some of the staff is trying to enter the buildings, they need to contact the principal
 - Will reiterate to staff
- At the secondary level students want to continue to work
 - Both principals have set up schedules for students to come in and get things from their lockers – not staying, not congregating
- Work sent home is to maintain skills, not to move forward
- If closed after April 1st
 - Will need much more communication with staff and students
 - Need to contact families without internet
- Find a good, clear and consistent way to communicate to students to isolate and distance from peers
 - Maybe add student cell phone numbers to Shoutpoint
 - Secondary students have emails
 - Students are interacting in Google Classroom
 - Maybe Student Government should create a Facebook Group or

Instagram chat to disseminate information to students

- Keep reinforcing best practices with “new normal”
- Maybe Useful for administration to teleconference with student government
 - They are working with their advisor and principal

Rob Kurnit left at 9:20

Arrived back at 9:25

2.04 Adjourn Meeting

Recommended Action: The meeting is adjourned at 9:40

Motioned: Trustee Salem

Seconded: Trustee Storey

Result: Unanimous

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

Not Present: Trustee Warren, Trustee DeJesus

Minutes Recorded by Fern Amster,
District Clerk



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