The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 7:34 p.m. in the Board Room of the Olean High School located at 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by President Martello with a moment of silent prayer. Gordon Cross led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Michael Martello, President  
Ira Katzenstein, Vice President  
Laurie A. Branch  
Gordon E. Cross  
Eric Garvin  
Steven H. Hamed  
Michiko McElfresh  

ABSENT: John Bartimole  
George Pancio  

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Ward, Superintendent  
Ann O’Brien, Business Administrator  
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing  
Jerry Trietley, OMS Principal  
Connie Pound, IJN Principal  
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel/Reading First Coordinator/Special Projects  
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk  

OTHERS: Jeff Shaw, Olean Times Herald  
Robert Sherburne  
Amy Sherburne  
Mark Barta  
Kathy Martell  

Public Comments: 
None  

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by S. Hamed, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: remove from the agenda item 6. b; add legal update and two (2) contractual issues to agenda item 11. 

Ayes ____7____  
Nays ____0____  
Motion Carried  

Communications, Commendations  
a. Washington West playground fundraiser/district contribution of $5,000 to each school every five (5) years for playgrounds
Superintendent Ward discussed the following subjects with the Board of Education:

1. $50,000 scholarship
2. Capital Project vote and exit poll results

Moved by L. Branch, seconded E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

a. The previous meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, and the Special Meeting held on Tuesday, December 19, 2007.

Ayes ___7__   Nays ___0___   Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the 2008-2009 Budget Development Calendar as proposed.

Ayes ___7__   Nays ___0___   Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the 2007-2008 annualized salary for Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel/Reading First Coordinator/Special Projects, be adjusted to $75,813.75 effective June 30, 2007.

Ayes ___7__   Nays ___0___   Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, to table Agenda Item 6 d. regarding the 2007-2008 Contract of Employment of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of School until after executive session.

Ayes ___7__   Nays ___0___   Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Joyce Suchora, Food Service Helper, Boardmanville Elementary, effective January 14, 2008.

Ayes ___7__   Nays ___0___   Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve a Leave of Absence for Marlana Finch, long-term Speech Pathologist substitute, for a period of six (6) weeks effective April 21, 2008 through May 30, 2008.

Ayes ___7__   Nays ___0___   Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve a Leave of Absence for Jennifer Kless, Reading Coach, Washington West, for a period of eight (8) weeks effective February 11, 2008 through April 4, 2008.

Ayes ___7__   Nays ___0___   Motion Carried
Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the part-time appointment of Sarah Martin assigned to Olean High School through the AmeriCorp Program sponsored by West Seneca AmeriCorp.

Ayes ___7____ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Timothy Lemon as a part-time Monitor, 2 hours per day, for the 2007-2008 school year, effective January 9, 2008. In accordance with Section 503(18)(b) of the Education Law, these are conditional appointments and therefore shall not commence until the District has received notification from the Commissioner of Education that the appointees have been conditionally cleared for employment. If the Commissioner of Education notifies the District that the appointees have been denied conditional clearance or clearance, the appointments shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointees are granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointments shall continue.

Ayes ___7____ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Alex Peck as a NON-CONDITIONAL CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE TEACHER for the 2007-2008 school year.

Ayes ___7____ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Kellie Halgas, Alexis Storch, and David Ruszkowski as CONDITIONAL NON-CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS for the 2007-2008 school year. In accordance with Section 503(18)(b) of the Education Law, these are conditional appointments and therefore shall not commence until the District has received notification from the Commissioner of Education that the appointees have been conditionally cleared for employment. If the Commissioner of Education notifies the District that the appointees have been denied conditional clearance or clearance, the appointments shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointees are granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointments shall continue.

Ayes ___7____ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Dennis Farnham as CONDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE HELPER for the 2007-2008 school year. In accordance with Section 503(18)(b) of the Education Law, these are conditional appointments and therefore shall not commence until the District has received notification from the Commissioner of Education that the appointees have been conditionally cleared for employment. If the Commissioner of Education notifies the District that the appointees have been denied conditional clearance or clearance, the appointments shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointees are granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointments shall continue.

Ayes ___7____ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried
Ayes ____ 7  Nays ____ 0  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, and upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Board Policy #7530 – CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT as presented. This policy is to supersede any current School Board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes ____ 7  Nays ____ 0  Motion Carried

The following Committee Reports were presented to the Board of Education:

a. Steve Hamed presented the Buildings and Grounds Committee Report
b. Michiko McElfresh presented the Operations Committee Report
c. Ira Katzenstein presented the Outreach Committee Report

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by S. Hamed, to adjourn from Regular Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss CSE/CPSE Recommendations, legal updates, and two (2) contractual issues, at 7:50 p.m. Lynn Corder was invited to attend the Executive Session. Ann O’Brien, and Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry exited the meeting at 8:05.

Ayes ____ 7  Nays ____ 0  Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by L. Branch, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in Regular Session at 9:08 p.m.

Ayes ____ 7  Nays ____ 0  Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve following the CPSE recommendation reviewed on January 8th be approved:

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Ayes ____ 7  Nays ____ 0  Motion Carried
Moved by G. Cross, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve following the CSE recommendation reviewed on January 8th be approved:

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Ayes ____7____    Nays ____0____    Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, to adjourn from the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

Ayes ____7____    Nays ____0____    Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

January 9, 2008