The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, at 6:30 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 John Bartimole, Vice President of Board, with a moment of silent prayer. Marcie Richmond led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT:  
John Bartimole, Vice President  
Eric Garvin  
Ira Katzenstein  
Michael Martello  
Michiko McEllfresh  
James Padlo (arrived at 6:50 p.m.)

ABSENT:  
Laurie A. Branch, President  
Gordon E. Cross  
Daniel Harris

STAFF PRESENT:  
Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools  
Kathleen Elser, Business Administrator  
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing  
Marcie Richmond, Director of Special Education  
Cso Woodworth, Technology Administrator  
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel  
Jen Mahar, District Coordinator of State and Federal Aid Programs  
Linda Nottingham, IJN Principal  
Jerry Trietley, OMS Principal  
Larry Welty, OMS Assistant Principal  
Jeff Andreano, OHS Assistant Principal  
Barb Lias, OHS Principal (arrived at 7:35 p.m.)  
John White, BV Principal  
Dave Olson, EV Principal  
Joel Whitcher, WW Principal  
Brian Crawford, District Teacher  
Laurie Marsfelder, District Teacher  
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

OTHERS:  
Adam Vosler, Olean Times Herald  
Chuck Bastian – Bernard Donegan, Inc.  
Charlie Woodcock – HUNT  
Mark Voorhees – Campus Construction  
Mike Sable – Campus Construction  
Steve Hamed  
Paul Shewairy
Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by M. Martello, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: move agenda item 12. a. after agenda item 5.

Ayes 5
Nays 0
Motion Carried

Public Comment:
Steve Hamed, 1014 Washington Street – discussed UPK program by noting that 4-year children attending the program are moved up to the Kindergarten level. Students having attended the UPK program, that have their 5th birthday’s in Sept., Oct., Nov., or Dec., may not be ready for advancing to the Kindergarten level. Mr. Hamed encouraged Superintendent’s to discuss this issue at the state level. Mr. Hamed distributed a copy of a flyer that was sent home with students regarding the second dose of the H1N1 vaccination being given at a Catt. Co. open clinic. The original letter sent home to parents indicated the vaccination would be administered at a district facility.

Paul Shewairy, 109 Hamilton Avenue – expressed his concerns regarding facility property being used for soccer practice/games. On four occasions he had to place a call to the Olean Police Department regarding the noise as players are on the grounds at 10-10:30 p.m. The second week of April the soccer nets are erected and not taken down for at least five to seven months. Don Scholla is constantly maintaining and repairing damaged fields which people are using for free. Recently a team from Penn State University was practicing on school property. Who is giving all these organizations permission to use school property at no cost?

Capital Project Presentation – HUNT, Campus, Bernard Donegan, Inc.

Communications, Commendations:
a. The following students have been chosen for the Harold Dutton Spotlight Award for January: Cortney Zeigler - nominated by Mrs. Rhody-Marvin for volunteering her time to help the concert choir obtain their robes; Isaac Green - nominated by Mrs. Mulherin - for his hard working attitude, even coming in at 7:30 AM for extra help; Justin App - nominated by Mrs. McIntyre - for his excellent work ethic, active participation and kind and helpful ways with his classmates; Jordan Zambanini - nominated by Mrs. Wolfgang - for his hard work, positive attitude and genuine caring of others; and Kaitlyn Andreano - nominated by Mrs. Lampack - for her dedication and hard work on the “Carnival for the Cure” which raised over $1000 for Roswell Park Hospital.
b. The Olean Boys’ varsity basketball team defeated Southwestern January 11th and in doing so achieved another milestone for Coach Jeff Anastasia. The victory was Coach Anastasia’s 400th career coaching win. This is an outstanding achievement and one Coach Jeff Anastasia and Olean High School can be very proud of.

Superintendent’s Report:
a. Haiti Fund Raiser
b. Souper Bowl of Caring
c. Sports Booster – 50% of 50/50 raffle to be donated to Gowanda Flood Program
d. Law conference update
e. NYSCOSS conference update
f. Tenure observations – outstanding district teachers – success due to leadership of administrator
g. Kathy Elser – NYSED proposed reduction of state aid, including back fill of ARRA, for the 2010-2011 school year is $1.1 million.

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following Consent Agenda Item:
a. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Treasurer’s Report dated December 31, 2009 be accepted and placed on file.
b. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Warrant Report for December 2009 be accepted and placed on file.

c. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the December 2009 Intra-fund Transfer listing in the amount of $6,600 be accepted/approved and placed on file.

d. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Internal Claims Auditor Exception Report for the period covering month ending December 31, 2009 be accepted and placed on file.

e. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Olean Middle School’s and Olean High School’s Student Activity Accounts Quarterly Reports for the period covering October 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 be accepted and placed on file.

f. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendation reviewed on January 19\textsuperscript{th} be approved:

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Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by D. Harris, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept a $300 donation from the Prudential Foundation for the Homeless Huskies event.

Ayes ___6___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Olean Middle School’s Washington Club’s Over Night Field Trip to Washington, DC from March 17, 2010 through March 19, 2010. Approval is granted with the understanding that all school rules and regulations will be followed and that there will not be any cost to the school district other than for substitute teachers, if needed. The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to make the final decision, based upon her judgment of safety concerns at the time of the scheduled field trip, whether the field trip will occur.

Ayes ___6___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Megan Saxton, Tabitha Slachciak, Stephany Snyder, and Victoria Wilson be permitted to do an unpaid 35 hour “Field-Based Internship” in the UPK classrooms, through St. Bonaventure University, under the supervision of Nick Patrone, for the 2009-2010 school year.

Ayes ___6___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Mollie Curran, Lindsay Farris, and Jason Federico be permitted to do an unpaid 15 hour “Field-Based Internship” at the Family Literacy Center, through St. Bonaventure University, under the supervision of Nick Patrone, for the 2009-2010 school year.

Ayes ___6___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried
Moved by M. Martello, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Brian Crawford be permitted to do a 200-400 hour unpaid administrative internship through St. Bonaventure University Education Leadership Certification Program, under the supervision of Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing, effective January 19, 2010 through August 31, 2010.

Ayes ___6___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to grant an unpaid Leave of Absence to Paula Harris from January 25, 2010 through June 25, 2010.

Ayes ___6___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Laurie Marsfelder be appointed as a teacher on special assignment to the position of 11-month Early Reading First Coach, effective February 1, 2010 for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year, at the annual salary as outlined in the Agreement between the Olean Teachers’ Association and the Board of Education (does not impact tenure and seniority status). This appointment is contingent on final approval of United States Dept. of Education as per the Early Reading First Grant requirements.

Ayes ___6___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. Martello, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the attached list of Non-Conditional Certified Substitute Teachers and Non-Conditional Non-Certified Substitute Teachers for the 2009-2010 school year.

Ayes ___6___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the attached list of Conditional Non-Certified Teachers and Conditional Teacher Aides for the 2009-2010 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 appointee has been denied conditional clearance or clearance, the appointment shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointee is granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointment shall continue.

Ayes ___6___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Committee Reports:


Discussion Items:

b. Policy #5220 – District Investments – 1st Reading
c. Policy #5250 – Sale and Disposal of School District Property – 1st Reading
d. Policy #5310 – Bonding of Employees and School Board Members – 1st Reading
e. Policy #6111 – Prohibition of Retaliatory Behavior – New Policy – 2nd Reading
f. Policy #6121 – Sexual Harassment of District Personnel – 2nd Reading
g. Policy #6122 – Complaints and Grievances by Employees – 2nd Reading
Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policy #6111 – Prohibition of Retaliatory Behavior. This policy is to supersede any current School board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes 6  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Policy #6111 – Prohibition of Retaliatory Behavior Adopted

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt, with changes, School Policy #6121 – Prohibition of Sexual Harassment of District Personnel. This policy is to supersede any current School board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes 6  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Policy #6121 – Prohibition of Sexual Harassment of District Personnel Adopted

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt, with changes, School Policy #6122 – Complaints and Grievances by Employees. This policy is to supersede any current School board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes 6  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Policy #6122 – Complaints and Grievances by Employees Adopted

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to delete School Policy #7241 – Release of Information to the Non Custodial Parent.

Ayes 6  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Policy #7241 – Release of Information to Non Custodial Parent Deleted

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by M. Martello, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 7:58 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: Contract Negotiations and litigation update. Lynn Corder was invited to attend Executive Session. Kathy Elser and Vicki Irizarry exited Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by M. McElfresh, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Ayes 6  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by M. Martello, to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Ayes 6  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

Dated: January 22, 2010

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