The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2009 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 President Katzenstein with a moment of silent prayer. Dan Harris led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Ira Katzenstein, President 
Laurie A. Branch, Vice President 
John Bartimole 
Gordon E. Cross 
Eric Garvin 
Daniel Harris 
Michael Martello 
Michiko McElfresh 
James Padlo

ABSENT: 

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools 
Ann O’Brien, Business Administrator 
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel 
Marcie Richmond, Director of Special Education 
Nick Patrone, Director of Community Schools 
Linda Nottingham, IJN Principal 
Jerry Trietley, OMS Principal 
Joel Whitcher, OMS Assistant Principal 
Barb Lias, OHS Principal 
Jeff Andreano, OHS Assistant Principal 
Dave Olson, EV Principal 
Kristen Sikora, District Teacher 
Jen Mahar, District Teacher 
Sheila Jackson, District Teacher 
Millie Jedrosko, CSE Chair 
Dan Brooks, District Guidance Counselor 
Teresa Painter, Deputy District Clerk

OTHERS: Brian Lothridge, Olean Times Herald 
Michael Sikora 
Tim Clarke, BOCES

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by J. Padlo, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: add Safety Committee to Committee Reports and add Girls’ Softball Trip to Discussion Items.

Ayes 9  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Public Comments: None

Communications, Commendations
The following students have received The Harold Dutton Student Spotlight Award for January: Amy Lamont (12) - nominated by Mr. Freeman for an outstanding job as an intern and she still offers to help even though she has completed her requirements; Travis Satterfield (10) - nominated by Mrs. Heinz for dramatically improving his attitude, work ethic and self control;
Carrie Zeigler (11) & Shelby Gadsden (12) - nominated by Mrs. Skrobacz for their assistance in class; Elizabeth Colarusso (12) & Aubree Worth (12) - nominated by Mr. Perry for their dedication and hard work on several SAC projects; Dominica Washington (9) - nominated by Mrs. Besok for her dedication to her school work and a very positive attitude; Gina Melaro (12) & Jocelyn Huselstein (12) - nominated by Mrs. Shannon for their commitment to Spanish Club and hard work over the years; Jason Mahar (11) - nominated by Mrs. Abdo for volunteering to assist with the class on a group project; Kelsey Pleakis (10) - nominated by Mrs. Stavish for volunteering to help a classmate; Shawn Bihler (9) - nominated by Mrs. Anastasia for his hard work and genuine caring for others; Alicia Broadbent (9) & Kelly Hustak (9) - nominated by Mrs. Anastasia for demonstrating honesty and integrity; Alex Scicchitano (9) - nominated by Mrs. Anastasia for overall improvement, great effort, and hard work.

Superintendent Taggerty discussed the following subjects with the Board of Education:

- EAP – Toxic Air at OMS
- DSS MOU – Education Neglect

Moved by L. Branch, seconded G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

a. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Treasurer’s Report dated December 31, 2008 be accepted and placed on file.

b. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Warrant Report for December 2008 be accepted and placed on file.

c. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the December 2008 Intra-fund Transfer listing in the amount of $2,900.00 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, 2008 be accepted and placed on file.

e. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept and place on file the 2nd Quarter (October-December) Student Activity Reports from the Olean Middle School and Olean High School.

f. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CPSE recommendation reviewed on January 20th be approved:

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g. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendation reviewed on January 20th be approved:

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Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by J. Padlo, to remove from the table the Non-Financial Collaborative Agreement between the Olean City School District and Cattaraugus and Wyoming Counties Project Head Start to promote collaborative working relationships between major providers of preschool education.

Ayes  __9___  
Nays  __0___  
Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Non-Financial Collaborative Agreement between the Olean City School District and Cattaraugus and Wyoming Counties Project Head Start to promote collaborative working relationships between major providers of preschool education with conditions of annual renewal and to be reviewed by the Finance Committee every six months.

Ayes  _6____  
Nays  __1___  
Abstain  __2___  
(M. McElfresh)  (J. Bartimole, I. Katzenstein)  
Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to grant permission to Aimee DeLyser to do a one-year “Psychology Internship”, through Michigan State University, under the supervision of Carolyn Crosson, School Psychologist, beginning September 2, 2009 through June 30, 2010 at an annual stipend of $18,000.

Ayes  __9___  
Nays  __0___  
Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Audit Committee Charter as presented.

Ayes  __9___  
Nays  __0___  
Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that any member of the Board of Education, who is not a member of the Audit Committee, be authorized to attend audit committee meetings.

Ayes  __9___  
Nays  __0___  
Motion Carried
Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the donation of children's books from Circle Solutions to Ivers J. Norton, Washington West Elementary School, Boardmanville Elementary School, and East View Elementary School. Total value of donation is $5,355.04.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the contract between the Olean City School District and James W. Black, Ph.D., to provide special education/general education integration consulting services commencing January 1, 2009 through August 30, 2009, at a rate of $1,120 per day up to a total of 10 days.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to enter into and sign the attached “Memorandum of Understanding” between the Olean City School District and the Cattaraugus County Council on Alcoholism & Substance Abuse (CCCASA) for the period of January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to grant a Leave of Absence to Carolyn Crosson, School Psychologist, for a period of 12 weeks beginning February 16, 2009 through May 8, 2009. Unpaid leave will be for a period of 19 days beginning March 31, 2009 through May 8, 2009.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Doug Cowen as a Non-Conditional Substitute Internal Claims Auditor beginning February 20, 2009 through June 30, 2009 at an hourly rate of $25, plus mileage reimbursement at the IRS standard rate, no benefits.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Michael Sikora as a conditional part-time Cleaner, effective January 21, 2009, at an hourly rate of $12.21. In accordance with Section 503(18)(b) of the Education Law, this is a conditional appointment and therefore shall not commence until the District has received notification from the Commissioner of Education that the appointee 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 ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Meghan Sisson a non-conditional three year-probationary appointment in the LOTE tenure area effective December 8, 2008. The probationary service shall end on December 9, 2011. The appointee is certified in the Spanish (7-12)

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Meghan Sisson, during her first year of this appointment, be paid at the annual salary (prorated) as outlined in the Agreement between the Olean Teachers' Association and the Board of Education for a teacher on Step 1, with a Masters Degree and 39 graduate hours, as outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement ($40,028) (Step 1, Masters Degree, 39 graduate hours).

Ayes __9__  Nays ____0__  Motion Carried

Moved by G. Gross, seconded by D. Harris, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the attached list of Non-Conditional Certified Substitute Teachers, Non-Conditional Non-Certified Substitute Teacher, and Non-Conditional Teacher Aide for the 2008-2009 school year.

Ayes ____8__  Nays _____  Abstain ___1__  Motion Carried
(J. Bartimole)

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the attached list of Conditional Certified Substitute Teacher, Non-Certified Substitute Teachers, Conditional Substitute Teacher Aides, and Conditional Substitute Food Service Helper and for the 2008-2009 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 appointee has 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 ____8__  Nays _____  Abstain ___1__  Motion Carried
(J. Bartimole)

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

a. Audit Committee – January 6 – Presented by Eric Garvin
b. Operations Committee – January 6 – Presented by Michiko McElfresh
c. Finance Committee – January 5 – Presented by Laurie Branch
d. Safety Committee – January 4 – Presented by Jeff Andreano
e. Health Advisory Committee – January 15 – Presented by Colleen Taggerty
f. Technology Committee – Presented by Ira Katzenstein

Discussion Items

a. CDEP Presentation – Tim Clarke – BOCES
b. Model for Building Visits
c. Book Reading - Leadership Secrets of Santa Claus
d. Girls’ Softball Trip – Myrtle Beach, SC

Information Items

None

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Ayes __9__  Nays ____0__  Motion Carried

Dated: January 23, 2009
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