The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, January 31, 2017, at 6:00 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 Michiko McElfresh, President, with a moment of silent prayer or personal reflection. The Board of Education recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Videoconferencing: Sheraton Broadway Plantation Lobby, 3301 Robert M. Grissom Parkway, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 and the Board Room. The public was invited to attend.

PRESENT:  
Michiko McElfresh, President  
Laurie Branch, Vice President  
John Bartimole  
Paul Hessney  
Mary Hirsch-Schena  
Ira Katzenstein – via videoconferencing  
Michael Martello – arrived at 6:30 pm  
James Padlo  
Frank Steffen, Jr.

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:  
Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools  
Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

OTHERS:  
Alan Pole, Castallo & Silky  
Nick Pircio, WHDL  
Dan Wells, Time Warner Cable
Moved by L. Branch, seconded F. Steffen, Jr., to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda.

Per discussion regarding the agenda, moved by P. Hessney, seconded by I. Katzenstein, to amend the agenda to add a resolution, composed by P. Hessney, opposing the appointment of Betsey DeVos as Secretary of Education.

Per discussion regarding the proposed amendment to the agenda, moved by L. Branch, seconded by F. Steffen, Jr., that the agenda would not be amended.

John Bartimole called the question.

Ayes 5 Nays 3 Motion Carried
(Hessney, Katzenstein, Padlo)

Public Comment:
None

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by J. Padlo, to adopt the following Consent Agenda items

a. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 10, 2017.

b. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that three (3) part-time, 10-month, 5.75 hours per day, Teacher Aide positions be created for the 2016-2017 school year.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Hirsch-Schena, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation, with regret, of Suzana Bartimole, English Teacher, retroactive to January 27, 2017.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Discussion Item:

a. Superintendent Search – Castallo & Silky
   o Topics of Discussion:
     ▪ Updates since December 20th meeting – vacancy announcement mailing; NYSCOSS ad; NYSSBA ad; brochure and application; on-line survey; memo to staff
     ▪ OTH ad

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Important meeting dates – April 6 selection of candidates; April 18, 19, 20 – first round of interviews; May 1, 3, 4 – finalist interviews

Stakeholder committee and board member training April 25 or 26

Finalist interview schedule

Stakeholder letters of invitation

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by J. Padlo, to adjourn from the Special Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 7:17 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: Superintendent Contract Negotiation. Mr. Pole and Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry invited to attend.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried
Katzenstein exited Executive Session (via videoconferencing) at 8:05 pm.

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Special Meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

The board discussed possible dates for the next meeting with Mr. Pole. The availability of board members is February 23, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. Vicki will schedule a special meeting.

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by F. Steffen, Jr., to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

Dated: February 6, 2017
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