The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, February 1, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. at Olean Middle School, located at 401 Wayne Sullivan Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by John Bartimole, President of Board, with a moment of silent prayer or a moment of personal reflection. Jim Padlo led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

ABSENT: Gordon E. Cross

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools
Kathleen Elser, Business Administrator
Linda Nottingham, IJN Principal
Marcie Richmond, Director of Special Education
Gerald Trietley, OMS Principal
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel
Tim Houseknecht, OMS Assistant Principal
Joel Whitcher, WW Principal
David Lasky, Teacher
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk
Jason Hlasnick, SRO

OTHERS: Jeff Cole, Olean Times Herald
Nick Pircio, WHDL
Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda. 

Ayes __8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Public Comment:
None

Communications, Commendations:

a. The following students are named January’s Harold Dutton Student Spotlight Award Recipients: Miles Marvin nominated by Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Kurjakovic – Miles helped out with technical problems when Mrs. Brown’s class was working on Movie Maker. Mrs. K can always count on Miles when computer issues arrive; Abraham Kneser and Andrew Liu nominated by Mr. Wada – for outstanding participation and musicianship, improvement in skills, and quality of works during the first two marking periods.

b. The Varsity cheerleaders participated in the Spirit Challenge competition at Dansville Senior High School on January 15th. After rearranging their dance routine and stunts numerous times due to injuries and unexpected circumstances, the girls earned second place in Large Varsity Division V. This is an exciting accomplishment for the squad!

Superintendent’s Report:

a. Changes in graduation requirements – commissioner’s forum

b. Mid-year dibels – every elementary school has shown an increase in student achievement

c. Walking School Bus – tracking attendance on the Walking School Bus days; students that participate are given a T-shirt, wristband, pedometer. Huge thank you to Joel Whitcher and Andy Studley.

d. Governor’s proposed budget – Kathy Elser noted with the loss of ARRA funds, reduction of state aid, the gap adjustment, Federal Job monies – the anticipated budget deficit is $2.1M

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following Consent Agenda item:

a. The previous meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 4, 2011 and January 18, 2011.

b. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CPSE recommendations reviewed on February 1st is approved:

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c. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendations reviewed on February 1st is approved:

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Consent Agenda

d. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the attached list of Non-Conditional Substitutes.
Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that permission be granted for the Olean High School Spanish Club to travel to Spain and Italy from April 5, 2012 through April 16, 2012. 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. 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. Should the trip be cancelled, the Superintendent is to meet with parent, students, advisors and administrators to notify them of such matter.

Ayes 8  
Nays 0  
Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to allow Rachel Luty, graduate student of State University of New York at Fredonia, to conduct thesis research (volunteer survey to teachers) regarding the inclusion of students with autism spectrum disorders in the general education classroom.

Ayes 8  
Nays 0  
Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Olean City School District and Jamestown Community College regarding the utilization of each others premises as an evacuation and assembly area in the event of an emergency situation.

Ayes 8  
Nays 0  
Motion Carried

Moved by M. Martello, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to grant an unpaid Leave of Absence to Molly Scott, Elementary Teacher, from April 18, 2011 through June 24, 2011.

Ayes 8  
Nays 0  
Motion Carried

Committee Reports:
a. Audit Committee Meeting – January 24th – given by Eric Garvin
b. Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting – January 18th – given by Ira Katzenstein
c. Finance Committee Meeting – January 27th – given by Mike Martello
d. Health Advisory Committee Meeting – January 20th

Informational Items:

a. BOCES – Budget Adjustments

Discussion Items:

a. Board Self Evaluation Assessment – delayed until the February 15th meeting
b. Superintendent Evaluation – delayed until the February 15th meeting
c. Policy #5211 – Reserve Funds – 1st Reading
d. Policy #5330 – Budget Transfers – 1st Reading
e. Policy #6551 – Family and Medical Leave Act – 1st Reading
f. Policy #6552 – Uniformed Services Employment – 1st Reading
g. Policy #7350 – Corporal Punishment/Emergency Interventions – 2nd Reading
h. Policy #7511 – Immunization of Students – 2nd Reading
i. Policy #7512 – Student Physicals – 2nd Reading
j. Policy #7514 – Student Health Records – 2nd Reading
Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by D. Harris, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policy #7350 – Corporal Punishment/Emergency Interventions, Policy #7511 – Immunization of Students, Policy #7512 – Student Physicals, and Policy #7514 – Student Health Records. These policies are to supersede any current School board Policies regarding the same matter.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: litigation update, performance of a particular individual, and collective negotiations.

Colleen Taggerty and Kathy Elser exited Executive Session at 7:10 p.m.

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch seconded by J. Padlo, to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 7, 2011  Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

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