The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library of Ivers J. Norton Elementary School, located at 411 West Henley Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by Laurie Branch, President of Board, with a moment of silent prayer. Michelle Cortez led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Laurie A. Branch, President
Gordon E. Cross
Eric Garvin
Ira Katzenstein
Michael Martello (arrived at 6:33 p.m.)
Michiko McElfresh
James Padlo

ABSENT: John Bartimole, Vice President
Daniel Harris

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools
Kathleen Elser, Business Administrator
Cso Woodworth, Technology Administrator
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel
Marcie Richmond, Director of Special Education
Jen Mahar, District Coordinator of State and Federal Aid Programs
Linda Nottingham, IJN Principal
Gerald Trietley, OMS Principal
Larry Welty, OMS Assistant Principal
Barb Lias, OHS Principal
Jeff Andreano, OHS Assistant Principal
John White, BV Principal
Dave Olson, EV Principal
Joel Whitcher, WW Principal
Michelle Cortez, District Teacher
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

OTHERS: Adam Vosler, Olean Times Herald
Jill Robinson, Admin. Intern
Nick Pircio, WHDL
Mario Cortez
Evelyn Cortez
Erin Cortez
Anne Golley
Dale Golley
Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by E. Garvin, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda.

Ayes __6___
Nays ___0___

Motion Carried

Public Comment:
None

Communications, Commendations:
a. Garrett Chase a second grader in Jennifer Crawford's class has been chosen as a finalist for Artist of the week on Artsonia.com.
b. February Harold Dutton Spotlight Award Winners: Stephan Ahl - nominated by Mrs. Napoleon for his creative and enthusiastic effort while interning with her. He was a tremendous help, especially during National French Week; Kaitlin Harvey - nominated by Mrs. Napoleon for her organization and creativity as an intern. She was very instrumental in putting together power points while enthusiastically spreading her interest in French; Amy Ferris - nominated by Mrs. Napoleon for her creativity as well as her kindness and generosity towards the students while performing her intern duties; Jordan West - nominated by Mrs. Bysiek for his phenomenal attitude and effort, volunteering answers in class, always with politeness and courtesy; and Cody Young - nominated by Ms. Quist for his patience and cooperation on the ski bus. He helped others load and unload their equipment, taking over this responsibility with ease and organization.
c. Cheerleading Competition – congratulations for securing third place in the Varsity Novice division.
d. National Souper Bowl of Caring - the total amount collected from Olean City School District, Olean Federal Credit Union, Olean Teachers’ & Postal Workers’ Credit Union, Community Bank, Five Star Bank, Zonta Club, St. Mary of the Angels Church, First Presbyterian Church, Bethany Lutheran Church, Archbishop Walsh Academy, Southern Tier Catholic School, and the Pines Rehabilitation & Nursing Home is one thousand, eight hundred, and ninety dollars, seven thousand, forty cans, and twelve dozen, farm-fresh eggs. Everything has been donated to the Olean Food Pantry.

Superintendent’s Report:
a. H1N1 Clinic – February 18th – second dose of vaccine – thank you to Melody Jones for coordinating
b. District strings concert – thank you to the Music Dept.

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by J. Padlo, 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 January 31, 2010 be accepted and placed on file.
b. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Warrant Report for January 2010 be accepted and placed on file.
c. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the January 2010 Intra-fund Transfer listing in the amount of $32,670.00 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 January 31, 2010 be accepted and placed on file.
e. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendation reviewed on February 16th be approved:

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Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Michelle Cortez who is certified in the Elementary tenure area, be granted tenure effective March 21, 2010.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Michelle Cortez presented tenure certificate.

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Lura Roblee be permitted to do an unpaid 50-hour “Field-Based Internship” in the Science Department through St. Bonaventure University, under the supervision of Gerald Trietley, Olean Middle School Principal, for the 2009-2010 school year.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Services Contract between the Olean City School District and Nancy Nelson, to provide staff development for the period of February 1, 2010 through June 26, 2010, at a rate of $43.75 per hour, six hours per day, for a maximum of ten days. Travel expense reimbursement will be at a rate of .50 cents per mile, for a maximum of 80 miles per round trip.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Maintenance Agreement between the Olean City School District and Biel’s Information Technology Systems Corporation for Image Ware Document Manager Software Support for the period of March 2, 2010 through March 1, 2011 at a cost of $300.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried
Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the Comprehensive District Educational Plan as the District Plan for School-Based Planning and Shared Decision Making.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the President of the Board of Education be authorized to sign the Statement of Assurances in connection with the February 2010 Biennial Review of the Comprehensive District Educational Plan/ School-Based Planning and Shared Decision Making.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Affiliation Agreement between the Olean City School District and Mansfield University of Pennsylvania for the implementation of the field instruction program by providing field placement of qualified music students to participate in the practicum of student teaching. The terms of this Agreement shall be five (5) years from the date of execution.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Literacy Field Experience Agreement between the Olean City School District and Alfred University for the implementation of the field instruction program by providing field placement of qualified Literacy graduate students to participate in the practicum of student teaching. The terms of this Agreement shall be from February 17, 2010 through April 23, 2010.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to establish a Trust and Agency account to accept donations to offset expenditures for students to participate at the Challenger Learning Center at St. Bonaventure University.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to authorize the Superintendent to accept all future donations earmarked for student-related Challenger Learning Center activities.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to terminate the services of Sue Karnuth, Food Service Helper, in accordance with the Civil Service Law Section 71, effective February 17, 2010.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried
Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve an unpaid Leave of Absence for Joelle Perry, OMS Social Studies Teacher, for the period March 22, 2010 through June 25, 2010.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve an unpaid Leave of Absence for Nancy Marvin, OMS Teacher Aide, for the period February 19, 2010 through February 26, 2010.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by M. Martello seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following non-conditional 2009-2010 Coaching Appointments:

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Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Bridget Retchless as a part-time conditional probationary Food Service Helper, 2.5 hours per day, effective February 17, 2010 for the 2009-2010 school year at an hourly rate of $8.44. 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 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Lisa Jaszka as a non-conditional probationary Part-Time Teacher Aide, 5.75 hours per day, effective February 17, 2010, for the 2009-2010 school year at an hourly rate of $10.47.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Brenda Miller as a part-time conditional probationary Monitor, 2 hours per day, effective February 17, 2010 for the 2009-2010 school year at an hourly rate of $9.89. 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 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried
Moved by M. Martello, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following school volunteer for the 2009-2010 school year:

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Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Derric McElheney as a Non-Conditional Substitute Teacher Aide for the 2009-2010 school year.

Ayes 7  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 Substitute Teacher and Conditional Substitute Food Service Helpers 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 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Committee Reports:

a. Finance Committee – February 8th – given by Mike Martello
b. Operations Committee – February 1st – given by Michiko McElfresh
c. Safety Committee – February 5th – given by Colleen Taggerty

Discussion Items:

a. 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 School Calendars
b. Policy #1330 – Appointments and Designations by the Board of Education – 2nd Reading
c. Policy #7121 – Diagnostic Screening of Students – 1st Reading
d. Policy #7132 – Education of Homeless Children and Youth – 1st Reading
e. Policy #7220 – Graduation Requirements – 1st Reading
f. Policy #7222 – Credential Options for Students with Disabilities – 1st Reading

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policy #1330 – Appointments and Designations by the Board of Education. This policy is to supersede any current School board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

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

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by I. Katzenstein, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried
Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by M. McElfresh, to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 18, 2010  Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk
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