Regular Meeting
February 17, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 6:32 p.m. in the Gymnasium of the Ivers J. Norton Elementary School located at 411 West Henley Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by President Katzenstein with a moment of silent prayer. Linda Nottingham 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
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel
Dave Olson, EV Principal
Linda Nottingham, IJN Principal
Jerry Trietley, OMS Principal
Barb Lias, OHS Principal
Cari Matejka, District Teacher
Amanda Bess, District Teacher
Chuck Bauer, District Teacher
Pam Neary, District Teacher
Linda Bess, Typist
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

OTHERS: Chris Champman, Olean Times Herald
Fred Moricca
Kathy Martel
Mike Martel
Todd Palmer, SBU
SIFE Students

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by L. Branch, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda.

Ayes 9  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Public Comments:
Fred Moricca, 222 S. 9th Street – asked the board to consider awarding the Capital Project Surveying contract to a local contractor, E&M Engineers & Surveyors PC. Fred is a district taxpayer, his child attends the OCSD, and his wife works for the District. E&M is willing to match the lowest bid.

Communications, Commendations
a. The following students have been recognized for the Harold Dutton Spotlight Award for February: Stevey Marcellin - 10th - nominated by Mrs. Mitchell for her exceptionally hard
work and positive attitude; Brandon Jones - 10th - nominated by Mrs. Rhody-Marvin for his leadership qualities and dedication to Concert Choir; Chelsie Knapp - 10th - nominated by Mrs. Rakus for always being prepared in class and her kindness towards her peers; Shelby Stark - 10th - nominated by Mrs. Rakus for her commendable love of reading and being a positive role model to her peers; Bridget Lamb, Chris Rhinehart, Megan Dwalleebe, & Ariel Shoemaker - 12th - nominated by Mr. Perry for their hard work and service to SAC.

b. Newest members of the National Honor Society were tapped Friday, February 13th. Induction will be held on Sunday, February 22nd during a ceremony at the Old Library. They are: Shanae Abdo; Kaitlyn Andreano; Samantha Armstrong; Rachel Bantelman; Angela Finch; Bethany Fling; James Hardenbergh; Hannah Hughes; Matthew Johnston; Amanda Lasky; Brittney Lee; Michael Liu; Jason Mahar; Daniel Massaro; Reed McElfresh; Kelly McKeown; Caitlyn McNamee; Tchianna McPeak; Anamarie Mehmel; Alicia Mikowicz; Christopher Mosher; Jeremiah Olson; Katelyn Parks; Rachel Pfeiffer; Louis Proto; John Samuelsdon; Brooke Schulze; Sarah Shembeda; Kevin Stevens; Helen Ventura; Megan Wells; and Amy Wetherby.

c. Happy 100th Birthday – IJN

d. Soumitri Barua - Soumitri took the County test on February 4th and finished 20th out of 86. She will compete in the Regional Spelling Bee to be held in March in Buffalo. The winner in Buffalo will qualify for the National Final.

Superintendent Taggerty discussed the following subjects with the Board of Education:
- February 17th Staff Development
- CDEP Meeting – March 17th from 3:15 to 5:30
- STAMI Meeting – Dresser-Rand Partnership – Manufacturing and Machinist Classes
- Dresser-Rand Meeting – Vince Volpe – Choice of Education – Public and Private

Moved by G. Cross, seconded L. Branch, 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 January 31, 2009 be accepted and placed on file.

b. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Warrant Report for January 2009 be accepted and placed on file.

c. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the January 2009 Intra-fund Transfer listing in the amount of $1,250.00 be 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, 2009 be accepted and placed on file.

e. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendation reviewed on February 17th be approved:

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Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by D. Harris, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that a special meeting be held on May 20, 2009 at 12:00 noon for certification of the May 19, 2009 Olean Board of Education Election Results.

Ayes ___9___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

May 20, 2009 Special Meeting

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that a special meeting be held on April 28, 2009 at 12:00 noon to cast votes in the Annual Election of Members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES.

Ayes ___9___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

April 28, 2009 Special Meeting

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the “Memorandum of Agreement” between the District and the Olean Educational Support Personnel Association regarding the Senior School Nurse annual stipend.

Ayes ___9___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Memorandum of Agreement Between Olean City School District and Olean Educational Support Personnel Association Approved

BOCES Borrowing Approved

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that WHEREAS, the State of New York continues to cause reductions in State Aid payments to local school districts in the present year, thereby harming our cash flow between March, 2009 and December, 2009 and
WHEREAS, the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming Counties BOCES has proposed to alleviate part of the financial impact of these State Aid reductions or delays by borrowing funds to replace, temporarily, the usual monthly payments by component school districts to BOCES so that this District will make one payment to BOCES on June 19, 2009 for all BOCES services invoices from March to June and one payment to BOCES on December 18, 2009 for all BOCES invoices for the period of September through December, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board supports the proposal by Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES to borrow funds for the above-stated purpose in the amount of $10,000,000.

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to authorize the Business Administrator to sign the M&T Collateral Agreement.

Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Affiliation Agreement between the Olean City School District and Michigan State University for the implementation of the field instruction program by providing field placement of Psychology students to participate in a practicum or internship for the period of September 2, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, to table the Capital Project Survey Bid Award.

Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Michelle Acierno, Co-Modified Track and Field Coach, effective January 29, 2009.

Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following 2008-2009 Coaching Appointment:

Spring, Cindy Johnson, Modified Track & Field, Index. 0.06, Stipend $1860

Motion Carried

Moved by D. Harris, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the attached list of Non-Conditional Certified Substitute Teacher, Non-Conditional Non-Certified Substitute Teacher, and Non-Conditional Substitute Food Service Helper for the 2008-2009 school year.

Motion Carried
Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the attached list of Conditional Non-Certified Substitute Teachers, Conditional Substitute Teacher Aide, and Conditional Substitute cleaner 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 ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

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

a. Audit Committee – February 9 – given by Eric Garvin
b. Buildings and Grounds Committee – February 10 – given by John Bartimole
c. Finance Committee – February 9 – given by Mike Martello
d. Health Advisory Committee – February 12 – given by Ira Katzenstein
e. Operations Committee – February 2 – given by Michiko McElfresh
f. Safety Committee – February 4 – given by Colleen Taggerty
g. Technology Committee – February 5 – given by Ira Katzenstein

Discussion Items

a. St. Bonaventure Partnership – Presentation - Todd Palmer, Cari Matejka, and Amanda Bess – Todd publicly thank you to the Cutco Foundation for its generous gift to SIFE – Colleen thanked Todd Palmer, SIFE Program, and the Board of Education for its support of Cari Matejka and Amanda Bess.

Information Items

a. Good to Great for the Social Sectors

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Bartimole, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: contractual issues and the Superintendent’s Evaluation.

Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry exited the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by J. Padlo, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Bartimole, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Dated: February 21, 2009
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