The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 7:30 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 Vice President Katzenstein with a moment of silent prayer. Ira Katzenstein led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Ira Katzenstein, Vice President
Laurie A. Branch
Gordon E. Cross
Eric Garvin
Steven H. Hamed
Michiko McElfresh
George Pancio

ABSENT: Michael Martello, President
John Bartimole

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Ward, Superintendent
Ann O’Brien, Business Administrator
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing
Jerry Trietley, OMS Principal
Connie Pound, IJN Principal
Marcie Richmond, Director of Special Education
Pearl Bowker, District Teacher
Linda Nottingham, District Teacher
Ellie Hoffman, District Teacher
Gail Cross, District Teacher
Linda Nottingham, Reading Coach
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

OTHERS: Jeff Shaw, Olean Times Herald
Kathleen Martel
Amy Sherburne
OHS Student

Public Comments: None

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by L. Branch, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: add legal update and one (1) contractual issues to agenda item 13. Executive Session.

Ayes ____7____  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried
Communications, Commendations
Thank you from Annie Skrobacz – Souper Bowl fundraiser for the Olean Food Pantry

Superintendent Ward discussed the following subjects with the Board of Education:
1. Sound of Music casting crew congratulations
2. Girls’ and Boys’ Basketball Teams have made it to the finals
3. Wrestling member placed 3rd in the sectionals
4. Strong finish for swimmer
5. Capital Project – meeting held last week with Architects
6. 2008-2009 School Calendar article that appeared in the Olean Times Herald
7. Renovation project – benches and table ready for installation; lamp posts on order; bricks purchased and ready to be engraved
8. IJN – 100th year anniversary – PTO’s request for exterior sign

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following Consent Agenda items:


b. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Warrant Report for January 2008 be accepted and placed on file.

c. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Internal Claims Auditor Exception Report for the period covering month ending January 31, 2008 be accepted and placed on file.

d. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the January 2008 Intra-fund Transfer listing in the amount of $440.00 be accepted/approved and placed on file.

Ayes ___7___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to grant permission to Kristen Walker to do a one-year “Psychology Internship”, through Alfred University, under the supervision of Carolyn Crosson, School Psychologist, beginning September 2, 2008 through June 30, 2009 at an annual stipend of $18,000.

Ayes ___7___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Carrie Bold be permitted to do a seven (7) week unpaid administrative internship through SNY Brockport’s Advanced Study Program in Educational Administration Program, under the supervision of Barb Lias, High School Principal, effective September 2, 2008 through October 24, 2008.

Ayes ___7___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried
Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Kristin Brunetto be permitted to do an unpaid 300 hour “Counseling Practicum” through St. Bonaventure University, under the supervision of Matthew Threehouse, OHS Guidance Office, during the Spring 2008 school year.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to grant permission for the Olean High School’s DECA Club to travel to Rochester, NY from March 5, 2008 through March 7, 2008 for DECA Competition. Approval is granted with the understanding that all school rules and regulations will be followed. The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to make the final decision, based upon his judgment of safety concerns at the time of the scheduled field trip, whether the field trip will occur.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Contract between the Olean City School District and Cattaraugus County for day care services for the period of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to acknowledge that Julie Kane, Lunch Monitor at BV has completed her probation effective February 29, 2008.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to acknowledge that Lynn Mott, Lunch Monitor at BV has completed her probation effective February 29, 2008.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to acknowledge that Pamela Crandall, Teacher Aide at EV has completed her probation effective February 29, 2008.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to acknowledge that Mary MacDonald, Teacher Aide at EV has completed her probation effective February 29, 2008.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried
Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to acknowledge that Carrie Bhe, Teacher Aide at EV has completed her probation effective February 29, 2008.

Ayes __7__  Nays __0__  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to acknowledge that Deb Ralston, Teacher Aide at EV has completed her probation effective February 29, 2008.

Ayes __7__  Nays __0__  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to acknowledge that Bonnie Zwarich, Teacher Aide at OHS has completed her probation effective February 29, 2008.

Ayes __7__  Nays __0__  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to extend the unpaid Leave of Absence for Melanie L. Meyers, Grade 3 Teacher, East View Elementary School, from February 29, 2008 through March 24, 3008.

Ayes __7__  Nays __0__  Motion Carried

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, due to an error in the original June 30, 2006 appointment, that AMY ANASTASIA is granted a conditional three-year probationary appointment in the English Language Arts (Grades 7-12) tenure area effective August 30, 2006. In accordance with Section 2503(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 has been conditionally cleared for employment. If the Commissioner of Education notifies the District that the appointee has been denied conditional clearance or clearance, this 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 and the conditional status shall be removed; in that event, the probationary service shall end on August 30, 2009. The appointee is certified in the English Language Arts (Grades 7-12) certification area and has submitted a signed statement for conditional appointment as provided in Section 503(18)(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that AMY ANASTASIA during the first year of this appointment, be paid at the annual salary as outlined in the Agreement between the Olean Teachers' Association and the Board of Education for a teacher on Step 6 with 15 graduate hours or as outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement ($38,671).

Ayes __7__  Nays __0__  Motion Carried
Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Pancio, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, due to an error in the original June 30, 2006 appointment, that JOELLE PERRY is granted a conditional three-year probationary appointment in the Social Studies (Grades 7-12) tenure area effective August 30, 2006. In accordance with Section 2503(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 has been conditionally cleared for employment. If the Commissioner of Education notifies the District that the appointee has been denied conditional clearance or clearance, this 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 and the conditional status shall be removed; in that event, the probationary service shall end on August 30, 2009. The appointee is certified in the Social Studies (Grades 7-12) certification area and has submitted a signed statement for conditional appointment as provided in Section 2503(18)(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that JOELLE PERRY during the first year of this appointment, be paid at the annual salary as outlined in the Agreement between the Olean Teachers’ Association and the Board of Education for a teacher on Step 2, with 35 graduate hours and a Master’s Degree or as outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement ($39,009).

Ayes ___7___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, due to an error in the original June 30, 2006 appointment, that MATTHEW PERRY is granted a conditional three-year probationary appointment in the Social Studies (Grades 7-12) tenure area effective August 30, 2006. In accordance with Section 2503(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 has been conditionally cleared for employment. If the Commissioner of Education notifies the District that the appointee has been denied conditional clearance or clearance, this 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 and the conditional status shall be removed; in that event, the probationary service shall end on August 30, 2009. The appointee is certified in the Social Studies (Grades 7-12) certification area and has submitted a signed statement for conditional appointment as provided in Section 2503(18)(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that MATTHEW PERRY during the first year of this appointment, be paid at the annual salary as outlined in the Agreement between the Olean Teachers’ Association and the Board of Education for a teacher on Step 2 with 35 graduate hours and a Master’s Degree or as outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement ($39,009).

Ayes ___7___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried
Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Fawn Wilson as a conditional part-time Teacher Aide, 3 hours per day, $10.12 per hour, for the 2007-2008 school year, effective February 27, 2008. 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 appointees have been denied conditional clearance or clearance, the appointments shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointees are granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointments shall continue.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by G. Pancio, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Susan Avery as a non-conditional part-time Literacy Parent Educator/Coordinator, 20 hours per week, $23.00 per hour, as per the OTA Contract, for the 2007-2008 school year, effective March 3, 2008.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Ashley Werner as a CONDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE for the 2007-2008 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 appointees have been denied conditional clearance or clearance, the appointments shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointees are granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointments shall continue.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Matthew Driscoll as a CONDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE CLEANER for the 2007-2008 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 appointees have been denied conditional clearance or clearance, the appointments shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointees are granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointments shall continue.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Fawn Wilson  
Appointed  
Conditional  
Part-Time  
Teacher Aide

Susan Avery  
Appointed Non-Conditional  
Part-Time  
Literacy Parent Educator/Coordinator

Ashley Werner  
Appointed Conditional  
Certified  
Substitute Teacher

Matthew Driscoll  
Appointed Conditional  
Substitute Cleaner

Erin Gerringer and Linda Robinson  
Appointed Conditional Substitute Teacher Aides
Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Tina Berg as NON-CONDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE HELPER for the 2007-2008 school year.

Ayes ___7___ Nays ____0____ Motion Carried

Tina Berg
Appointed Non-Conditional Substitute Food Service Helper

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Elizabeth Lampack as a conditional part-time Teacher Aide, 5.25 hours per day, $10.12 per hour, for the 2007-2008 school year, effective February 27, 2008 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 appointees have been denied conditional clearance or clearance, the appointments shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointees are granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointments shall continue.

Ayes ___7___ Nays ____0____ Motion Carried

Elizabeth Lampack
Appointed Conditional Part-Time Teacher Aide

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by G. Pancio, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the part-time appointment of Fawn Wilson assigned to Olean High School through the AmeriCorp Program sponsored by West Seneca AmeriCorp.

Ayes ___7___ Nays ____0____ Motion Carried

Fawn Wilson
Appointed to AmeriCorp Program

The Board of Education discussed the following items:

a. 2007-2009 Olean City School District Plan for Special Education – First Reading

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt Policy #6230 – Professional Development Certification: 175 Hours of Professional Development – incorporating “hired after January 1, 2004”. This policy is to supersede any current School Board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes ___7___ Nays ____0____ Motion Carried

G. Pancio
Adoption of Board Policy #6230

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt Policy #7691 – Additional Procedures for Identifying Students with Learning Disabilities – changing the word “Procedures” in the to “Protocol”. This policy is to supersede any current School Board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes ___7___ Nays ____0____ Motion Carried

L. Branch
Adoption of Board Policy #7691
Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt Policy #7692 – Provision of Special Education Services to Non-Public School Students with Disabilities Who are Parentally Placed. This policy is to supersede any current School Board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes ___7___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt Policy #7693 – Extended School Year (July/August) Services and/or Programs. This policy is to supersede any current School Board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes ___7___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

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

- a. Mark Ward presented the Building and Grounds Committee Report
- b. Laurie Branch presented the Finance Committee Report
- c. Michiko McElfresh presented the Operations Committee Report
- d. Ira Katzenstein presented the Outreach Committee Report
- e. Ira Katzenstein presented the Technology Committee Report
- f. Mark Ward presented the Safety Committee Report

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, to adjourn from Regular Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss CSE/CPSE Recommendations and two (2) contractual issues, at 8:10 p.m.

Ayes ___7___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by S. Hamed, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in Regular Session at 8:35 p.m.

Ayes ___7___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by M. G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve following the CSE recommendation reviewed on February 26th be approved:

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Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, to adjourn from the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

March 3, 2008