The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the Gymnasium, Boardmanville Elementary School, located at 622 Main Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by Laurie Branch, President of Board, with a moment of silent prayer. Kristin Gustason led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Laurie A. Branch, President
Gordon E. Cross
Eric Garvin
Daniel Harris
Ira Katzenstein
Michiko McElfresh
James Padlo (arrived at 6:49 p.m.)

ABSENT: John Bartimole, Vice President
Michael Martello

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools
Kathleen Elser, Business Administrator
Cso Woodworth, Technology Administrator
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing
Jen Mahar, District Coordinator of State and Federal Aid Programs
Linda Nottingham, IJN Principal
Gerald Trietley, OMS Principal
Jeff Andreano, OHS Assistant Principal
John White, BV Principal
Dave Olson, EV Principal
Joel Whitcher, WW Principal
Kristin Gustason, District Teacher
Juanita Olson, District Teacher
Tammy Martin, District Teacher
Lauren Stuff, District Teacher
Marie Rakus, District Teacher
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

OTHERS: Adam Vosler, Olean Times Herald
Dee Bunk-Hatch, SBU
Victoria Goodyear
Nick Pircio, WHDL
Ryan Gustason
Reed McElfresh
Tchianna McPeak
Moved by D. Harris, seconded by G. Cross, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda.

Ayes ___6___  
Nays ___0___  
Motion Carried

Public Comment:
None

Communications, Commendations:
a. The National Honor Society tapped the following students for induction into NHS: Bold, Taylor; Bowser, Lauren; Brown, Alyssa; Capitani, Stephen; Colarusso, Sarah; Devling, Christina; Huselstein, Samantha; Jones, Brandon; Kayes, Emily; Kirk, Alyssa; Marvin, Miles; McClain, Eboni; Miller, Catrina; Ozzella, Madison; Pfeiffer, Ashley; Powers, Katherine; Rahman, Karimah; Sawaya, Summer; Simon, Barbara; Swetland, Jessica; and Thompson, Jordan
b. Congratulations to the JV Girls' and JV Boys' Basketball Teams on their undefeated seasons
c. Thank you to the Board of Education from Maria Skrobacz – National Souper Bowl of Caring

Superintendent's Report:
a. Amy Anastastia, OHS Teacher – classroom Webcast
b. Thank you to Boardmanville Elementary School for board room decorations and building tour
c. National Honor Society Breakfast – thank you to board members John Bartimole and Jim Padlo
d. Calendar meeting with BOCES and local Superintendents
e. Family Swim Night beginning March 5th – sponsored by the Olean City School District Foundation

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Padlo, 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 February 2, 2010 and February 16, 2010.

b. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendation reviewed on March 2nd be approved:

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Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Kristin Gustason who is certified in the Speech and Language Disabilities tenure area, be granted tenure effective April 23, 2010.

Ayes __6___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Kristin Gustason presented tenure certificate.

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by D. Harris, 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 April, 2010 and December, 2010 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 18, 2010 for all BOCES services invoices from April to June and one payment to BOCES on December 17, 2010 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.

Ayes __6___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Student Teaching Agreement between the Olean City School District and Western Governors University for the implementation of the field instruction program by providing field placement of qualified students to participate in the practicum of student teaching. The terms of this Agreement shall be five (5) years commencing on September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2015.

Ayes __5___  Nays ___0___  Abstained ___1___  Motion Carried

(E. Garvin – wife will be conducting student teaching per the agreement.

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Victoria Goodyear be permitted to do a 400 hour unpaid administrative internship through St. Bonaventure University Education Leadership Certification Program, under the supervision of Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel and Cso Woodworth, Technology Administrator, effective March 3, 2010 through August 31, 2010.

Ayes __6___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried
Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by D. Harris, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Internship Contract between the Olean City School District and the University at Buffalo, SUNY for the implementation of the field instruction program by providing field placement of a qualified student to participate in a 1200-hour psychology internship. The terms of this Agreement shall commence on September 1, 2010 through August 31, 2015.

Ayes 6  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to grant permission to Joshua Mirwis to do a one-year “Psychology Internship”, through the University at Buffalo, SUNY, under the supervision of Maura Whitcomb, School Psychologist, beginning September 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 at an annual stipend of $18,000.

Ayes 6  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Olean High School’s Senior Class Over Night Field Trip to New York City and Seaside Heights, NJ from June 13, 2010 through June 15, 2010. 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.

Ayes 6  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the OMS and OHS participation in the Houghton Spring String Festival from May 28, 2010 through May 29, 2010. 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, if needed, school van and gas. 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.

Ayes 6  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by D. Harris, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Varsity Girls’ Softball Team’s Over Night Field Trip to Virginia Beach, VA from April 9, 2010 through April 17, 2010. 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 school van and gas. 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.

Ayes 6  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that a special Board of Education meeting be held on Tuesday, April 27, 2010 at noon for the purpose of adopting the 2010-2011 Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES Administrative Budget.

Ayes 6  Nays 0  Motion Carried
Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following school volunteer chaperone for the French Club’s Trip to France:

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Ayes 6  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve an unpaid Leave of Absence for Jennifer Carls, BV Elementary Teacher, for the period March 16, 2010 through June 25, 2010.

Ayes 6  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by D. Harris, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint list of Non-Conditional Non-Certified Substitute Teachers for the 2009-2010 school year.

Ayes 6  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Committee Reports:

a. Audit Committee – February 16th – given by Eric Garvin
b. Buildings and Grounds Committee – February 16th – given by Ira Katzenstein
c. Finance Committee – February 22nd – given by Eric Garvin
d. Health Advisory Committee – February 25th – given by Gordon Cross

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by E. Garvin, to amend the Meeting Agenda to include 2010-2011 Budget to the list of Discussion Items.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Discussion Items:

a. Bahamas Presentation – Tammy Martin and Lauren Stuff
b. 2010-2011 Budget
c. Policy #7121 – Diagnostic Screening of Students – 2nd Reading
d. Policy #7132 – Education of Homeless Children and Youth – 2nd Reading
e. Policy #7220 – Graduation Requirements – 2nd Reading
f. Policy #7222 – Credential Options for Students with Disabilities – 2nd Reading

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policy #7121 – Diagnostic Screening of Students. This policy is to supersede any current School board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policy #7132 – Education of Homeless Children and Youth. This policy is to supersede any current School board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried
Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policy #7220 – Graduation Requirements. This policy is to supersede any current School board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by D. Harris, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policy #7222 – Credential Options for Students with Disabilities. This policy is to supersede any current School board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by G. Cross, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go into Executive Session at 7:14 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: Contract negotiations, litigation update, and employment history of a particular individual. Lynn Corder was invited to attend Executive Session.

Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry exited Executive Session at 7:30 p.m.

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by I. Katzenstein, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve to authorize the Superintendent of Schools, to execute the Order of Stipulation and Settlement Agreement Index No. 76167.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by E. Garvin, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 4, 2010  Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry  District Clerk
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