The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 6:32 p.m. in the Gymnasium of the Olean High School located at 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by President Katzenstein with a moment of silent prayer. Barb Lias led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT:
Ira Katzenstein, President
Laurie A. Branch, Vice President
Gordon E. Cross
Eric Garvin
Daniel Harris
Michael Martello
Michiko McElfresh
James Padlo

ABSENT:
John Bartimole

STAFF PRESENT:
Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools
Ann O’Brien, Business Administrator
Barb Lias, OHS Principal
Jeff Andreano, OHS Assistant Principal
John White, BV Principal
Linda Nottingham, IJN Principal
Jerry Trietley, OMS Principal
Sheila Jackson, District Teacher
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel
Nick Patrone, Director of Community Schools
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

OTHERS:
Chris Champman, Olean Times Herald

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by G. Cross, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: add the following items to Executive Session: Litigation Update and Employment of a Particular Individual.

Ayes 8
Nays 0
Motion Carried

Public Comments:
None.

Communications, Commendations
a. Coach Mike Kane will be inducted into the 7th Annual Cattaraugus County Sports Hall of Fame. The banquet will be held at the Great Valley Firemen’s Club in Great Valley, NY on Sunday, March 29th at 1pm.
b. Coach Don Scholla will be inducted into the Allegany County Sports Hall of Fame, "Class of 2009". The banquet and ceremony will be held at Houghton College on Saturday, March 21st at 7 p.m., with a reception at 6:30 p.m.
c. Congratulations to Coach Marie Rakus and her Odyssey of the Mind teams for their second place finishes in the OM Competition on Saturday, March 7th. Their problems were "Superstition" and "The Lost Labor of Heracles." The teams ventured to Allegany-Limestone and competed throughout the day. There were teams from throughout the Cattaraugus and Allegany Counties. Team members include: Sariah Charleston, Angela Finch, Amanda Lasky, Shanae Abdo, Casey Boutwell, Chris Mosher, Holden Berstein, Amy Farris, Amy Wetherby, Byron Herbert, Samantha Armstrong, Ginger Gursky, and Bethany
Fling.

d. Congratulations to Advisor, Rose Gayton, and her OMS Drug Quiz team. They have once again become Cattaraugus County Champions and will be attending the NYS Regional Competition in Syracuse on April 22. Team members include: Christian Gayton, Geoffrey Broadbent, Olivia Anzivine, Clare Sorokes, Sierra Donovan, and Jake Cihak.

e. OHS Boys’ and Girls’ basketball teams head to states. The girls’ team finished their regular season with a 17-3 record and 12-0 in the CCAA League (champions). They were the #1 seed heading into the Section VI Class B1 tournament. The team then defeated Springville, Fredonia and East Aurora to win the Class B1 Championship. Next came the B1-B2 state qualifier crossover game. In this game the opponent was league foe and crosstown rival Allegany-Limestone. The Huskies won in a very close game 56-51 to claim the overall Section VI Class B title. The team played Friday 3/13 in the NYSPHSAA Far West Regional vs the Section V Class B Champion (Wayland-Cohocton). This game was played in Buffalo at the ECC Flickinger Center at 8:00 pm. The boys’ team finished their regular season with a 16-4 record and 11-1 in the CCAA League (champions). They were the #2 seed heading into the Section VI Class B1 tournament. The team then defeated Newfane, Medina and East Aurora to win the Class B1 Championship. Next came the B1-B2 state qualifier crossover game. In this game, the opponent was Akron. The Huskies won 45-38 to claim the overall Section VI Class B title. The team was played on Saturday 3/14 in the NYSPHSAA Far West Regional vs the Section V Class B Champion (Bishop Kearney). This game was played at Brockport State College at 4:00 pm. Congratulations to the following coaches: Jeff Anastasia, Tim Kolasinski, Brian Martin, Bruno DeGiglio, Don Scholla, Randy Samuelson, and Katie Estes.

f. Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce Good News Award Recipients: Youth Award – Annie Skrobacz – OHS Student; Culture Award – Amy Sherburne – IJN PTO President; Education Award – Pam Neary – Reading Coach.

g. Thank you to OHS for building tour

h. Thank you to Boardmanville Elementary – Board Room Decorations

Superintendent Taggerty discussed the following subjects with the Board of Education:

- CDEP Meeting Update – March 17th Meeting
- STAMI Meeting Update
- Construction Meeting – next meeting is March 18th
- Meeting with Dr. Burke – SBU
- Will be attending an Open Meetings Law Conference in Buffalo on March 26th
- City of Olean PEP Rally – Girls’ Basketball Team
- March 28th Public Meeting – property owners located near HS – to discuss parking issues

Moved by G. Cross, seconded L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following Consent Agenda items:
Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, to nominate Ira Katzenstein as a candidate for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Cattaraugus/Allegany/Erie/Wyoming BOCES representing Area 5.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, to nominate James Padlo as a candidate for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Cattaraugus/Allegany/Erie/Wyoming BOCES representing Area 5.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by L. Branch, to close BOCES Board nominations.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Contract between the Olean City School District and Cattaraugus County for community optional preventive services parenting education instruction effective September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2009.

2007-2008 School Year 2008-2009 School Year
$43,513 $43,513

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried
Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the addition of Christine Veno to the CSE Parent Member List.

Ayes 8
Nays 0
Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the contract between the Olean City School District and Joseph Zimmer, Ph.D. to provide services of Reading Diagnostics Consulting during the period of February 1, 2009 through June 30, 2009 at a rate of $100 per hour for a maximum of 10 hours.

Ayes 7
Nays 0
Abstained 1
Motion Carried
(L. Branch – she is a SBU Trustee; J. Zimmer is an employee of SBU)

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by D. Harris, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following list of school volunteers:

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Ayes 8
Nays 0
Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Ashley Sinner be permitted to do an unpaid 50 hour “Counseling Practicum” through St. Bonaventure University, at Boardmanville Elementary School under the supervision of Carla Strong, Counselor, during the Spring 2009 school year.

Ayes 8
Nays 0
Motion Carried

Moved by D. Harris, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to grant permission for the Immanuel Christian Child Care Center to use Washington West Elementary School, for Emergency Evacuation purpose, should it be needed.

Ayes 8
Nays 0
Motion Carried
Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Olean Middle School’s Drug Quiz Club’s Over Night Field Trip to Syracuse, NY from April 21, 2009 through April 22, 2009. 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. 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 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

OMS Drug Quiz Club Over Night Field Trip to Syracuse, NY Approved

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Retirement Incentive Memorandum of Agreements between the Olean City School District and the Olean Teachers’ Association (OTA), the Olean Educational Support Association (OESPA), and the Olean Administrators/Supervisory Association (OASA) which expire June 30, 2009.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Abstained 1  Motion Carried

Retirement Incentive Memorandum of Agreements Approved For OTA, OESPA, and OASA Associations

(G. Cross – wife is teacher and member of OTA)

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the attached list of Non-Conditional Certified Substitute Teacher for the 2008-2009 school year.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Non-Conditional Certified Substitute Teacher List Approved

Moved by G. Cross, 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 Teacher Aides 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 appointees 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 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Conditional Non-Certified Substitute Teacher, Conditional Teacher Aides, Appointed

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

a. Building and Grounds – March 10 – given by Laurie Branch
b. CDEP – March 17 – given by Ira Katzenstein and Colleen Taggerty
b. Technology – March 5 – given by Colleen Taggerty

Discussion Items

a. Good to Great and the Social Sectors
b. Adult Education Presentation – Nick Patrone
c. Policy #7680 – Independent Educational Evaluations – First Reading

Moved by M. Martello, seconded by E. Garvin to waive the Second Reading of Policy #7680 – Independent Educational Evaluations.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Second Reading of Policy #7680 – Independent Educational Evaluations Waived
Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policy #7680 – INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL EVALUATIONS as presented. This policy is to supersede any current School board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Information Items

a. Nominating Petitions – will be available on March 17th for the upcoming School Board Election to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009. Eligible voters will elect two members to the Board of Education.

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by L. Branch, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: contractual issues, possible litigation, litigation update, and employment of a particular individual.

Lynn Corder was extended an invitation to attend the Executive Session to discuss the employment of a particular individual. Lynn Corder exited Executive Session at 7:35 p.m.

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Dustin Sprague as a Conditional Substitute Lifeguard for the 2008-2009 school year at a rate of $15 per hour. In accordance with Section 503(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, 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 ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by G. Cross, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry  
District Clerk

March 23, 2009
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