The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at 6:31 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 Michael Martello, President of Board, with a moment of silent prayer or personal reflection. Karen Hessney, former District Speech Pathologist and wife of Board Member, Paul Hessney, and George Bello, husband of Liz Bello, District Teacher Aide and father of Angie Bello, OIMS teacher recently passed away. Please keep their families in thoughts and prayer. Ira Katzenstein led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT:

Michael Martello, President
John Bartimole, Vice President
Eric Garvin
Ira Katzenstein
Paul Knieser
Michiko McElfresh
James Padlo

ABSENT:

Laurie Branch (excused)
Paul Hessney (excused)

STAFF PRESENT:

Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools
Kathleen Elser, Business Administrator
Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk
Jen Mahar, District Coordinator of State and Federal Aid Programs
Mia O'Brien, Director of Human Resources
Dave Lasky, Teacher
Jen Kless, Teacher
Sheila Yaffe, Teacher
Sarah Rucinski, Teacher
Lisa Brooks, Teacher
Julie Faulkner, Teacher
Emily Chamberlain, Teacher
Sue Sorokes, Teacher
Darlene Connelly, Teacher
Janean Threehouse, Teacher
Kelly Havens, Teacher
Gloria Swetland, Teacher
Jennifer Rodman, Teacher
Christina Raimondi, Teacher
Amy Bay, Teacher
Nick Patrone, Community Schools
Leslie Patrone, Community Schools

OTHERS:

Nick Pircio, WHDL
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Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by M. McElfresh, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: add to New Business items c. Negative Declaration for Parking Lot resolution and d. resolution approving Lease for Parking Lot.  

Ayes ___7__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Public Comment:
None

Communications, Commendations:

a. Congratulations to the following students that participated in the Dresser Rand Speech Contest held at the Old Library on Thursday, 3/13/14: receiving honorable mention were Matt Brush, Jack Dwailleebe, Jarrett Prizel, Erin Martin, Kianna Kwiatkowski, and Ethan Dalton. Placing second was Ryan Butterbaugh who received a certificate. First place winner was Brian Ramarge who received a certificate and a cash award! A great night for OIMS!
b. Congratulations to Carolyn Shields - chosen as an inductee into the Cattaraugus County Sports Hall of Fame! Carolyn will be honored at a banquet on March 29th at the Little Valley American Legion at 6:00. Congratulations!
c. Congratulations to Gabriel Williams, an OHS 8th grader who represented our Cattaraugus County at the Western New York Regional Spelling Bee
d. BOCES New Visions – 10 students from Olean City School District selected for the program
e. Congratulations to the boys’ Basketball team – second place – NYS championship

Discussion Item:

a. Liberty Partnership – Leslie Patrone
b. Demo of new lighting system in HS Auditorium – Nick Patrone
   4 additional students in New Vision Program
   Building aid reduction
   Tax Cap Calculation – will go out for a 1.9% increase

Committee Reports:

a. Safety Committee – March 5 – given by Ira Katzenstein
b. Technology Committee – March 6 – given by Colleen Taggerty
c. Buildings and Grounds – March 11 – given by Paul Knieser
d. School Health Team – March 13 – given by Colleen Taggerty

It was the consensus of the board not to proceed with the solar panel project at this time.

Superintendent’s Report:

a. Arion Energy – is willing to pay for an engineer to review the roof structures of District facilities and green space for potential installation of solar panels
b. Title Audit – thank you to Jen Mahar, teachers, and staff
c. BOCES surplus vehicles – District purchased a 2008 truck for $16,295
d. March 25th meeting with Lori Cornell – Governor’s southwestern liaison

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:

a. The previous meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 25, 2014.
c. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Warrant Report for February 2014 be accepted and placed on file.

d. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the February 2014 Intra-fund Transfer listing in the amount of $70,513.99 be accepted/approved and placed on file.

e. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Internal Claims Auditor Exception Report for the period covering month ending February 28, 2014, be accepted and placed on file.

f. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendation reviewed on March 18th be approved:

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g. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to declare the attached list of equipment as surplus.

h. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the attached list of Conditional and Non-Conditional Substitutes.

Ayes ___7___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that a special board meeting be held on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Ayes ___7___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried
Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Olean City School District approves the proposed basis of service charges of the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following SEQRA resolution to wit:

Resolution Issuing Negative Declaration for Lease of Parking Lot

WHEREAS, the Olean City School District ("District") and its Board of Education proposes to lease from St. Joseph’s Maronite Church the exclusive use of the vacant, blacktopped parking lot at the former St. Joseph’s Parish lot, 331 North 4th Street, Olean, New York (SBL No. 94.056-8-5) (the “Premises”); and

WHEREAS, the District proposes to use the Premises to supplement parking for Olean High School which is located across the street from the Premises; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with State Education Department guidance and policy, the local school district/ board of education is the appropriate agency to be the lead agency to undertake project review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, the District/Board as lead agency has duly considered the action of leasing the parking lot, the Environmental Assessment Form, the criteria for determining whether the action will have a significant adverse impact on the environment as set forth in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.7(c) of the SEQRA regulations, and such other information deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the District/Board has identified the relevant areas of environmental concern, has taken a hard look at these areas, and has made a reasoned elaboration of the basis for its determination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Olean City School District Board of Education that:

1. The action will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
2. The attached Negative Declaration, incorporated herein by reference, is issued and adopted for the reasons stated in the attached Negative Declaration.
3. The Superintendent is hereby authorized to sign and file all documents necessary to comply with SEQRA.
4. This resolution is effective immediately.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution to wit:

WHEREAS, the Olean City School District (the “District”) requires parking spaces for its administration, staff and faculty; and

WHEREAS, St. Joseph’s Maronite Catholic Church (the “Church”) has offered to lease a portion of its premises located at 331 North 4th Street, Olean, New York (the “Property”) to the District for such operations; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the District previously resolved that the proposed lease and anticipated use of the Property will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and adopted a Negative Declaration pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the District hereby (a) approves the Lease with Church, in the form presented to the Board, for the lease of the Property; and (b) authorizes and directs the Superintendent to execute the Lease (with such non-material amendments, additions or alterations as may be determined appropriate by the District’s legal counsel), and (c) instructs the Superintendent and other appropriate District officials to proceed with the implementation of all steps reasonably necessary and appropriate to allow for the District’s performance of the Lease.

Ayes ____7____  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Shirley Wigent, Teacher Aide, retroactive to March 10, 2014.

Ayes ____7____  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Marcie Ulasewicz, Teacher Aide, retroactive to March 13, 2014.

Ayes ____7____  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Mary Manning, Teacher Aide, effective March 21, 2014.

Ayes ____7____  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to grant an unpaid Leave of Absence to Jennifer Perry, Teacher Aide, retroactive from February 25, 2014, through March 4, 2014.

Ayes ____7____  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to grant an unpaid Leave of Absence to Shirley Douthit, Food Service Worker, retroactive from March 14, 2014, through June 27, 2014.

Ayes ____7____  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Kelly Andreano, EV Teacher-In-Charge, at a prorated stipend of $300.00, retroactive to January 7, 2014, through the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year

Ayes ____7____  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried

Discussion Items:

a. Policy #1330 – Appointments and Designations by the Board of Education – 2nd Reading
b. Policy #1332 – Duties of the School District Treasurer and Tax Collector – 2nd Reading
c. Policy #1334 – Duties of the External Auditor – 2nd Reading
d. Policy #1335 – Appointments and Duties of the Claims Auditor – 2nd Reading

e. Guidance on students who refuse to take a state exam

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policies Policy #1330 – Appointments and Designations by the Board of Education, Policy #1332 – Duties of the School District Treasurer and Tax Collector, Policy #1334 – Duties of the External Auditor, and Policy #1335 – Appointments and Duties of the Claims Auditor. These policies are to supersede any current School Board Policies regarding the same matter.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Informational Items

a. School Board Member Nominating Petitions are available
b. BOCES Annual Meeting has been set for Wednesday, April 2 at 7 p.m. at the Center at Olean
c. Board and Committee Meetings – April
   - Tuesday, April 1, noon – Operations Committee
   - Wednesday, April 2, 3:30 pm – Safety Committee
   - Thursday, April 3, 3:45 pm – Technology Committee
   - Tuesday, April 8, noon – Buildings and Grounds Committee
   - Tuesday, April 8, 6:30 pm – Special Board Meeting
   - TBD – Finance Committee
   - Monday, April 14, noon – Audit Committee
   - Tuesday, April 22, 6:30 pm – Board Meeting

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go into Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: performance of one particular individual and litigation. Mia O’Brien and Kathy Elser invited to attend Executive Session.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

Dated: March 19, 2014

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by I. Katzenstein, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by J. Bartimole, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried
Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Taggerty
Pro Tem District Clerk

Dated: March 19, 2014

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