The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Board Room located at 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by John Bartimole, President of Board, with a moment of silent prayer or personal reflection. Mike Martello led the Board of Education in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**PRESENT:**
- John Bartimole, President
- Paul Knieser, Vice President
- Laurie Branch
- Paul Hessney
- Ira Katzenstein
- Michael Martello
- Michiko McElfresh
- Frank Steffen, Jr.

**ABSENT:**
- James Padlo (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 Services
- Jeff Andreano, OHS Assistant Principal

**OTHERS:**
- James Keefe
- Steve Pancio
Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Public Comment:
Steve Pancio, 103 Eagle Crest Drive – Steve presented a document with signatures requesting a referendum for public decision at the Budget Vote for the District to accept their (Eagle Crest Health Systems LLC) highest bid in the amount of $31,552.51 for the additional land owned behind the former Boardmanville Elementary School. Mr. Pancio believes that it is in the best interest of Olean and the taxpayers.

James Keefe, 1606 West State Street – discussed the letter to the editor in the Olean Times Herald that was submitted by three Olean Intermediate Middle School teachers. James also noted that he is in favor of Steve Pancio’s request for referendum.

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to declare a transportation emergency regarding one special education bus run to the Randolph Academy and authorize the district to pursue a one month emergency bus contract until a formal bid or shared transportation run can be issued and approved, if necessary.

Communications, Commendations:

a. Congratulations to the following list of exemplary District All-County musicians - Senior High All-County Chorus 2015: Andre Balthazard; Andrew Burczynski; Collin Charles; Tyler Daniels; Nathan Durham; Andrea Harris; Majia Klute; Peyton Kunselman; Bryan Lewis; Saad Mirza; Matthew Peterson-Volz; Luciano Rogers; Anna-Elizabeth Ross; Taylor Shearer; Marcus Snyder; Hannah Stayer; Javyn Welka; Maegan Windus; and Jaquveus Ulmer. Junior High All-County Chorus 2015: Morgan Hefti; Eli Hendrix; Taryn Nasuta; Evan Pilon; Cassidy Price; Austin Ring; Lauren Snow; Torry Stives; and Mackenzie Windus. Junior High All-County Band: Meagan Bruso; Griffin Humbert; Riley Mikolajczyk; and Teri Poortenga. Senior High All-County Band: Meagan Bruso; Jackson Bright; Andie Harris; Alexis Sova; and Haleigh Youll. Elementary All-County Chorus: Malachi Klein; Jazlynn Knapp; Molli Pettit; Andrew Sherburne; Grace Ventura; and Michelya Williams. Julie Mulryan has the great honor of being accepted to the All-Eastern Choir in Providence, Rhode Island in April

b. Letter from Chuck Bauer to Board of Education

c. Congratulations to Olean High School sophomore, Aubrianna Weber, winner of the Western Regional Youth Advocate of the Year Award (YAYA), which covers the 17 counties of western New York. She was nominated for all her work and advocacy with the Olean Reality Check group educating the community on the issues that come from tobacco and ways to combat these issues. Aubrianna has been a Reality Check member for three years.

Superintendent’s Report

a. OIMS Concert for 4th and 5th grades this evening

b. Capital Project meeting this afternoon – construction/renovations will start after graduation

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by F. Steffen, Jr., upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:

a. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to declare the list of library books as surplus items.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried
Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following Resolution Issuing Negative Declaration for Purchase of St. Joseph’s Maronite Church Property:

WHEREAS, the Olean City School District (the “District”) proposes to purchase the St. Joseph’s Maronite Church property located at 331 North 4th Street (SBL No. 94.056-8-5), 332 North 5th Street (SBL No. 94.056-8-4), and 330 North 5th Street (SBL No. 94.056-8-27) across North 4th Street from the Olean High School (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, the District already leases a portion of the Property for parking and would continue to use the Property for parking for the High School and other nearby District sites; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action of purchasing the Property has been classified as a “Type I” action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (“SEQRA”) due to the proximity of the Oak Hill Historic District which includes the High School; and

WHEREAS, the Olean City School District and its Board of Education (the “Board”) is the “Lead Agency” and has undertaken a coordinated environmental review; and

WHEREAS, the District/Board has duly considered the action, 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 of purchasing the Property for continued parking use 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 ___ Nays ___ Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by F. Steffen, Jr., RESOLVE, that the Board of Education of the Olean City School District hereby (a) approves the contract with St. Joseph’s Maronite Catholic Church, in the form presented, for the purchase real property situated at 331 North 4th Street, Olean, New York (SBL No. 94.056-8-5), 332 North 5th Street, Olean, New York (SBL No. 94.056-8-4) and 330 North 5th Street, Olean, New York (SBL No. 94.056-8-27) for the purchase price of Two Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Dollars ($235,000.00), subject to the conditions set forth in such contract, including approval by the voters of the District; and (b) authorizes and directs the Superintendent to execute and deliver the contract and related transactional documents in substantially the form presented to this Board of Education (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 contract.

Ayes ___ Nays ___ Motion Carried
Moved by L. Branch, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution to wit:

NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE:

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN, that a public hearing for the voters of the District on the 2015-2016 budget and expenditure of funds will be held on May 5, 2015, commencing at 6:00 p.m. Prevailing Time in the Olean Intermediate Middle School’s LGI Room, 401 Wayne Street, Olean, New York.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual School District vote of the Olean City School District (“District”), Cattaraugus County, New York will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Prevailing Time at the Polling Place as follows for the purposes of electing one (1) Member of the Board of Education, voting on the budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year, creating a Capital Reserve Fund, purchasing real property, and transacting such other business as is authorized by law:

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the election of members of the Board of Education shall be held to fill one (1) position on the Board. One (1) position is to be for a five (5) year term commencing on July 1, 2015, and terminating on June 30, 2020, created by the expiration on June 30, 2015 of the term of member Michael Martello.

Polling Place

Olean Intermediate Middle School, 401 Wayne Street

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all candidates for the office of Member of the Board of Education shall be nominated by petition. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District, shall be signed by at least 100 qualified voters of the District, shall state the residence of each signer, and shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the District between the hours of 9:00 a.m. Prevailing Time and 5:00 P.M. Prevailing Time not later than April 29, 2015, the twentieth (20th) day preceding the election of Members of the Board of Education, to wit, May 19, 2015.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that voting on the budget and propositions shall consist of voting on the following propositions, and on each other propositions as are authorized by law and the rules of this Board to be voted on at said time:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – 2015-2016 Basic Budget

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED that the basic budget for the Olean City School District (the “District”) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016, as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefore are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the District to be levied and collected as required by law.

PROPOSITION 2 - Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Olean City School District (the “District”) is hereby authorized to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law of the State of New York (the “Fund”); that the Fund shall be known as the “Capital Reserve Fund” of the District; that the Fund shall be established for the
purpose of funding all or a portion of the costs of the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, expansion, renovation, alteration and improvement of District buildings, facilities, grounds and real property, including the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required in connection therewith; that the ultimate amount of the Fund shall be not greater than $1,500,000 plus interest earned thereon; that the probable term of the Fund shall be not longer than ten years; and that the sources of the monies for the Fund shall be (a) amounts applied thereto from budgetary appropriations of the District from time to time, (b) amounts from the fund balance of the District as directed by the Board from time to time; (c) to the extent specifically directed by the Board, State aid received as reimbursement for expenditures by the District in connection with District capital improvements projects and (d) such other sources the Board or the voters of the District may direct from time to time, all as may be permitted by law.

PROPOSITION 3 – Purchase of Real Property

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Olean City School District be, and it hereby is, authorized to purchase the real property situated at 331 North 4th Street, Olean, New York (SBL No. 94.056-8-5), 332 North 5th Street, Olean, New York (SBL No. 94.056-8-4) and 330 North 5th Street, Olean, New York (SBL No. 94.056-8-27) for the purchase price of Two Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Dollars ($235,000.00), subject to certain conditions set forth in the purchase contract, including approval by the voters of the District.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that voting machines will be used to record the vote on the budget, on the proposition(s), and on the election of Members of the Board of Education.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Board of Education of this District has adopted Rules for the Use of Voting Machines and the Submission of Questions or Propositions to be Placed Thereon. Printed copies for general distribution in the District are available at the office of the District Clerk located in the District Office, 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, New York, 14760.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that applications for absentee ballots for the Annual District Vote may be applied for during school business hours at the Office of the Clerk of the District. Complete applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the Office of the District Clerk on each of the five business days prior to the Annual District Vote, and such list will also be posted at the polling place for the Annual District Vote.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that Personal Registration of voters is required pursuant to the requirements of Section 2606 of the New York State Education Law and that the Special Registration Date for the regular annual election to be held on May 19, 2015, be established as May 5, 2015, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m. A register containing names of registered voters will be available, upon request, to taxpayers within this District during the hours of 9:00 A.M. Prevailing Time to 4:00 P.M. Prevailing Time from May 12, 2015, to May 19, 2015, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, at the office of the District Clerk located in the District Office, 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, New York, 14760.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Board of Education of this District will have prepared and completed a detailed statement in writing of the amount of money which will be required during the ensuing 2015-2016 fiscal year for school purposes, specifying the several purposes and the amount for each. The amount of each purpose estimated necessary for payments to boards of cooperative education services shall be set forth in full with no deduction of estimated state aid.
Said statement will be available, upon request, to taxpayers within this District during the hours of 9:00 A.M. Prevailing Time to 4:00 P.M. Prevailing Time from May 5, 2015 to May 19, 2015, exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, at each of the public schoolhouses of the District as well as the Olean Public Library.

By Order of the Board of Education Olean City School District that the District Clerk is hereby directed to arrange for the use of voting machines for said Annual School District Vote and for the printing of ballot labels to be used in said machines, which ballot labels shall be printed in the forms required by the Rules of the Use of Voting Machines and the Submission of Questions or Propositions to be Placed Thereon, adopted by the Board of Education in February 1997, and for each proposition to be submitted the words YES and NO shall be printed so that the lever on each voting machine for a YES vote, when voted, will come down over the word YES and the lever on each voting machine for a NO vote, when voted, will come down over the word NO.

Ayes ___8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

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

RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF REGISTRATION ...

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the requirements of Section 2606 of the Education Law, the Board of Education of the Olean City School District appoint the following named individuals, no more than half of whom are members of the same political party, as members of a Board of Registration in and for the Olean City School District, to wit:

Irene Malick 1001 Queen St., Olean, NY
Mary Pezzimenti 131 N. 17th Street, Olean, NY

and be it further,

RESOLVED, that each of the aforenamed members of the Board of Registration shall serve for a term of one year terminating on March 1, 2016, and shall be compensated at that rate paid at the last general election held in the City of Olean, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the aforenamed individuals shall act as a Board of Registration for the Olean City School District, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Office of the Board of Education at the High School Building at 410 West Sullivan Street is designated as a place within the School District where such Board of Registration shall attend for the purpose of preparing a register for each school election district.

Irene Malick 1001 Queen St., Olean, NY
Mary Pezzimenti 131 N. 17th Street, Olean, NY

Ayes ___8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by F. Steffen, Jr., upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION INSPECTORS ...

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the requirements of Section 2607 of the Education Law that the following named individuals be appointed as inspectors of election to serve in the
following district polling places of the Olean City School District in connection with an annual district election to be held on the 19th day of May, 2015.

**POLLING PLACE – OLEAN MIDDLE SCHOOL**

1. Mary Anne Powers  
   212 Brookview Avenue, Olean, NY
2. Gail Olson  
   1022 Prospect Avenue, Olean, NY
3. Loretta Neumann  
   138 E. Riverside Drive, Olean, NY
4. Patricia Liberati  
   117 Coleman St., Olean, NY
5. Irene Malick  
   1001 Queen St., Olean, NY
6. Dan Lerminiaux  
   628 Prospect Avenue, Olean, NY
7. Donna Lerminiaux  
   628 Prospect Avenue, Olean, NY
8. Helen Stayer  
   431 Fourth Avenue, Olean, N.Y
9. Sarah Cassada  
   714 Prospect Avenue, Olean, N.Y

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of the above appointed Inspectors of Election be compensated at that rate paid at the last general election the City of Olean, New York, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Education notify each of the aforenamed appointees in writing of their appointment as inspectors of election and notify them of their duties as provided in Section 2606 of the Education Law and elicit from each of the appointees their acceptance or refusal of their appointment all to the end that if any appointee refuses to accept the appointment as Inspector of Election, the Board of Education may appoint a qualified voter of the school district to fill the vacancy.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

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

**APPOINTMENT OF VOTING MACHINE CARETAKER**

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Olean City School District appoint Mr. Richard Ehman, as Voting Machine Caretaker, for the 2015 School Annual Election to be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at the rate paid at the last general election.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by F. Steffen, Jr., upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve Olean High School's Model UN Club’s Over Night Field Trip to Cornell University, Ithaca, New York from April 16, 2015, through April 19, 2015.

Approval is granted with the understanding that all school rules and regulations will be followed and the cost to the school district will be for two (2) substitute teachers and $800. 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

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Olean City School District's Orchestra's Over Night Field Trip to Houghton College, Houghton, NY from May 15, 2015, through May 16, 2015.

Approval is granted with the understanding that all school rules and regulations will be followed and the cost to the school district will be for transportation and three to four (3-4) 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.
Moved by F. Steffen, Jr., seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following list of volunteers for the 2014-2015 school year:

| Goodwin | Susan   | Tkaczow | Amanda |

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by P. Hessney, seconded by F. Steffen, Jr., upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the proposed 2015-2016 school year calendar.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Olean City School District and the Olean Teachers’ Association regarding Literacy Coaches.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Melinda McCarthy, Teacher Aide, with regret, effective April 3, 2015.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by P. Hessney, seconded by F. Steffen, Jr., upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Jennifer Kless, Pamela Neary, Patricia Howden, and Katie Ralston as Literacy Coaches for the 2014-2015 school year retroactive to September 2014.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adjourn from the Special Meeting and go into Executive Session at 6:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: the performance of two particular individuals, contract negotiations, pending litigation. Kathy Elser, Mia O’Brien and Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry invited to attend.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Special Meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by F. Steffen, Jr., seconded by P. Hessney, to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk
Dated: March 27, 2015