The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, April 16, 2013, at 6:35 p.m. at the Olean High School Auditorium, located at 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by Ira Katzenstein, President of Board, with a moment of silent prayer or a moment of personal reflection in honor of District employee, Kim Hund, that passed away last week and the Boston bombing victims. The Board of Education said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Ira Katzenstein, President
Michael Martello, Vice President
John Bartimole
Laurie Branch
Gordon E. Cross
Paul Knieser
Jim Padlo

EXCUSED: Eric Garvin
Dan Harris

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools
Kathleen Elser, Business Administrator
Jerry Trietley, Olean Intermediate Middle School Principal (Gr. 6 & 7)
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel
Barb Lias, Olean High School Principal
Linda Nottingham, Washington West Principal
John White, East View Principal
Joel Whitcher, Olean Intermediate Middle School Principal (Gr. 4 & 5)
Marcie Richmond, Director of Special Education
Cso Woodworth, Technology Administrator
Rychelle Weseman, Literacy Coordinator
Bernadette Ralson, Teacher
Debra Ralson, Teacher
Ellie Hoffman, Speech
Karen Woodring, Teacher
Dan Brown, Teacher
Pam Neary, Teacher
Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk
Tara Frederick, Teacher
Kim Ackerman, Teacher
Lori Lewicki, Teacher
Elizabeth Orcutt, OESPA
Marlana Finch, Speech
Amanda Bess, Teacher
Kristine Bates, Teacher

OTHERS: Kelsey Boudin, Olean Times Herald
Nick Pircio, WHDL (7:00 p.m.)
Robin Vosburg
Meaghen Tedenry
Lauren Caya
Patrick Brown
Moved by M. Martello, seconded by J. Bartimole, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following amendments: Move Discussion Items before Public Comment.

Ayes ___7___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Discussion Items:

a. Board Self Evaluation Assessment – will be sent to board members in two weeks
b. Budget – Mike Martello discussed the proposed 2013-2014 (noting that Full-day PreK will be reinstated and tax levy limit will be 2.8%); those in attendance applauded the board
c. Nominating Petitions for Board Candidates Available – must be returned to the District Clerk on May 1, 2013, by 5 pm

Public Comments:

Elaine Stephen – 1291 Route 16 South – noted that she is concerned about the loss of instruction time due to bussing.

Seth Johnson – 515 York Street – as a working parent/coach he commended the Board of Education for reinstating the PreK program to full-day. Mr. Johnson noted that he has a child that will be entering PreK next.

Communication, Commendations:

a. Congratulations to the following students named March’s Harold Dutton Student of the Month Recipients: Marissa Magro; Luke Hennessy; Kyle Steiner; Abram Webster; Nick Chizewick; Brenna Hamed; Chance Anzivine; and Paige Padlo; and Caroline Carlson
b. Thank you from Ashley Mulryan and Jan Rhody regarding the NAfME All-Eastern participation

Committee Reports:

a. CDEP Committee Meeting – March 18 – given by Colleen Taggerty
b. School Health Team Committee Meeting – March 21 – given by Jerry Trietley
c. Finance Committee Meeting – April 3 – given by Mike Martello
d. Operations Committee Meeting – April 9 – given by John Bartimole
e. Audit Committee Meeting – April 15 – given by Laurie Branch
f. Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting – April 16 – given by Paul Knieser

Superintendent’s Report:

a. Connect 4 Talent Show – April 20 – High School Auditorium
b. Connect 4 Joint Board Meeting – April 30th – Portville Central School
c. NYS Assessment Testing – NYSED has noted that there is NO legal “opt out” for testing for grades 3 to 8. Testing is a requirement through NYS regulations.

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

a. The previous meeting minutes of the Regular Meetings held on March 5, 2013, and March 19, 2013.

b. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Treasurer’s Report dated March 31, 2013, be accepted and placed on file.

c. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Warrant Report for March 2013 be accepted and placed on file.

d. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the March 2013 Intra-fund Transfer listing in the amount of $125,949.26 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 March 31, 2013, be accepted and placed on file.

f. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Olean Intermediate/Middle School’s and Olean High School’s Student Activity Accounts Quarterly Reports for the period covering January 31, 2013, through March 31, 2013, be accepted and placed on file.

g. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CPSE recommendations reviewed on April 16th be approved:

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h. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendations reviewed on April 16th be approved:

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i. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to declare the attached list of kitchen equipment as surplus item(s).

Ayes _____ Nays _____ Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Olean City School District hereby approves and adopts the proposed 2013-14 General Fund Budget in the amount of $37,612,024.00 for purposes of presentation of such budget to the District’s voters for approval at the May 21, 2013, annual District vote and election

Ayes _____ Nays _____ Motion Carried

Moved by P. Knieser, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Olean City School District hereby approves and adopts the proposed 2013-14 Property Tax Report Card pursuant to Education Law Section 1716).

Ayes _____ Nays _____ Motion Carried

2013-2014 General Fund Budget Approved and Adopted

2013-2014 Property Tax Report Card Approved and Adopted
Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve Olean Intermediate Middle School's Whale Watch Club's Over Night Field Trip to Boston, Massachusetts from May 14, 2013, through May 16, 2013. 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. 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 7
Nays 0
Motion Carried

Moved by M. Martello, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve Olean Intermediate Middle School's and the Olean High School's Orchestra's Over Night Field Trip to Houghton College, NY from May 24, 2013, through May 25, 2013. 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) buses and four to five (4 - 5) 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 7
Nays 0
Motion Carried

Moved by P. Knieser, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve Olean Intermediate Middle School's Explorers Club's Over Night Field Trip to Niagara Falls, New York from May 24, 2013, through May 25, 2013. 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 six (6) 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 7
Nays 0
Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Olean High School Spanish Club's Out of Country Trip to Spain and France from April 9, 2014, through April 20, 2014. 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 three (3) substitute teachers for at least two (2) day. 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 7
Nays 0
Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the list of budget transfers exceeding $50,000.00.

Ayes 7
Nays 0
Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to authorize the support of Cattaraugus County's Early Identification & Recognition Program questionnaire to help recognize potential at risk children ages 4 to 17 years old.

Ayes 7
Nays 0
Motion Carried
Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, 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) and the Olean Educational Support Association (OESPA) which expire June 30, 2013.

Ayes ______ Nays ______ Motion Carried

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

WHEREAS, B Wright Properties, LLC is the owner of two commercial properties located at 229-31 North Union Street and 233-37 North Union Street in the City of Olean, and

WHEREAS, the properties have a combined assessment of $375,000 for the 2012-2013 tax year, and

WHEREAS, B. Wright Properties, LLC has filed a real property tax assessment proceeding seeking a reduction in the combined assessed valuation to $150,000 plus a tax refund with interest for the 2012-2013 tax year, and

WHEREAS, B. Wright Properties, LLC recently purchased both properties for the total sum of $150,000, and

WHEREAS, B. Wright Properties, LLC is seeking a tax refund from City, School District and County based upon the recent purchase price, and

WHEREAS, a proposed settlement has been negotiated in which B. Wright Properties would waive any tax refund from the School District and the combined assessment would be set at $150,000 for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 tax years and the combined assessment would be set at $215,000 for the 2015-2016 tax year, and

WHEREAS, the settlement as proposed involves a waiver of a tax refund by the School District and is in the best interest of the Olean City School District, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Olean City School District hereby approves the proposed settlement waiving any assessment reduction in the 2012-2013 tax year and setting the combined assessment at $150,000, $150,000 and $215,000 for the next three tax years, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is hereby authorized to sign any documents necessary to finalize the proposed Settlement Agreement.

Ayes ______ Nays ______ Motion Carried

Moved by M. Martello, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve that Sheila Collins be permitted to do unpaid 1500 hour independent field study under the supervision of Karen O’Dell, Autism Specialist, for the period of April 2013 through August 2015.

Ayes ______ Nays ______ Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to grant an unpaid Leave of Absence to Melissa Blackmon, Food Service Helper, for the period of April 28, 2013.

Ayes ______ Nays ______ Motion Carried
Moved by G. Cross, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to grant an unpaid Leave of Absence to Alice Gerringer, Teacher Aide, for the period of June 4, 2013, through June 7, 2013.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Derric McElheney, Teacher Aide, retroactive to April 5, 2013.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to terminate the services of Michael Vincent, Cleaner, in accordance with the Civil Service Law Section 71, effective April 19, 2013.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by P. Knieser, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the probationary appointment to employment of Lisa McHone in the position of Teacher Aide be terminated, effective April 8, 2013, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized and directed to take appropriate action to effectuate this resolution.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, in accordance with Civil Service Law and Rules that the employment of Richard Eustis, having the most seniority in the Cleaner Civil Service Title, be reinstated effective April 22, 2013, 8 hours per day, at an hourly rate of $19.76.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Informational Item:
a. BOCES Budget Adjustment
b. BOE May Meetings
1. Special Board Meeting – April 23rd at 6:30 pm – BOCES budget vote
2. Connect 4 Joint Meeting – April 30th at 6:30 pm at Portville Central School
3. Safety Committee – May 1st at 3:30 pm
4. Technology Committee Board – May 2nd at 3:45 pm
5. Operations Committee – May 7th at noon
6. Board Meeting – May 7th at 6:30 pm
7. Budget Public Hearing – May 14th at 7:00 pm – OIMS LGI Room
8. Finance Committee – May 16th at noon
9. Audit Committee – May 20th at noon
10. CDEP Committee – May 20th at 3:30 pm
11. Buildings and Grounds Committee – May 21st at noon
12. Board Meeting – May 21st at 6:30 pm
13. Special Board Meeting – May 22nd at noon – certify election results
14. School Health Team – May 23rd at 3:15 pm
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Discussion Items:

a. Policy #5640 – Smoking/Tobacco Use – 1st Reading
b. Policy #7131 – Non-Resident Students – 2nd Reading
c. Policy #7160 – Student Use of Personal Technology – 1st Reading

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policy #7131 – Non-Resident Students. 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 Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: Contractual Negotiations for the Teachers’ Association, the Support Personnel Association, and the Director of Personnel. Kathy Elser and Lynn Corder invited to attend Executive Session. Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry excused at 7:12 p.m.

Ayes ___7___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

Dated: April 18, 2013

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by G. Cross, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Ayes ___7___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by L. Branch, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Ayes ___7___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Taggerty
Pro Tem District Clerk
Dated: April 18, 2013