The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 6:33 p.m., via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Mary Hirsch-Schena, President, with a moment of personal reflection or a silent prayer. The Board of Education recited Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Mary Hirsch-Schena, President
Andrew Caya, Vice President
Janine Fodor
Paul Hessney
Ira Katzenstein
Kelly Keller
James Padlo

Excused: John Bartimole (excused)
Frank Steffen, Jr. (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools
Jenny Bilotta, Business Administrator
Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk
Aaron Wolfe, Director of Human Resources
Mike Martel, Director of Technology
Jen Mahar, Coordinator of State and Federal Aid Programs
Jen Kless, Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction
Jerry Trietley, OIMS Principal (grades 6 & 7)
Brian Crawford, EV Principal
Lauren Stuff, WW Principal
Jeff Andreano, HS principal

Faculty and Staff via ZOOM

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OTHERS: Kellen Quigley, OTH
Brynn Ackerman, HS Senior
Moved by P. Hessney, seconded by J. Padlo, to approve the agenda as amended –
removed the 2021-2022 School Calendar under New Business. Janine Fodor proposed a
special meeting to discuss reopening of schools.

Ayes __7__  Nays __0__    Motion Carried

Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items:
Brynn Ackerman – high school senior – class of 2021 noted students do not take COVID
lightly. Last year’s senior did not have a prom, senior trip and so many other traditional
activities due to COVID, however, they were recognized with yard signs, gift baskets delivered
to homes, parade, etc. There has been no dialog with the class of 2021 and what can be
done to salvage senior traditions. There are only two months left of school and senior feel left
out.

Brynn was thanked for her input.

Dan Brown – OTA – spoke regarding how the Art and Music Dept. have been dealing with the
pandemic, hybrid and remote learning. Students have lost the opportunity to sign, play
instruments, in-person competitions and so much more. Art and Music teachers have been
very innovative in delivering the best possible experience to students. Both programs have
experienced a substantial decrease in student participation. The area All-State concert was
virtual. Students are missing out on in-person opportunities. Dan noted the district is a
student-centered community of excellence in which all members are challenged to learn,
achieve, contribute and innovate. Teachers are doing that, however, students need to be
held accountable for their learning; a large percentage of students are not taking advantage of
the learning opportunities nor are they engaging. The district talked about 7 Habits of Highly
Successful People – the skills that businesses are looking. Students will be graduating and
not be well versed, will lack soft skills. The Art Department is working on a virtual art exhibit.

Mr. Moore thank Mr. Brown. He noted everyone is sympathetic to the situation. The board
fully supports the Arts and Music programs – a testament to the support was the hiring of new
Art and Music teachers in order to restore these programs at the elementary grade level.

Discussion Items
a. Budget Presentation – Jenny Bilotta
   Budget Vote/Board Election will be May 18th in the OIMS Gymnasium
b. Code of Conduct Revisions – Jerry Trietley

Communications/Commendations
a. Congratulations to high school student Conner Childs, on completing the
   CompTIA certification which is the preferred qualifying credential for technical support and IT
   operational roles
b. Congratulations to the following high school DECA students that competed virtually in the
   New York State Career Conference - Aaron Aiello, Aiden Butler, Chance Padlo, Sara
   Thomas and. Two DECA students, Yuki Wada and Marina Heister, will be competing
   virtually in the International DECA Conference
c. Congratulations to Yuki Wada, Mark Brown, and Nathan Gabler who represented Olean
   High School at the NYS School Music Association’s All-State virtual concert on April 11th
d. Congratulations to the Olean High School delegates who attended the Model United
   Nations Conference at St. Bonaventure University. The following students thoroughly
   prepared and commendably competed against students from high schools in NY and
   PA. Delegates to the conference were Jason Copella, Aiden Butler, Riti Anumalasetty, Nate
   Martinelli, David Ruszkowski, Kaylynn Keesler, Naomi Hill, and Lily Schena. Nate
   Kwiatkowski was awarded Excellent Delegate honors in the Security Council, and Chance
   Padlo was awarded Superior Delegate honors in the World Health Organization
e. Congratulations to the following students nominated for the February/March 2021 Harold Dutton Spotlight Award: Noah Trudeau, Izabella Ayala, Kilee Bearfield, Kadye Malloy, Nate Gabler, Mark Brown, Bruce Wetherby, Ellison Ash-West, Zach Clayson, Randy Hall, Gavin Weseman, Chris Bragy, Lucas Peterson-Volz, Dawson Mallery, David Ruszkowski, Jacksen Kahm, Alexander Vogel, Judy Jimerson, Kaylie Bish, Phoenix Langdon, Kristen Slaugenhaupt, Xavier Cook, Marieanna Germain, Katrina Degroff, Chloe Hall and Malachi Galme.

Committee Reports:

a. Safety Committee – March 17 – given by Rick Moore
b. Operations Committee – April 12 – given by Kelly Keller (recommended revisions)
c. Buildings and Grounds Committee – April 13 – given by Jim Padlo
d. Audit and Finance Sub Committee – April 15 – given by Paul Hessney

Superintendent’s Report:

a. Happy Birthday to Brian Crawford
b. Administrative Assistant Day tomorrow
c. Conducting classroom observations of upcoming tenure teachers; they are doing an amazing job
d. Compliments to OTA, OESPA and administrators for doing a great job
e. CDC and NYSDOH social distancing guidance
f. Graduation – Bradner Stadium, Saturday, June 26th at 11:00 am; will have rain date
g. Avenue of Graduates – Union Street – Sunday, June 20th (Father’s Day)
h. Donation to OCSD Foundation in memory of Claudia Kurjakovic – grant for students to travel internationally

Consent Agenda:

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by F. Steffen, Jr., upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:

The meeting minutes of the regular meeting held on March 23, 2021.

That the Treasurer’s Report dated March 31, 2021, be accepted and placed on file.

That the Warrant Report for March 2021 be accepted and placed on file.

That the Internal Claims Auditor Exception Report for the period covering month ending March 31, 2021, be accepted and placed on file.

That the CPSE recommendations reviewed on April 20th be approved.

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That the CSE recommendations reviewed on April 20th be approved.

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CPSE
2021-2022

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That the CPSE to CSE recommendations reviewed on April 20th be approved.

CPSE to CSE
2021-2022

| 908003902 | 908003938 | 908003624 | 908003686 | 908003557 |
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That the March 31, 2021 Intra-fund Transfer listing in the amount of $71,955.34 be accepted/approved and placed on file.

That the list of substitutes be approved.

Ayes __7__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by A. Caya, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Olean City School District hereby approves and adopts the proposed 2021-2022 General Fund Budget in the amount of $43,684,152.00 for purposes of presentation of such budget to the District’s voters for approval at the May 18, 2021, annual district vote and election.

Ayes ___7__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried
Moved by A. Caya, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Olean City School District hereby approves and adopts the proposed 2021-2022 Property Tax Report Card pursuant to Education Law Section 1716).

Ayes ___7__ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by A. Caya, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the 2021-2022 Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie Wyoming BOCES Administrative Budget.

Ayes ___7__ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by J. A. Caya, seconded by J. Fodor, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, that the Olean City School District Board of Education cast its votes in the Annual Election of Members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES for the following:

CAST ONE VOTE FOR EACH VACANCY

Area 1 - Vacancy - 2 year term

Leslie Buckley
342 West State Street
Wellsville, NY 14895          __x___

Area 2 - Vacancy - 3 year term

Charles Bessette
2588 Harland Ames Road
Bolivar, NY 14715            __x___

Area 5 - Vacancy - 3 year term

Ira Katzenstein
1830 Windfall Road
Olean, NY 14760             __x___

Area 6 - Vacancy - 3 year term

Michael Conroy
6355 Stinson Road
Arcade, NY 14009           __x___

Ayes ___7__ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by A. Caya, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the contract with AnnaMaria Cavallo for the period of April 2021, through June 30, 2021, for temporary emergency speech language services, at an hourly rate of $60.00 per hour.

Ayes ___7__ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried
Moved by P. Hessney, seconded by J. Fodor, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Affiliation Agreement between the Olean City School District and the Grove City College.

Ayes ___6__ Nays ___1___ Motion Carried

Ira Katzenstein

Moved by A. Caya, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve Antonio Marconi as an unpaid volunteer Modified Football Coach for the 2020-2021 school year.

Ayes ___7__ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by J. Fodor, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to create a part-time 10-month School Nurse (RN) position, 7 hours per day, effective May 24, 2021.

Aaron Wolfe noted this position is one day per week.

Ayes ___7__ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by J. Fodor, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, that the July Reorganizational Meeting be held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021.

Ayes ___7__ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by A. Caya, seconded by K. Keller, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the retirement resignation, with deep regret, of Debbie Weatherell, School Counselor, effective July 2, 2021.

Thank you to Debbie for her dedicated years of service.

Ayes ___7__ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Ashley Tilly, Teacher Aide, for the period of May 4, 2021, through June 25, 2021.

Ayes ___7__ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by A. Caya, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Judith Armour-Armstrong, Teacher Aide, from May 3, 2021, through June 25, 2021.

Ayes ___7__ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Bobbi Jo Mitchell, Cleaner, with regret, retroactive to April 5, 2021.

Ayes ___7__ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried
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Moved by A. Caya, seconded by J. Fodor, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Pamela Austin, Teacher Aide, effective May 1, 2021.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried

Pamela Austin  
Resignation  
Accepted

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by A. Caya, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Pamela Austin to a 10-month Keyboard Specialist position, 7.5 hours per day, at an hourly rate of $23.59 per hour, effective May 1, 2021. This is a non-conditional probationary appointment.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried

Pamela Austin  
Appointed  
Keyboard Specialist

Moved by P. Hessney, seconded by A. Caya, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Tiffany Morgan to a 10-month Teacher Aide position, 5.75 hours per day, at an hourly rate of $12.50, retroactive to April 19, 2021. This is a non-conditional probationary appointment.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried

Tiffany Morgan  
Appointed Teacher Aide

Moved by A. Caya, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Michelle George to a 10-month School Nurse (RN) position, 7.5 hours per day, at an hourly rate of $20.00 per hour, effective May 24, 2021. This is a conditional probationary appointment. 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 ___7___  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried

Michelle George  
Appointed School Nurse (RN)

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Pamela Austin, Teacher Aide, effective May 1, 2021.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried

Informational Items:

a. Special Board Meeting – Tuesday, April 27th at 6:30 pm
b. Operations Committee Meeting - Monday, May 3 at 4:30 pm
c. Budget Public Hearing - Tuesday, May 4 at 6:00 pm
d. Board Meeting – Tuesday, May 4 at 6:30 pm
e. Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting - Tuesday, May 11 at 4:30 pm
f. Audit and Finance Sub Committee Meeting – Thursday, May 13 at noon
g. Budget Vote/Board Election - Tuesday, May 18 from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm
h. Board Meeting - Tuesday, May 18 at 6:30 pm
i. Special Board Meeting - Wednesday, May 19 - at 6:30 pm

Mary Hirsch-Schena noted a special meeting will be held on April 27th and added to the following meeting list.

Informational Items:
Moved by A. Caya, seconded by J. Padlo, to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm.  

Ayes __7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

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