The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at 6:31 p.m. in the LGI Room of the Olean Intermediate Middle School located at 401 Wayne Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by Michiko McElfresh, President, with a moment of silent prayer or personal reflection. Michael Martello led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The public was invited to attend.

PRESENT: Michiko McElfresh, President
Laurie Branch, Vice President
Mary Hirsch-Schena
Paul Hessney
Ira Katzenstein
Michael Martello
James Padlo
Frank Steffen, Jr.

ABSENT: John Bartimole (excused)

ALSO PRESENT: District Staff and Students:
Colleen Taggerty
Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry
Aaron Wolfe
Jen Mahar
Cso Woodworth
Jen Kless
Emily Chamberlain
Lisa Brooks
Jeff Andreano
Kelly Havens
Gloria Swetland
Brian Crawford
Mike Martel
Janean Threehouse
Matt Threehouse
Amy Martin
Brian Martin
Elaine Stephan
Michelle Acierno
Christine Gabler
Kathleen Hendrix
Angie Bello
Ryan Nawrot
Kellie O’Brien
Darlene Connelly
Pat Brown
Patricia Howden
Kristin Gustason
Kathleen Knight
Pamela Stephens
John Zambanini
Jan Rhody
Marhy Magro
Sheila Yaffe
Linda Nottingham
Ann Sorokes
Tammy Ketchner
Julie Faulkner
Jeff Anastasia
Dan Brown
Laurie Murray
Connor Charles
Jim Charles
Robin Charles
Sue Kallenbach
Kris Bates

Other:
Tom Dinki – Olean Times Herald
Antonio Maroni
Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded F. Steffen, Jr., to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda.

Ayes 8  Nays ______  Motion Carried

Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items:
Pat Brown, 1929 Windfall Road, Olean – noted that she has been a teacher and a resident of Olean for 20 years. Students enrich her; students respond to kindness and respect; students have made her happy; proud to be a member of the OTA; she is impressed by the young staff; gave examples of many things that teachers do that are not part of his/her contract; students in Mr. Vecchio’s Government Class brought to her attention that there is no opportunity to speak at a board meeting; Ms. Brown noted that the OTA plans to speak at board meetings on a regular basis.

Jen Mahar presented the District Report Card

Communications, Commendations:
  a. NYSSBA Board of Directors Elections

Superintendent’s Report
  a. Safety Committee meetings at Washington West – Reunification Table Top Drill

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by F. Steffen, 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 adopt the minutes of the special meeting held on April 6, 2017, and regular meeting held on April 18, 2017.

b. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendations reviewed on May 2nd be approved:

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c. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CPSE recommendations reviewed on May 2nd be approved:

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d. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CPSE to CSE recommendations reviewed on May 2nd be approved:

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e. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the attached list of Conditional and Non-Conditional Substitutes.
f. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to declare the attached list of books as a surplus item.

   Ayes ___8__  Nays ___0__  Motion Carried

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Liberty Partnership Program’s Over Night Field Trip to Cornell University, Ithaca, NY from June 27, 2017, through June 29, 2017. There is no cost to the district. Approval is granted with the understanding that all school rules and regulations will be followed. 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 J. Padlo, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that two (2) part-time, 10-month, 5.75 hours per day Teacher Aide positions be created for the 2016-2017 school year.

   Ayes ___8__  Nays ___0__  Motion Carried

Moved by F. Steffen, Jr., seconded by M. Hirsch-Schena, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to grant Jennifer Layton permission to do an unpaid 600 hour school counseling internship through St. Bonaventure University, under the supervision of Michael Howard from July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018.

   Ayes ___8__  Nays ___0__  Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, approve the Agreement between the Olean City School District and Christine Mangio in the amount of $100 per hour, not to exceed 40 hours, to assist the District in preparing its child nutrition bids specifications and Community Eligibility Provision application.

   Ayes ___8__  Nays ___0__  Motion Carried

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, approve the Agreement between the Olean City School District and Math Champions in the amount of $5,200 for teacher training and professional staff development on May 23 and May 24, 2017.

   Ayes ___8__  Nays ___0__  Motion Carried

Moved by P. Hessney, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve Penny Gordon as a school volunteer for the 2016-2017 school year.

   Ayes ___8__  Nays ___0__  Motion Carried

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

GENERAL RESOLUTION
FOR THE PURPOSE OF
PARTICIPATING IN A COOPERATIVE BID COORDINATED BY
WHEREAS, the Board of Education, of the Olean City School District of New York State desires to participate in a Cooperative Bidding Program conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne, and Yates Counties from year to year or, until this Resolution is rescinded, for the purchase of supply of natural gas; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, of the Olean City School District of New York State is desirous of participating with The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties in the joint bid of the commodities and/or services mentioned below as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o; and

WHEREAS, the board of Education, of the Olean City School District of New York State has appointed The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties as representative to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the Board of Education, Olean City School District of New York State and making recommendations thereon

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, of the Olean City School District of New York State and The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties hereby accepts the appointment of The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties to represent it in all matters related above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Olean City School District of New York State authorizes the above-mentioned Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties to represent it in all matters regarding the entering into contract for the purchase of the below-mentioned commodities and/or services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Olean City School District of New York State agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs incurred as a result of the cooperative bidding; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Purchasing Agent on behalf of the Board of Education, of the Olean City School District of New York State hereby is authorized to participate in cooperative bidding conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties for supply of natural gas and if requested to furnish The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties and estimated minimum number of units that will be purchased by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties. The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties is hereby authorized to award cooperative bids to the bidder deemed to be the lowest responsive and responsible meeting the bid specifications and otherwise complying with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York relating to public bids and contracts.

Ayes ____8____  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried
Moved by F. Steffen, Jr., seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the retirement resignation, with regret, of Cynthia Auman, Teacher Aide, effective June 23, 2017.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Hirsch-Schena, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Anna Argot as a part-time non-conditional probationary Teacher Aide, 5.75 hours per day, retroactive to April 21, 2017, at an hourly rate of $10.47.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Amy Webster as a part-time non-conditional probationary Teacher Aide, 5.75 hours per day, retroactive to April 21, 2017, at an hourly rate of $10.47.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by F. Steffen, Jr., upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Sara Williams as a full-time, 11-month, non-conditional probationary, Keyboard Specialist, effective June 12, 2017, at an hourly rate of $14.69.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Informational Items:

June meetings
a. Operations Committee– Tuesday, June 6th at 4:30 p.m.
b. Safety Committee – Wednesday, June 7th at 3:30 p.m.
c. Board Meeting – Tuesday, June 13th at 6:30 p.m.
d. Audit and Finance Sub Committee – Thursday, June 15th at noon
e. Buildings and Grounds Committee – Tuesday, June 20th at noon
f. High School Graduation – Saturday, June 24th at 11:00 am
g. Board Meeting – Tuesday, June 27th at 6:30 p.m.

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Hirsch-Schena, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go in to Executive Session in the board room at 6:51 pm for the purpose of discussing: performance of a particular individual and contract negotiations. Linda Nottingham and Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry invited to attend Executive Session

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Linda Nottingham exited Executive session at 7:10 p.m.

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by F. Steffen, Jr., to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by F. Steffen, Jr., seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, Daniele Vecchio, who holds New York State School Business Leader’s Certification is hereby appointed to act as Interim School Business Official, Purchasing Agent, Pro-tem Tax Collector and Deputy Treasurer retroactive to April 19, 2017, until no later than December 1, 2017, or until such time as this interim appointment
is no longer needed. As Interim Business Official, Ms. Vecchio will oversee the administration and business operations of the Olean City School District, and will be available to the District during times to be determined by the Superintendent and Ms. Vecchio, for consultation by phone and/or other means, during the absence of its Business Official. Ms. Vecchio will serve under the supervision of the Superintendent, who will determine Ms. Vecchio’s work hours, and the Board of Education. The Board of Education further approves payment to Ms. Vecchio of a monthly stipend of $1,200.00 pro-rata for her services.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Padlo, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk
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