

OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
410 West Sullivan Street
Olean, NY 14760

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, May 3, 2016, at 6:50 p.m. in the LGI Room of the Olean Intermediate Middle School located at 40w Wayne Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by Michiko McElfresh, President, with a moment of silent prayer or personal reflection. Ira Katzenstein led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Michiko McElfresh, President
Laurie Branch, Vice President
Paul Hessney
Ira Katzenstein
Michael Martello

ABSENT: John Bartimole (excused)
Brandon Jones (excused)
James Padlo (excused)
Frank Steffen, Jr. (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools
Kathy Elser, Business Administrator
Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk
Cso Woodworth, Technology Administrator
Jerry Trietley, OIMS Principal (grades 6 & 7)
Mia O'Brien, Director of Human Resources
Jen Mahar, District Coordinator of State and Federal Aid Programs
Jen Kless, Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction
Mike Martel, OHS Assistant Principal
Brian Crawford, EV Principal
Sheila Yaffe, Teacher
Jan Rhody, Teacher

OTHERS: Kelsy Boudin, OTH

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Moved by L. Branch, seconded by I. Katzenstein, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the addition of two resolutions under New Business.

Agenda Approval

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Jan Rhody – 120 S. 8th Street – thank the Board of Education for its support for the music program as well as the time each member devotes to service the district and students.

Public Comments

Communications, Commendations:

- a. Congratulations Olean High School Select Choir on capturing the GOLD WITH DISTINCTION at the NYSSMA level 5 adjudication – a special thank you to Jan Rhody
- b. Congratulations Olean High School Band on capturing the silver at the NYSSMA - a special thank you to Jason Fox

Commendations

Discussion Item:

- a. 2016-2017 Code of Conduct Revisions – Cso Woodworth

Discussion Item

Committee Reports:

- a. Operations Committee – April 19th – given by Paul Hessney
- b. School Health Team – April 20th – given by Colleen Taggerty

Committee Reports

Superintendent's Report

- a. Report Card Changes – will be reviewed at the next Operations Committee meeting
- b. Community Schools – 2016-2017 funding – sustainability and community collaboration
- c. Central Receiving Renovations – will required NYSED approval; renovations would not be completed prior to the beginning of the 2016-2017 school year
- d. NYSED – Student Chronic Absenteeism Tracking

Superintendent Report

Moved by M. Martello, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:

Consent Agenda

- a. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CPSE recommendations reviewed on May 3rd be approved:

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- b. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendations reviewed on May 3rd be approved:

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900350105	908002499	908002498	900427918	083010001
900455210	900457637	900427952	908001527	908001986
908001028	900447086	082880006	900455709	908002477
908001551	900445126	908000766	900423978	900436499
900417199	092510018	908001737	908000512	900427169
908002111	900456445	908002231	082520010	908001839
900433291				

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

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Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by M. Martello, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the District Technology Plan be accepted.

Technology Plan Accepted

Ayes 5

Nays 0 Motion Carried

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

K-Mart Tax Assessment Challenge

OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RE: K-MART #7695 V. CITY OF OLEAN
AND OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, K-Mart is the owner of a property located at 2801 West State Street in the City of Olean;

WHEREAS, the subject property was assessed by the City Assessor at an assessed value of \$4,300,000 for the 2015-2016 tax year;

WHEREAS, K-Mart has filed a tax assessment challenge requesting a reduction in assessment to \$860,000 and a tax refund for the 2015-2016 tax year;

WHEREAS, the property has been inspected by the City Assessor and the property is in need of upgrading and improvements;

WHEREAS, a settlement of the tax assessment has been proposed in which K-Mart will withdraw and discontinue the 2015-2016 proceeding, the assessment will be reduced from \$4,300,000 to \$4,100,000 for the 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, and 2019-2020 tax years and K-Mart will waive any tax refund from the City and School District;

WHEREAS, the City Assessor supports the proposed settlement;

WHEREAS, the settlement will save significant litigation and appraisal costs and potential tax refunds for the current and future years; and

WHEREAS, the School District's legal counsel recommends the approval of the proposed settlement, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the proposed settlement reducing the assessment from \$4,300,000 to \$4,100,000 beginning in the 2016-2017 tax year and for the subsequent two tax years is hereby approved.

Ayes 5

Nays 0 Motion Carried

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

Steven Pancio Tax Refund

OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
RE: STEVEN PANCIO V. CITY OF OLEAN
AND OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

WHEREAS, a tax assessment challenge was filed by the property owner relating to the assessed valuation of the property located at 644 Main Street for the 2015-2016 tax year,

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and

WHEREAS, the District has previously approved a proposed settlement of the lawsuit reducing the assessment from \$1,076,500 to \$251,100 for the 2015-2016 tax year, and authorizing the payment of a tax refund with statutory interest based upon this reduction, and

WHEREAS, the District wishes to move funds from the Tax Certiorari general ledger account to process the refund payment, it is hereby;

RESOLVED, that the District hereby directs that the sum of \$21,738.39 be transferred from the Tax Certiorari Account Number A 864 to the General Fund Revenue Account, Interfund Revenues, Number A 2801, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the District is hereby directed to make payment to the property owner in the amount of \$21,738.39 from the General Fund Revenue Account, Interfund Revenues, Number A 2801 in full satisfaction of the settlement of the pending tax assessment lawsuit, and the tax refund amount owed in that case.

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. Martello, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve affiliation Agreement between the Olean City School District and the New York Institute of Technology for the period of May 1, 2016 through June 30, 2021.

New York Institute
of Technology
Agreement
Approved

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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

Cooperative Natural
Gas Bid

GENERAL RESOLUTION
FOR THE PURPOSE OF
PARTICIPATING IN A COOPERATIVE BID COORDINATED BY
THE BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICE OF
ONTARIO, SENECA, WAYNE AND YATES COUNTIES
FOR

Cooperative Natural Gas Bid for the Period 10/01/2016 – 09/30/2017

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. . .

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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 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Olean City School District and the Olean Teachers' Association regarding use of Family Sick time and Sick Bank.

OTA MOA Family Sick and Sick Bank Time Approved

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. Martello, seconded by L. Brach, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Olean City School District and the Olean Teachers' Association regarding volunteer Girls Varsity Golf Team.

OTA MOA Girls Varsity Golf Team Approved

Ayes 5 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, with regret, of Kelley Weber, Reading Teacher, effective June 24, 2016.

Resignation of Kelley Weber Accepted With Regret

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. Martello, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint to appoint Constance Alexander as a part-time non-conditional probationary 10-month Food Service Helper, 4 hours per day, at an hourly rate of \$9.00, retroactive to April 28, 2016.

Constance Alexander Appointed Food Service Helper

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Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Informational Items:

- a. BOE June Meetings
 - Safety Committee – Wednesday, June 1st at 3:30 pm
 - Technology Committee – Thursday, June 2nd at 3:30 pm
 - Operations Committee – Tuesday, June 7th at 5:30 pm
 - Buildings and Grounds Committee – TBD
 - Code of Conduct Public Hearing – Tuesday, June 14th at 6:00 pm
 - Board Meeting – Tuesday, June 14th at 6:30 pm
 - Finance/Audit Committee – Thursday, June 16th at noon
 - High School Graduation – Saturday, June 25th at 11:00 am
 - Board Meeting – Tuesday, June 28th at 6:30 pm

Informational Items

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 7:11 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: performance of one (1) individual.

Executive Session

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

Dated: May 5, 2016

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello., to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

Adjournment

Ayes 5 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Taggerty
Pro-Temp District Clerk

Dated: May 5, 2016

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Sub List:

POSITION DESCRIPTION	EMPLOYEE NAME	CERTIFICATION	FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AND TEACHER AIDE	Marisa Burrows	associates	yes
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AND TEACHER AIDE	Sheeanna Milton	Certified	yes
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AND TEACHER AIDE	Justin Scott	bachelors	no
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AND TEACHER AIDE	Theresa Germack	bachelors	yes
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE	Kate McKeown	associates	yes
SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE	Danny Auvil	n/a	yes