The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 8:22 p.m. in the LGI Room of the Olean Middle School located at 401 Wayne Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by President Martello with a moment of silent prayer. Mike Martello led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT:  
Michael Martello, President  
Ira Katzenstein, Vice President  
John Bartimole  
Steven H. Hamed  
Michiko McElfresh

ABSENT:  
Laurie A. Branch  
Gordon E. Cross  
Eric Garvin  
George Pancio

STAFF PRESENT:  
Mark Ward, Superintendent  
Ann O’Brien, Business Administrator  
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel  
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing  
Jerry Trietley, OMS Principal  
Connie Pound, IJN Principal  
Pearl Bowker, District Teacher/OTA President  
Sheila Jackson, District Teacher  
Linda Nottingham, District Teacher  
Cso Woodworth, Director of Technology  
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk  
Linda Lampack  
Donna Gustason  
Beth Orcutt

OTHERS:  
Jeff Shaw, Olean Times Herald  
John Eberth, Olean Times Herald  
Nick Pircio, WHDL  
James Padlo  
Dan Harris  
Amy Sherburne

Public Comments:  
None

Public Comments
Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by I. Katzenstein, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: add to agenda item 14. Executive Session – one (1) specific employee performance.

Ayes ____5____ Nays ____0____ Motion Carried

Communications, Commendations
a. Cattaraugus Legislature Resolution – Boys' Basketball Team
b. Southern Tier Health Care System, Inc. Thank You
c. DECA National Competition
d. Band & Chorus
e. Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Superintendent Ward discussed the following subjects with the Board of Education:
1. Capital Project – five (5) informational meetings will be scheduled; June 17th voting date; activities planned include Glenn Colton concert, chicken BBQ – donations for the Child Advocacy Center

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded S. Hamed, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

a. The previous meeting minutes of the Regular Meetings held on April 22, 2008.

Ayes ____5____ Nays ____0____ Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded S. Hamed, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to abolish one (1) full-time Adult Education Teacher position (assigned to the Family Connections Program) effective June 30, 2008 due to a reduction in the generation of EPE (Employment Preparation Education) funds.

Ayes ____5____ Nays ____0____ Motion Carried

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to abolish three (3) Reading Teacher positions effective June 30, 2008 due to an 86% reduction in Reading First grant funding.

Ayes ____5____ Nays ____0____ Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to acknowledge that Donna Abdo, Teacher Aide at EV will complete her probation effective May 29, 2008.

Ayes ____5____ Nays ____0____ Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by S. Hamed, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to acknowledge that Andrew McGinnis, Teacher Aide at EV has completed his probation effective May 13, 2008.

Ayes ____5____ Nays ____0____ Motion Carried
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Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that a special meeting be held on June 18, 2008 at 12:00 noon for certification of the June 17, 2008 Capital Project Vote Results.

Ayes ___5___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by S. Hamed, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the use of Washington West as an evacuation site for Eden Heights Adult Care Facility.

Ayes ___5___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by S. Hamed, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to award the computer recycling award to Regional Computer Recycling & Recovery, RCR & RT. 7318 Victor-Mendon Road, Victor, NY 14564: Total number of additional pallets: 12; cost per pallet: $25.

Ayes ___5___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Budzinski, Elementary Teacher at Boardmanville Elementary School, for retirement purposes, effective July 1, 2008, with regret and appreciation for her years of dedicated service to the students of the Olean City School District.

Ayes ___5___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Marlene Lang, Adult Education Teacher (assigned to the Family Connections Program), for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2008, with regret and appreciation.

Ayes ___5___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve a Leave of Absence for Patti Metler, Special Education Teacher, Boardmanville Elementary School for the period of four (4) weeks effective May 5, 2008 through June 2, 2008.

Ayes ___5___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, the leave of absence with pay and benefits requested by Angela Jordan in a letter dated May 2, 2008 be denied and that the District Clerk be instructed to advise Ms. Jordan accordingly.

Ayes ___5___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried
Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Jenelle Scanlon who is certified in the Elementary tenure area, be granted tenure effective May 30, 2008.

Ayes ___5___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by S. Hamed, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the part-time appointment of Douglas Bushnell assigned to Olean High School through the AmeriCorps Program sponsored by West Seneca AmeriCorps.

Ayes ___5___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Keishia Blake, Jaclyn Kick, and Katie Ralston as a NON-CONDITIONAL CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS for the 2007-2008 school year.

Ayes ___5___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Stephanie Herzig and Megan Marzec as a NON-CONDITIONAL NON-CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS for the 2007-2008 school year.

Ayes ___5___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Bridget Fraize, Chelsea Heinz, Rachel Johnson, Scotte Morris, Hope Phillips, and Matthew Retchless as CONDITIONAL NON-CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS for the 2007-2008 school year. In accordance with Section 503(18)(b) of the Education Law, these are conditional appointments and therefore shall not commence until the District has received notification from the Commissioner of Education that the appointees have been conditionally cleared for employment. If the Commissioner of Education notifies the District that the appointees have been denied conditional clearance or clearance, the appointments shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointees are granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointments shall continue.

Ayes ___5___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried
The Board of Education discussed the following items:
   a. Technology Presentation – Cso Woodworth – to be presented May 27th
   b. Policy # 5640 – Smoking/Tobacco Use – Second Reading
   c. Policy # 7131 - Non-Resident Students – Second Reading - to be presented May 27th

   Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policy #5640 – SMOKING/TOBACCO USE as presented. This policy is to supersede any current School board Policy regarding the same matter.

   Ayes _____5_____   Nays _____0____   Motion Carried

The following Committee Reports were presented to the Board of Education:
   a. Audit – April 21, 2008 - to be presented May 27th
   b. Finance – April 21, 2008 - to be presented May 27th
   c. Operations – April 22, 2008 – presented by Michiko McElfresh

The Board of Education discussed the following informational items:
   a. Superintendent Evaluation
   b. The Board of Education has completed its 2007-2008 school year annual building visits

   Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Bartimole, to adjourn from Regular Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss CSE Recommendations and one (1) specific employee performance issue at 8:38 p.m. Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel was invited to attend the Executive Session.

   Ayes _____5_____   Nays _____0____   Motion Carried

   Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by J. Bartimole, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in Regular Session at 9:03 p.m.

   Ayes _____5_____   Nays _____0____   Motion Carried
Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve following the CSE recommendation reviewed on May 13th be approved:

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Ayes ___5___ Nays ____0___ Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by I. Katzenstein, to adjourn from the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Ayes ___5___ Nays ____0___ Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

May 19, 2008