The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2020, at 6:32 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Frank Steffen, Jr., President, with a moment of personal reflection or a silent prayer. The Board of Education recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with Executive Order 202.1, members of the public were not permitted to attend the board meeting in person. The meeting was recorded and transcribed, per Executive Order 202.1.

PRESENT:

Frank Steffen, Jr., President
Mary Hirsch-Schena, Vice President
John Bartimole
Andrew Caya
Janine Fodor
Kelly Keller
Paul Hessney
Ira Katzenstein
James Padlo

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools
Jenny Bilotta, Business Administrator
Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk
Aaron W. Wolfe, 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

OTHERS:

Kate Sager, Olean Times Herald
Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by J. Bartimore, to approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items:
None

Commendations:
a. Congratulations to Madelyn Hoffman - Valedictorian and Mackenzie Windus - Salutatorian

Committee Reports:
a. Operations Committee meeting – May 4th – given by Ira Katzenstein
b. Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting – May 12th – given by Jim Padlo
c. Audit and Finance Committee meeting – May 14th – given by Andrew Caya

Superintendent’s Report:
a. Summer School – would have to be done remotely; funding discussions
b. Summer Meals – no clear directive from NYS; funding discussions; staffing, etc.
c. End of School – June 15th last day for students; June 17th for teachers; June 16th for support staff; email to staff and students
d. Graduation – no parades are allowed due to school closure; caps and gowns will be shipped in time to distribute to seniors
e. On-line learning evaluation – Jen Kless to compile data

Consent Agenda:

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:

That the Treasurer’s Reports dated April 30, 2020, be accepted and placed on file.

That the Warrant Report for April 2020 be accepted and placed on file.

That the Internal Claims Auditor Exception Report for the period covering month ending April 30, 2020, be accepted and placed on file.

That the April 30, 2020 Intra-fund Transfer listing in the amount of $52,280.04 be accepted/approved and placed on file.

That the CPSE recommendations reviewed on May 19th be approved.

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That the CSE recommendations reviewed on May 19th be approved.

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Ayes 9  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, 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 2020-2021 General Fund Budget in the amount of $43,185,450.00 for purposes of presentation of such budget to the District’s voters for approval at the June 9, 2020, annual district vote and election.

Mr. Moore noted 0% tax increase.

Ayes 9  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by J. Fodor, 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 2020-2021 Property Tax Report Card pursuant to Education Law Section 1716).

Ayes 9  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by A. Caya, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution to wit:

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

Cooperative Electricity Bid WFL 2021-12

WHEREAS, The Board of Education, 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, 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, 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, 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 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 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, 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 an 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 ___ 9 __  Nays ___ 0 ___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Fodor, seconded by M. Hirsch-Schena, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to postpone the regularly scheduled June 9, 2020 regular board meeting and combine it with a special board meeting be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2020, at 6:30 pm to conduct regular business and certify the budget vote/board election results.

Ayes ___ 9 ___  Nays ___ 0 ___  Motion Carried

Postpone June 9, 2020 Board Meeting; Special Board Meeting June 10, 2020
Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by A. Caya, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to grant permission to Janelle Freer to do a 300-hour unpaid Administration Internship, through Canisius College, under the supervision of Jennifer Kless, Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction, beginning May 19, 2020, through August 1, 2020.

Internship will be conducted remotely.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by M. Hirsch-Schena, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Olean City School District and the Olean Educational Support Personnel Association regarding COVID 19 and vacation.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Olean City School District and the Olean Administrators Supervisory Association regarding COVID 19 and vacation.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to rescind the following resolution adopted at the January 21, 2020 board of education meeting.

Moved by A. Caya, seconded by M. Hirsch-Schena, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the retirement resignation, with deep regret, of Csobanka Woodworth, Director of Technology, effective August 1, 2020.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by A. Caya, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the retirement resignation, with deep regret, of Csobanka Woodworth, Director of Technology, effective July 3, 2020.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by J. Fodor, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the retirement resignation, with deep regret, of Denise Bush, Teacher Aide, effective June 29, 2020.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried
Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by A. Caya, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the retirement resignation, with deep regret, of Suzanne Kallenbach, Elementary Teacher, effective June 30, 2020.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the retirement resignation, with deep regret, of Jennifer Rhody-Marvin, Music Teacher, effective June 30, 2020.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. Hirsch-Schena, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the retirement resignation, with deep regret, of Susan Grosso, Teacher Aide, effective June 26, 2020.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Informational Items:
a. Operations Committee Meeting - Monday, June 1 at 12:00 pm
b. Remote Budget Public Hearing – Monday, June 1 at 6:00 pm
c. Regular/Special Board Meeting - Wednesday, June 10 at 6:30 pm
d. Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting - Tuesday, June 16 at 4:30 pm
e. Audit and Finance Sub Committee Meeting – Thursday, June 18 at noon
f. Board Meeting - Tuesday, June 23 at 6:30 pm

Executive Session

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. Hirsch-Schena, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 7:39 pm for the purpose of discussing: collective negotiations – OTA and OESPA. Jenny Bilotta and Aaron Wolfe invited to attend for negotiation discussions.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

5 minute recess

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry

District Clerk
Dated:  May 20, 2020

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by A. Caya, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting 8:42 p.m.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by J. Fodor, to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried