The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Olean High School located at 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by President Martello with a moment of silent prayer. Laurie Branch led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT:
Michael Martello, President
Ira Katzenstein, Vice President
John Bartimole
Laurie A. Branch
Gordon E. Cross
Eric Garvin
Steven H. Hamed (arrived at 9:00)
Michiko McElfresh
George Pancio

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:
Mark Ward, Superintendent
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing
Jerry Trietley, OMS Principal
Connie Pound, IJN Principal
Pearl Bowker, District Teacher/OTA President
Sheila Jackson, District Teacher
Brian Crawford, District Teacher
Cso Woodworth, Director of Technology
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

OTHERS:
Jeff Shaw, Olean Times Herald

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Bartimole, to adjourn from Regular Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss a specific employee’s performance issue at 7:30 p.m.

Ayes _____ Nays _____ Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in Regular Session at 7:35 p.m.

Ayes _____ Nays _____ Motion Carried

Public Comments:
None
Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by G. Pancio, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: add Executive Session after Call to Order and add to Agenda Item 13. Executive Session – discuss two contractual issues.

Ayes ___9___ Nays ____0____ Motion Carried

Communications, Commendations
a. Big 30 Banquet – Kathleen Lewicki – Valedictorian Honored
b. Academic Recognition Dinner – 38 students with a 90 and above average were honored
c. June 10, 2008 – Board Reception with Retiring Staff Members
d. Capital Project Brochure – to be mailed by the end of the week

Superintendent Ward discussed the following subjects with the Board of Education:
1. Capital Project – presentation schedule
2. Tenure Teacher Recommendations

The Board of Education discussed the following:
 a. Technology Presentation – Cso Woodworth

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

a. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Treasurer’s Report dated April 30, 2008 be accepted and placed on file.

b. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Warrant Report for April 1, 2008 through April 25, 2008 be accepted and placed on file.

c. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the April 2008 Intra-fund Transfer listing in the amount of $30,458.16 be accepted/approved and placed on file.

d. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Internal Claims Auditor Exception Report for the period covering month ending April 30, 2008 be accepted and placed on file.

e. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Olean Middle School’s Student Activity Accounts Quarterly Reports for the period covering January 1, 2008 through March 31, 2008 be accepted and placed on file.

Ayes ___9___ Nays ____0____ Motion Carried
Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Contract between the Olean City School District and Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES for “Summer 2008 Special Need Transportation” for district students attending St. Mary’s School for the Deaf at an anticipated total cost of $4,500.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that a Special End-of-School Year Meeting of the Olean Board of Education be held on June 30, 2008 at 12:00 Noon in the Board Room at Olean High School.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Olean City School District hereby agrees to enter into a contract with Erie 1 BOCES for a five-year period commencing on May 28, 2008 and to authorize the Western New York Regional Information Center to furnish computer services to the District pursuant to Education law 1950 (4)(JJ) for an amount not to exceed $264,009.60 and authorizes 60 monthly payments to be made to Erie 1 BOCES in the amount not to exceed $4,400.16.

Be it further RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Olean City School District hereby authorizes the Board President or the District Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the District.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Brian Crawford who is certified in the Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 30, 2008.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, Colleen Davis who is certified in the Special Education tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 30, 2008.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, Susan Dynda who is certified in the Nursery, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 30, 2008.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried
Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Laura Hamed who is certified in the Nursery, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 30, 2008.

Ayes ___8__  Nays ___0__  Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that William Hughey who is certified in the Music tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 31, 2008.

Ayes ___8__  Nays ___0__  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Seth Johnson who is certified in the Physical Education tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 31, 2008.

Ayes ___8__  Nays ___0__  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Christine Jakubczyk who is certified in the Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 30, 2008.

Ayes ___8__  Nays ___0__  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Kathleen Knight who is certified in the Nursery, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 30, 2008.

Ayes ___8__  Nays ___0__  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Lindsay LaCroix who is certified in the Physical Education tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 31, 2008.

Ayes ___8__  Nays ___0__  Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Brian Martin who is certified in the Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 31, 2008.

Ayes ___8__  Nays ___0__  Motion Carried

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Cari Matejka who is certified in the Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 31, 2008.

Ayes ___8__  Nays ___0__  Motion Carried
Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Jodi McMullen who is certified in the School Media Specialist tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 31, 2008.

Ayes ___8__ Nays ___0__ Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Richard Snyder who is certified in the Music tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 30, 2008.

Ayes ___8__ Nays ___0__ Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Karen Woodring who is certified in the Pre Kindergarten, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6 tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 30, 2008.

Ayes ___8__ Nays ___0__ Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Karen Zampogna who is certified in the Speech & Hearing Handicapped tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 31, 2008.

Ayes ___8__ Nays ___0__ Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that permission be granted for the 6th Grade Explorer’s Club at the Olean Middle School to travel to Buffalo/Niagara Falls, NY from June 6 – June 7, 2008. Approval is granted with the understanding that all school rules and regulations will be followed and that there will not be any cost to the school district other than for substitute teachers. The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to make the final decision, based upon his judgment of safety concerns at the time of the scheduled field trip, whether the field trip will occur. Should the trip be cancelled, the Superintendent is to meet with parent, students, advisors and administrators to notify them of such matter.

Ayes ___8__ Nays ___0__ Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION INSPECTORS ...

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the requirements of Section 2607 of the Education Law that the following named individuals be appointed as inspectors of election to serve in the following district polling places of the Olean City School District in connection with the Special Meeting of Voters of the Olean City School District to be held on the 17th day of June, 2008 for the purpose of voting by voting machine on the capital project proposition #1.
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of the above appointed Inspectors of Election be compensated at that rate paid at the last general election the City of Olean, New York, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Education notify each of the aforesaid appointees in writing of their appointment as inspectors of election and notify them of their duties as provided in Section 2606 of the Education Law and elicit from each of the appointees their acceptance or refusal of their appointment all to the end that if any appointee refuses to accept the appointment as Inspector of Election, the Board of Education may appoint a qualified voter of the school district to fill the vacancy.

Ayes ___ 8 ___ Nays ___ 0 ___ Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution:

APPOINTMENT OF VOTING MACHINE CARETAKER

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Olean City School District, appointed Mr. Michael McLaughlin, as Voting Machine Caretaker for the Special Meeting of the Voters to be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2008, at a cost of $200.

Ayes ___ 8 ___ Nays ___ 0 ___ Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the contract with the Olean General Hospital for the period of July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009 for physical and occupational therapy.

Ayes ___ 8 ___ Nays ___ 0 ___ Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Annual Re-organizational meeting be held on July 8, 2008 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Olean High School.

Ayes ___ 8 ___ Nays ___ 0 ___ Motion Carried
Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION PROVIDING THAT NO EXEMPTION PROVIDED UNDER § 487 OF THE NEW YORK STATE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW SHALL BE APPLICABLE WITHIN THIS JURISDICTION

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Education of the Olean City School District, as follows:

WHEREAS, under Section 487 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, real property that has been improved in accordance with such section shall be exempt from taxation to the extent of any increase in the value thereof by reason of such improvements; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to subsection 8 of Real Property Law §487, school district may provide that the tax exemption offered by Real Property Tax Law §487 shall not apply within its jurisdiction by adopting a resolution to said effect and filing a copy of such resolution with the state board and President of the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Education of the Olean City School District desire to “opt out” of the tax exemptions afforded by Real Property Tax Law §487, so that said tax exemptions do not apply within its jurisdiction constructed after the effective date of this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Olean City School District as follows:

Section 1. The exemption from real property taxation granted by Real Property Tax Law §487 shall not be applicable to any solar or wind energy system or farm waste energy system located within the jurisdiction of the Olean City School District constructed subsequent to the effective date of this resolution.

Section 2. The Secretary of the Board of Education shall ensure that a copy of this resolution is filed with the state board and that an additional copy is provided to the President of the Board of Education.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policy #7131 – NON-RESIDENT STUDENTS as presented. This policy is to supersede any current School board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes 6  Nays 2  Motion Carried

(M. McElfresh, G. Pancio)
Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Emily Garfield, Spanish Teacher, with regret, effective June 30, 2008.

Ayes ___8__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Timothy Lemon, Monitor at Boardmanville Elementary School, with regret, effective May 21, 2008.

Ayes ___8__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Angela Jordan be permitted to resign pursuant to an agreement, which the Superintendent is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of this District.

Ayes ___8__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Jennifer Medders as CONDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE 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 ___8__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Jennifer Medders as CONDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE HELPER 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 ___8__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried
Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Amy Gladziszewski as CONDITIONAL CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE TEACHER 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 ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Megan Marzec as NON-CONDITIONAL CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE TEACHER for the 2007-2008 school year.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

The following Committee Reports were presented to the Board of Education:

a. Audit – May 19, 2008 - presented by Laurie Branch
b. Finance – May 19, 2008 - presented by Laurie Branch
   c. Operations – May 12, 2008 – presented by Michiko McElfresh

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve following the CSE recommendation reviewed on May 27th be approved:

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Moved by G. Cross, seconded by G. Pancio, to adjourn from Regular Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss a contractual issue at 8:14 p.m. Mark Ward and Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry were excused from the meeting.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in Regular Session at 9:15 p.m.

Ayes 9  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross, to adjourn from the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Ayes 9  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

June 2, 2008