The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at 6:30 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 Laurie Branch, President of Board, with a moment of silent prayer. Judy Creeden led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT:  
Laurie A. Branch, President  
John Bartimole, Vice President  
Gordon E. Cross  
Eric Garvin  
Ira Katzenstein  
Michael Martello  
Michiko McElfresh  
James Padlo

ABSENT:  
Daniel Harris

STAFF PRESENT:  
Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools  
Kathleen Elser, Business Administrator  
Cso Woodworth, Technology Administrator  
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel  
Linda Nottingham, IJN Principal  
John White, BV Principal  
Gerald Trietley, OMS Principal  
Larry Welty, OMS Assistant Principal  
Dave Olson, EV Principal  
Barb Lias, OHS Principal  
David Lasky, District Teacher  
Kari Wilton, District Teacher  
Jan Rhody, District Teacher  
Melanie Napoleon, District Teacher  
Sheila Jackson, District Teacher  
Victoria Zaleski-Irizary, District Clerk

OTHERS:  
Adam Vosler, Olean Times Herald  
Stephan Ahl  
Kait Harvey  
Jane Armstrong  
Jacob Hathaway
Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by E. Garvin, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Stephan Ahl, 1128 W. Henley Street – spoke to the Board regarding the elimination of the French IV class. Stephan is currently a French III sophomore and was truly looking forward to the IV class. Having been fortunate to go on the nine-day trip to France, Stephan took a great deal of pride in being able converse in a foreign language. He noted Rosetta Stone is a great tool; however, it should not replace a classroom teacher.

Kait Harvey, 121 S. 8th Street – Kait noted that she will be graduating this year and plans to attend Niagara University to study language. Ms. Napoleon is a very intense teacher and has helped Kait in regard to her fluency. Kait’s future plans include becoming a member of the Peace Corp. and eventually returning to Olean to be a Language teacher. With the elimination of some language classes, there will be no reason for Kait to return to her hometown. She noted Rosetta Stone is awesome and should be given as a present, not a replacement for a classroom teacher.

Sheila Jackson, 34 East State Street, Salamanca, NY - speaking on behalf of Rose Gayton, Olean City School District taxpayer – Sheila noted that Rose was ill and unable to attend the meeting. Rose is a parent of an Olean City School District student and is a teacher at the Olean Middle School. Cutting Foreign Language will affect the 174 incoming 6th grade students. Rose no longer feels good about the quality of Olean’s education.

Melanie Napoleon, 3835 W. Branch Road, Allegany – attended the Board meeting in support of the Foreign Language program. Language is an active program – not a program that you can do sitting in front of a computer. She invited board members to visit her class any time. Melanie feels the language program seems to be getting lower and lower on the promotional level and asked that if funds become available, Sheila Jackson’s position be reinstated.

Jane Armstrong, 825 Buffalo Street – wished to address the board regarding her child.

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by J. Bartimole, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 6:48 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the performance of a particular individual.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Jane Armstrong and her son were invited to attend Executive Session. Ms. Armstrong and her child exited Executive Session at 6:57 p.m.

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by I. Katzenstein, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Communications, Commendations:

a. Valedictorian - Christopher Mosher; Salutatorian - Amanda Lasky

b. NYSSMA Major Organization Adjudication Festivals - over one hundred students participated:

OHS Band - Level 6 - Gold rating (highest level in 30 years)
OHS Select Choir - Level 5 - Gold rating
OHS String Orchestra - Level 5 - Silver rating (highest level yet for orchestra)
NYSSMA Solo Festival. There were many high achievements:

Perfect scores: (Level 6 is the most difficult)
- Level Six Flute - Samantha Huselstein
- Level Six Alto - Karimah Rahman
- Level 4 Soprano - Asia Bridenbaker
- Level 4 Baritone - Steven Jackson

High Scores (A+) were also achieved by:
- Ashley Mulryan - a "99" on a Level Six Soprano
- Jamal Klute - a "99" on a Level 5 Tenor
- Andrew Liu - a "99" on a Level 5 Violin
- Nigel Kniezer - a "98" on a Level 6 Tenor
- Kristi Lewis - "98" on a Level 5 Soprano
- Jamal Klute - "97" on a Level 6 Clarinet
- Riley Branch - "97" on a Level 6 Alto

Superintendent’s Report:
a. 8th Grade Recognition – June 10th
b. Staff Retirement Reception – June 15th
c. Thank you to Administrative Council in regarding to budget efforts and completion of staff evaluations

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

a. The previous meeting minutes of the Regular Meetings held on May 4, 2010, May 18, 2010 and the Special Meetings held on May 19, 2010 and May 27, 2010.

b. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CPSE recommendation reviewed on June 1st be approved:

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Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Re-organization Meeting of the Olean Board of Education be held on July 6, 2010, at 6:30 p.m., in the LGI Room at the Olean Middle School.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the excess General Fund revenues over expenditures for the 2009-2010 school year exceeding the 4% limit be transferred to the Unemployment Reserve Fund, Workers Compensation Reserve Fund, Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund, Employee Benefit Liability Reserve Fund, Insurance Reserve Fund, and the Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund for the purpose of funding future obligations.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve Pamela Foster and Gail Chernish as school volunteers at Washington West for the summer of 2010.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by J. Padlo, to remove from the table the following Motion:

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by I. Katzenstein, to authorize the Superintendent of Schools, to sign the Project KNOW Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreeing to collaborate with Erie 2 BOCES in an Office of Adolescent Health, and Administration on Children, Youth and Families, United States Department of Health and Human Services Grant. In the event the curriculum cannot be tailored the meet the District’s needs, the District may opt out of the MOU.

Ayes 6 Nays 2 (M. McElfresh, E. Garvin) Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Lawrence Welty, Assistant Principal at the Olean Middle School, effective July 1, 2010, with regret and appreciation for his year of dedicated service to the students of the Olean City School District.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to amend the motion adopted at the May 18, 2010 meeting, to accept the resignation of Roberta Mahar, Keyboard Specialist at Ivers J. Norton Elementary School, for retirement purposes, effective July 8, 2010 with regret and appreciation for her years of dedicated service to the students of the Olean City School District.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve an unpaid Leave of Absence for Carla Strong, Guidance Counselor at Boardmanville Elementary School, for the period May 24, 2010 through June 8, 2010.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried
Moved by G. Cross, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve an unpaid Leave of Absence for Jodi Mallory, Teacher Aide at Washington West Elementary School, for the period May 12, 2010 through May 21, 2010.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Committee Reports:
- Audit Committee – May 17th – given by Eric Garvin
- Finance Committee – May 17th – given by Mike Martello

Discussion Items:
- Policy Updates – Review by Committees
- Audit Committee Charter

Informational Items:
- Reception Honoring Retiring Staff, Tuesday, June 15th at 6:00 p.m.

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by I. Katzenstein, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 7:32 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: Contract negotiations; litigation update; and performance of three particular individuals. Lynn Corder invited to attend Executive Session.

Lynn Corder exited Executive Session at 8:07 p.m.

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by G. Cross, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by I. Katzenstein, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: June 4, 2010  Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry  
District Clerk