The Work Session Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at 7:34 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 Hamed with a moment of silent prayer. Michiko McElfresh led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT:
Steven H. Hamed, President  
Michael Martello, Vice-President  
John Bartimole  
Laurie A. Branch  
Gordon E. Cross  
Ira Katzenstein  
Michiko H. McElfresh  
James Padlo  
George Pancio (arrived at 9:13 p.m.)

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:
Mark Ward, Superintendent  
Ann O’Brien, Business Administrator  
Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk  
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing  
Ann Fox, Cafeteria Manager  
Bernie Jones  
Georgia Carr

OTHERS:
Dan LeBlanc, Olean Times Herald  
Nick Pircio, WHDL Radio  
Jason Fox  
Eric Garvin

Public Comments:
No public comments.

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, to approve the Meeting Agenda with the following additions:


Ayes ___8___  
Nays ___0___  
Motion Carried
Communications, Commendations

a. Track Athletes – New York State Qualifiers - Demetrius Bailey, David Allen, Ariel Shoemaker, Meagan Griffin, Rachel Lowry and Brandy Wangelin
b. Olean High School Band - NYSSMA Rating – Gold with Distinction
c. New York State Education Department – “High Performing/Gap Closing” Congratulations
d. Thank you from Laurie Branch to the Board Of Education

Superintendent Ward discussed the following subjects with the Board of Education:

1. June 19th reception for retiring staff – 6:30 p.m. in Chorus Room
2. Interviews have been conducted to fill 18 vacancies
3. The District was not awarded the Liberty Program Grant
4. The OHS fountain is once again operational
5. STAR Brochure
6. IJN Principal interviews will be conducted next week
7. Kelly Services Contract will not be renewed; in-house sub caller positions will be created
8. June 14, 11 am to 2 pm, Board of Education Retreat

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

a. The previous meeting minutes of the Work Session Meeting held on Tuesday May 8, 2007, the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 (with correction Ira Katzenstein presented the Outreach Committee Report), and the Special Meeting held on Wednesday, May 16, 2007.
b. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, the Treasurer’s Report dated April 30, 2007 be accepted and placed on file.
c. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, the Warrant Report for May dated June 1, 2007 be accepted and placed on file.
d. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, the Internal Claims Auditor Exception Report for the period covering month ending May 31, 2007 be accepted and placed on file.

Ayes ___8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by J. Padlo, 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, 2007 through June 30, 2008 for physical and occupational therapy.

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 award the computer recycling award to Regional Computer Recycling & Recover, RCR & Rt. 7318 Victor-Mendon Road, Victor, NY 14564. Total number of pallets: 14; Cost per pallet: $25.

Ayes ___8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried
Moved by G. Cross, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to create two (2) part-time Substitute Caller positions for the 2007-2008 school year.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that a Special meeting be held on June 29, 2007 at 12:00 Noon in the Board Room at the Olean High School for the Olean Board of Education year-end meeting.

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 the Re-organizational meeting be held on July 10, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room at the Olean High School.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the following textbooks be purchased:

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**TOTAL COST** $82,165

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried
Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Andrea Bean, 6th Grade Social Studies/Language Arts Teacher at the Olean Middle School, be granted a Leave of Absence for a period of eleven weeks beginning September 4, 2007 through November 21, 2007.

Ayes ___8___  Nays __0__  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Rachael Schreiber, 2nd Grade Teacher at the East View Elementary School, be granted a Leave of Absence for a period of six weeks beginning October 12, 2007 through November 23, 2007.

Ayes ___8___  Nays __0__  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Jenelle Scanlon, 1st Grade Teacher at the East View Elementary School, be granted a Leave of Absence for a period of eight weeks beginning April 30, 2007 through June 22, 2007.

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 Angela Mest, Special Education Teacher at the East View Elementary School, be granted a Leave of Absence for a period of ten weeks beginning September 10, 2007 through November 19, 2007.

Ayes ___8___  Nays __0__  Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Debra Silvers, Foreign Language Teacher at the Olean Middle School, be granted a Leave of Absence for a period of ten weeks beginning September 10, 2007 through November 19, 2007.

Ayes ___8___  Nays __0__  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Nicole Fidurko (Resource Room), Chris Keenan (Social Studies), and Jessica A. Schirrmacher and Penny Owens (6th Grade) be appointed to the 2007 Secondary Summer School Program.

Ayes ___8___  Nays __0__  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Christopher Blocher be appointed as a non-conditional Substitute Teacher for the 2007 Secondary Summer School Program.

Ayes ___8___  Nays __0__  Motion Carried
Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Kristin Schuman be appointed certified non-conditional long-term substitute Speech pathologist for the 2007-2008 school year.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Erica Soble be appointed non-certified conditional substitute Speech Pathologist retroactive to May 15, 2007 and for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year. In accordance with Section 503(18)(b) of the Education Law. This is a conditional appointment and therefore shall not commence until the District has received notification from the Commissioner of Education that the appointee has been conditionally cleared for employment. If the Commissioner of Education notifies the District that the appointee has been denied conditional clearance or clearance, the appointment shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointees are granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointment shall continue.

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 Daniel G. Brooks, Jr. be granted a conditional three-year probationary appointment in the Guidance Counselor tenure area effective August 29, 2007.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Leslie DeGolier be granted a conditional three-year probationary appointment in the Mathematics tenure area effective August 29, 2007. In accordance with Section 2503(18)(b) of the Education Law, this is a conditional appointment and therefore shall not commence until the District has received notification from the Commissioner of Education that the appointee has been conditionally cleared for employment. If the Commissioner of Education notifies the District that the appointee has been denied conditional clearance or clearance, this appointment shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointee is granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointment shall continue and the conditional status shall be removed; in that event, the probationary service shall end on August 29, 2010. The appointee is certified in the Secondary Mathematics 7-12 certification area and has submitted a signed statement for conditional appointment as provided in Section 2503(18)(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Leslie DeGolier during his first year of this appointment, be paid at the annual salary as outlined in the Agreement between the Olean Teachers' Association and the Board of Education for a teacher on Step 1 with a Master’s Degree and 36 graduate hours or as outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement ($39,522).

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried
Moved by M. McElresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Jennifer Layton be appointed as a conditional probationary full time (12 month) Account Clerk Typist, effective June 28, 2007, at a probationary salary of $14.00 per hour. In accordance with Section 503(18)(b) of the Education Law, this is a conditional appointment and therefore shall not commence until the District has received notification from the Commissioner of Education that the appointee has been conditionally cleared for employment. If the Commissioner of Education notifies the District that the appointee has been denied conditional clearance or clearance, the appointment shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointee is granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointment shall continue.

Ayes ___8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the following be appointed to implement the 2007 Summer STAR Program from July 9, 2007 through August 3, 2007:

Principal: Nick Patrone

Teachers: Melanie Meyers, Kimberly Voegelin, Daniel Brown, Randy Samuelson, Rose Gayton, Christine Norton, Cindy Kurjakovic, Fred Welch, Rintaro Wada, Joe Gervase, Lesley Patrone, Lori Lewicki, Amanda Bess, and Amber Benjamin

Reading Teachers: Shana Chudy, Karen Woodring, Colleen Larson-Deibler, Gloria Swetland (2 hours per day)

Teacher’s Aides: Barbara Klingbeil, Roxann Johnson, Bonnie Miller, Lyde VanScoy, Helen Procacc Diane Simon, and Kathy Searles

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 Jessie A Lampack be appointed non-certified conditional Substitute Teacher for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year. In accordance with Section 503(18)(b) of the Education Law. This is a conditional appointment and therefore shall not commence until the District has received notification from the Commissioner of Education that the appointee has been conditionally cleared for employment. If the Commissioner of Education notifies the District that the appointee has been denied conditional clearance or clearance, the appointment shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointees are granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointment shall continue.

Ayes ___8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Discussion Items:
   a. Policy Review #6212.1 Incidental Teaching
   b. Policy Review #6320 Employment of Teacher Aides
   c. Cafeteria Options
Committee Reports:
a. Audit Committee – June 19, 2007
e. Outreach Committee – June 19, 2007

Information Items:
a. June 19, 2007 Reception Honoring Retiring Staff Members
b. Substitute Procedures
c. Dresser-Rand Tax Refund

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by I. Katzenstein, to adjourn from Work Session and convene in Executive Session at 8:35 pm to discuss CSE recommendations, Contract Negotiation, Specific Employees Performances, Litigation Update, and Superintendent’s Evaluation.

Ayes ___8__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Mark Ward, Ann O’Brien, and Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry exited Executive Session at 9:35 p.m. due to Superintendent’s Evaluation discussion.

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by L. Branch, to adjourn from Executive Session and to reconvene in Work Session at 10:35 p.m.

Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, to adjourn the Regular Meeting at 10:35 p.m.

Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

June 19, 2007