

OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
410 West Sullivan Street  
Olean, NY 14860

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014, at 6:35 p.m. in the Board Room of the Olean High School located at 401 Wayne Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by Michael Martello, President of Board, with a moment of silent prayer or personal reflection. Paul Hessney led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Videoconferencing: Lobby of the Mandarin Oriental Hotel, 500 Brickell Key Drive, Miami, FL 33131 and Olean High School Board Room, 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY 14760. The public was invited to attend.

PRESENT: Michael Martello, President  
John Bartimole, Vice President  
Laurie Branch (via Skype)  
Ira Katzenstein  
Paul Hessney  
Paul Knieser  
Michiko McElfresh  
James Padlo

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools  
Kathleen Elser, Business Administrator  
Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk  
Jen Mahar, District Coordinator of State and Federal Aid Programs  
Mia O'Brien, Director of Human Resources  
Cso Woodworth, Technology Administrator  
Jerry Trietley, OIMS Principal (Grades 6 & 7)  
Marcie Richmond, Director of Special Education  
Barb Lias, HS Principal  
Linda Nottingham, WW Principal  
Sheila Yaffe, Teacher  
Eileen Skrobacz, Teacher

OTHERS: Kelsey Boudin, OTH  
Nick Pircio, WHDL (arrived at 6:47 pm)  
Brian Crawford  
Lacey Hill

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Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Bartimole, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda.

Agenda Approval

Ayes 8                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Public Comment:

Sheila Yaffee, 305 E. Henley Street – noted that Dave Lasky, Olean Teachers’ Association President drove from Olean to Albany to pick up 1,700 donated books valued at \$15,000 from First Books. The books will be distributed to District students by the end of the school year. This was a collaborative effort between the OTA, AFTA, and NYSUT.

Public Comment

Moved by P. Knieser, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of school board member, Ira Katzenstein effective May 22, 2014.

Resignation of School Board Member Ira Katzenstein Accepted

Ayes 8                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

The District Clerk administered the oath of office to Ira Katzenstein to fill a five year and 41-day term effective May 22, 2014 through June 30, 2019.

Oath of Office Administered to Ira Katzenstein

Communications, Commendations:

- a. Congratulations to Paul Hessney – completion of School Board Governance and Fiscal Oversight Training
- b. Thank you to Jason Fox, Jan Rhody, and Rin Wada for an outstanding High School concert

Communications, Commendations

Committee Reports:

- a. Audit May 19 – given by Michiko McElfresh
- b. Operations Committee – June 3 – given by John Bartimole
- c. Safety Committee – June 4 – given by Colleen Taggerty
- d. Buildings and Grounds Committee – June 10 – given by Paul Knieser

Committee Report

Superintendent’s Report:

- a. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to 4<sup>th</sup> grade transition visits/tours – Colleen read letters that 4<sup>th</sup> graders wrote to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders
- b. 1:1 laptop initiative for students in grades 7, 9, and 11
- c. HS parking lot discussion – Committee Reports
- d. Connect 4 Geometry Project

Superintendent’s Report

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:

Consent Agenda

- a. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendation reviewed on June 17<sup>th</sup> be approved:

APPROVED	APPROVED	APPROVED	APPROVED
908000618	900256817	900370636	900457252
900448343	900417793	900395836	900350105
900453177	900427172	908001100	900348053
908000766	900427328	900397867	900455407
900363957	908001499	908001183	900457609
908001605	908000512	092780001	

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b. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to declare the list of textbooks as surplus.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the amended College Connection Agreement between the Olean City School District and Jamestown Community College for the period of August 1, 2012 through July 31, 2017.

Amended JCC  
College  
Connection  
Agreement  
Approved

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that one (1) FTE Math 7 – 12 teacher position be created for the 2014 – 2015 school year.

One (1) FTE Math  
Teacher Position  
Created

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by P. Knieser, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that a .5 FTE Physical Education teacher position be created for the 2014 – 2015 school year..

.5 FTE Physical  
Education Teacher  
Position Created

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by P. Knieser, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that a .5 FTE PEP Grant Coordinator position be created for the 2014 – 2017 school years.

.5 FTE PEP Grant  
Coordinator  
Position Created

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by P. Knieser, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that two (2) FTE Teachers on Special Assignment (TOSA) positions be created for the 2014 – 2015 school year .

Two (2) Teacher on  
Special Assignment  
(TOSA) Positions  
Created

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by P. Knieser, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the purchase of Grade 10 – 12 Math/Computer Science: HTML and CSS Comprehensive textbooks published by Cengage; and Grades 10 – 12: Alice 3 in Action with Java textbook published by Cengage Learning.

Textbook Purchase  
Approved

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by P. Knieser, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to enter into a Contract for Services between the Olean City School District and the City of Olean for a School Resource Officer per the following allocation payment schedule:

School Resource  
Officer Contract  
Approved

2011-2012, 2012-2013, and 2013-2014  
65%

2014-2015, 2015-2016, and 2016-2017  
65%

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Ayes   8                        Nays   0                        Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to hire three (3) teacher aides to assist with summer technology upgrades at his/her hourly rate of pay as of July 1, 2014, for a maximum of 30 hours each under the supervision of the Technology Administrator.

Teacher Aides to Assist with Summer Technology Updates

Ayes   8                        Nays   0                        Motion Carried

Moved by P. Knieser, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to acknowledge the receipt of a letter from Lance Chaffee, Director of the Olean Public Library dated June 2, 2014, in which the Olean City School District is pursuant to law to collect an additional tax levy of \$979,465.00 for the Library's 2015 budget.

District to Collect Additional Tax Levy for Olean Public Library 2015 Budget

Ayes   8                        Nays   0                        Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following position be abolished effective June 30, 2014.

11-Month Keyboard Specialist Position Abolished

Keyboard Specialist:  
11-month Keyboard Specialist for enrollment

Ayes   8                        Nays   0                        Motion Carried

Moved by P. Knieser, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that one (1) 12-month, full-time Keyboard Specialist position for enrollment be created for the 2014-2015 school year.

12-Month Keyboard Specialist Position Created

Ayes   8                        Nays   0                        Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the retirement resignation of Shirley Douthit, Food Service Helper, with regret, retroactive to May 17, 2014.

Retirement Resignation of Shirley Douthit Accepted With Regret

Ayes   8                        Nays   0                        Motion Carried

Moved by P. Knieser, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the resignation of Kaitlin Speta, Elementary Teacher, be amended from June 27, 2014 retroactive to June 12, 2014.

Resignation of Kaitlin Speta Accepted With Regret

Ayes   8                        Nays   0                        Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the following individuals to implement the 2014 Secondary Summer School Program at their hourly rate of pay as of July 1, 2014:

Secondary Summer School Program Appointments Approved

Teacher Aide: Diane Scanlon  
Nurse: Jen Hendrickson, Michelle Brown

Ayes   8                        Nays   0                        Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the following individuals to implement the 2014 Secondary Olean Intermediate Middle School Summer School Program per OTA Contract:

OIMS Summer School Appointments

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English 6: Arthur Wentz  
Social Studies 6: Arthur Wentz  
Math 6: Rachel Burrows  
Science 6: Rachel Burrows  
Math 7: Mark Beckwith

Approved

Ayes 8                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by P. Knieser, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the following individuals to implement the 2014 Secondary Olean High School Summer School Program per OTA Contract:

Secondary HS  
Summer School  
Appointments  
Approved

Math 8–12: Mark Beckwith, Jennifer Gilman  
Social Studies 9–12: Chris Keenan  
Earth Science 9–12: Charles Warren  
Resource Room: Mary Snyder  
Librarian: Cindy Kurjakovic  
English 8–12: Peter Cavana, C. Patricia Stromberg  
Physical Education/Health 9-12: Bridget Bannerman

Ayes 8                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by P. Knieser, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the following individuals to implement the 2014 Summer STAR Program at their hourly rate of pay as of July 1, 2014:

STAR Program  
Aides Appointed

Aides:  
Roxann Johnson  
Bonnie Miller  
Diane Simon  
Barbara Volz  
Kathy Searles  
Carrie Bhe

Ayes 8                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the following individuals to implement the 2014 Summer STAR Program per OTA Contract:

STAR Program  
Teachers Appointed

Teachers:  
Daniel Brown  
Leslie Patrone  
Jacob Palo  
Doug Bushnell  
William Hughey  
Jason Fox  
Kim Ackerman  
Lori Lewicki  
Amanda Bess  
Melanie Meyers  
Chris Norton  
Linda Edstrom  
Dylan Shaw

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Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by P. Knieser, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Christina Wick as a non-conditional Food Service Helper, 5.75 hours per day at the rate of \$11.85 per hour for the 2014 – 2015 school year.

Christina Wick  
Appointed Food  
Service Helper

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Brian Crawford is granted a conditional three-year probationary appointment (12 month) in the Elementary Principal tenure area effective July 27, 2014. 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 July 26, 2017. The appointee is certified in the School District Leader certification area and has submitted a signed statement for conditional appointment as provided in Section 503(18)(b).

Brian Crawford  
Appointed in the  
Elementary Tenure  
Area

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Brian Crawford, during his first year of this appointment, be paid at the annual salary of \$83,500.

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by P. Knieser, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Lacey Hill be granted a conditional two-year probationary appointment in the English tenure area effective August 28, 2014. 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 27, 2016. The appointee is certified in the English Language Arts (Grades 7-12) certification area and has submitted a signed statement for conditional appointment as provided in Section 2503(18)(b).

Lacey Hill  
Appointed in the  
English Tenure  
Area

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Lacey Hill, during the 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 6, with a Master's Degree and 39 graduate hours, or as outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement (\$47,195).

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Informational Items Items:

- a. BOCES Budget Adjustments
- b. 2014-2015 Non Resident Students

Informational Items

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by P. Knieser, upon the recommendation of Colleen

Executive Session

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Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 7:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: contractual negotiations OTA and tax cert/. Mia O'Brien and Kathy Elser invited to attend.

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry  
District Clerk

Dated: June 23, 2014

Moved by P. Knieser, seconded by P. Hessney, to adjourn from Executive Session and Regular Meeting reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. McElfresh, to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Adjournment

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Taggerty  
Pro Tem District Clerk

Dated: June 23, 2014