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

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.

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.

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.

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

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

Superintendent’s Report:
a. 3rd grade to 4th grade transition visits/tours – Colleen read letters that 4th graders wrote to 3rd 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

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

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

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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:

  65%

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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:

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

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:

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:

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:

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
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.

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).

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).

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:

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

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by P. Knieser, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, to hold an 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 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.

Ayes __8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Taggerty
Pro Tem District Clerk

Dated: June 23, 2014