The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, July 18, 2006 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 Hamed with a moment of silent prayer. President Hamed led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: 
Steven H. Hamed, President
Michael Martello, Vice-President
John E. Bartimole
Laurie A. Branch
Ira Katzenstein
Michiko H. McElfresh
James E. Padlo
George Pancio

ABSENT: 
Gordon E. Cross

STAFF PRESENT: 
Mark Ward, Superintendent
David Flaherty, Deputy District Clerk
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing
Karen Hessney, District Teacher

OTHERS: 
Katie Ward, Olean Times Herald
Richard Frost
Nick Pircio WHDL Radio

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Bartimole to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following changes and additions:

2. Personnel – Appointments – Remove Item 9a-4 Coaching Appointments.
4. New Business – Remove Agenda Item 11c – Contract between OCSD and Cattaraugus County For Youth Placement Prevention Program
5. New Business – Add Agenda Item 11-h – Approval of a Transportation Contract.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ____0__  Motion Carried

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

1. Technology
2. Books
3. Summer School
4. School Board Conference in New York City
5. Board Training
Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. McElfresh 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 held on June 14, 2006, the Regular Meeting held on June 20, 2006 and the Special Meeting held on June 30, 2006.

b. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Student Activity Quarterly Report for the Olean Middle School and Olean High School dated April through June-2006 is accepted and placed on file.

c. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the “End-of-Year” Student Activity Account Report for Olean High School dated June 29, 2006 is accepted and placed on file.

d. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, the following CPSE recommendations reviewed on July 12, 2006 is approved:

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Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried
Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by M. McElfresh upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the retirement resignation of LEE ANN BURCH, Stenographer in the Superintendent’s Office, with deep regret, effective August 30, 2006, pursuant to the terms of a Memorandum of Agreement with the District, which the Superintendent of Schools is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of this District.

Ayes ___8____ Nays ___0____ Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to accept the retirement resignation of KATHLEEN STEINER, IJN Teacher Aide, with deep regret, effective August 20, 2006.

Ayes ___8____ Nays ___0____ Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by G. Pancio upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that TIMOTHY KOLASINSKI is granted a conditional three year-probationary appointment in the Physical Education tenure area effective August 30, 2006. 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 30, 2009. The appointee is certified in Physical Education certification area and has submitted a signed statement for conditional appointment as provided in Section 2503(18)(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that TIMOTHY KOLASINSKI, 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 4 or as outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement ($37,637).

Ayes ___8____ Nays ___0____ Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Pancio upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that JESSE MANKOWSKI is granted a conditional three year-probationary appointment in the Physical Education tenure area effective August 30, 2006. 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 30, 2009. The appointee is certified in Physical Education certification area and has submitted a signed statement for conditional appointment as provided in Section 2503(18)(b).
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that JESSE MANKOWSKI, 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 1 with 15 graduate hours, or as outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement ($36,205).

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 authorize the Superintendent of Schools to enter into and sign “Memorandums of Agreement” for the period of July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007 concerning the terms and conditions of employment between the Olean City School District and the District’s following managerial employee - David Fidurko (Superintendent of Buildings/Grounds) at a 2006-2007 salary of $52,150.

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 School Board Policy #5730 – TRANSPORTATION OF STUDENTS as presented. This policy is to supersede any current School Board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Padlo to authorize the Superintendent to donate excess textbooks and library books to school districts impacted by Hurricane Katrina.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch that WHEREAS, it is the plan of a number of PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS, other BOCES organizations, and the Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES (the “BOCES”) during the 2006-2007 school year to bid jointly for the purchase of various types of computers and technology commodities (the “commodities”); and

WHEREAS, the Olean City School District (“the School District”) is desirous of participating in the joint bidding of the Commodities, as authorized by General Municipal Law, Article 5-G; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education hereby appoints the superintendent of designee to represent it in all matters related above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Cooperative Bid Procedures, the Board of Education agrees to award bid item purchases according to the recommendations of the BOCES if such aware is in the best interest of the school district.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried
Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. McElfresh upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the “Memorandum of Understanding” between the Olean City School District and the Olean Family YMCA for the ESD-Before School Program during the 2006-2007 school year.

Ayes ___7__  Nays ___0___  Abstained ___1___  Motion Carried
(S. Hamed)

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by M. McElfresh upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the extension of the “Memorandum of Understanding” between the Olean City School District and the Olean Family YMCA for the 21st Century Community Elementary Learning Center Program during the 2006-2007 school year.

Ayes ___7__  Nays ___0___  Abstained ___1___  Motion Carried
(S. Hamed)

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve a one (1) year extension of the bided Cuba-Rushford Summer Transportation and Monitoring Contract with Carrier Coach, Inc., 101 South 19th Street, Suite “J”, Olean, NY with contract rate increase to be at the New York State allowable C.P.I. rate.

Ayes ___8__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

The Board of Education discussed the following items:

a. Policy #5230 – Acceptance of Gifts, Grants & Bequests to the School District
b. Board Committee Appointments
c. Board Retreat Update

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Padlo to adjourn from Regular Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss negotiations, contract issue regarding a specific employee, legal updates on three separate issues, individual’s performance and North Hill real estate at 8:13 p.m.

Ayes ___8__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in Regular Session at 9:30 p.m.

Ayes ___8__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by I. Katzenstein that BE IT RESOLVED, that the District’s counsel, Hodgson Russ LLP, is authorized to prepare, serve and file all appropriate papers necessary to appeal and seek review of the Decision of Impartial Hearing Officer Aaron Turetsky, dated June 22, 2006 if Decision is approved by the Superintendent.

Ayes ___8__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried
Moved by M. Martello, seconded by J. Bartimole to adjourn from the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

David Flaherty
Deputy District Clerk

July 18, 2006
JM:dkj