The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, August 5, 2008 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 President Katzenstein with a moment of silent prayer. Mike Martello led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

ABSENT: Gordon E. Cross

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools
Ann O'Brien, Business Administrator
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel
Jerry Trietley, OMS Principal
Barb Lias, OHS Principal
Jeff Andreano, OHS Assistant Principal
Connie Pound, IJN Principal
Sheila Jackson, District Teacher
Linda Nottingham, District Teacher
Maureen DiCerbo, District Teacher
Darlene Connelly, District Teacher
Jeanne Frisina, District Guidance Counselor
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

OTHERS: Jeff Shaw, Olean Times Herald

Public Comments: None

Moved by M. Martello, seconded by L. Branch, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda.

Ayes ___8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Communications, Commendations
a. OMS Guidance Department – letter from Rose Gayton, Veronica Sturdevant, Timothy Bushnell, Kathy Hendrix, Larry Jodush, Wendy Speroni, Joe Batesky, JoAnne Jones, Jen Mathieson, Mike Retchless, Bruce Silvers, Kari Wilton, Judy
Superintendent Taggerty discussed the following subjects with the Board of Education:

1. Connie Pound – thanks and recognition for service to OCSD
2. Board Retreat – August 13th, BOCES, 4 – 8 pm
5. Souperbowl Presentation
6. Supplemental Building Aid

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

a. The previous meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on July 8, 2008 and July 22, 2008.

b. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendation reviewed on August 5th be approved:

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Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Community Bank checking account, #0012021391 be closed due to inactivity in the account, and that the proceeds from the account, $2,070, be deposited into the debt service fund.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Timothy R. McGill, Esq. be designated bond counsel. Bond Counsel shall be compensated for his services to be rendered in connection with the issuance of obligations of the School district in accordance with the letter agreement between the bond counsel and the School District, dated July 8, 2008. The President of the Board of Education is hereby authorized to execute and deliver said letter of agreement. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Contract Extension between the Olean City School District and Personal Touch for Cafeteria Management for the 2008-2009 school year at the allowable Consumer Price Index of 4.0%.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by D. Harris, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the agreement between the Olean City School District and SIEBA LTD for the implementation of the Flexible Benefit Plan for the 2008-2009 school year. Fee Schedule: monthly fee equal to $3.10 for each participant.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried
Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Agreement between the Olean City School District and the Cattaraugus Rehabilitation Center, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2008 through August 31, 2008 for Consultant Teacher at a rate of $75.75 per hour.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Abstained 1 Motion Carried
(M. Martello)

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Agreement between the Olean City School District and the Cattaraugus Rehabilitation Center, Inc. for the period of July 1, 2008 through August 31, 2008 for Family Training at a rate of $90.18 per hour.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Abstained 1 Motion Carried
(M. Martello)

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Olean City School District Board of Education cast its vote in the Special Election of Members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES for the following:

Area 2 – 1 Year Remaining - Susan Potter, 4545 State Route 19, Belmont, NY 14813

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to authorize payment of 45 summer days for the High School Guidance Counselors and 35 summer days for the Middle School Guidance Counselors for the purpose of 2008 summer staff development. Total days will not exceed 80 days. Counselors will be paid at the individual daily rate of pay.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Ashley Hanks, Elementary Teacher, Washington West Elementary School, with regret, effective August 31, 2008.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried
Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Meaghen Garbay, Music Teacher, Olean Middle School, with regret, effective August 31, 2008.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ____0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Daniel LaCroix, Math Teacher, Olean Middle School, with regret, effective August 31, 2008.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ____0___  Motion Carried

Moved by D. Harris, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Connie Pound, Principal, Ivers J. Norton, with regret, effective August 27, 2008.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ____0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Katie Camp is granted a non-conditional three-year probationary appointment in the Special Education area effective September 2, 2008. The probationary service shall end on September 2, 2011. The appointee is certified in the Students with Disabilities Grades 1-6 and Students with Disabilities Grades 5-9 certification areas and has submitted a signed statement for conditional appointment as provided in Section 503(18)(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Katie Camp 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 2, with a Master's Degree and 30 graduate hours or as outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement ($40,974.00).

Ayes ___8___  Nays ____0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. Martello, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint William Taggerty as CONDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE CLEANER for the 2008-2009 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 appointee is granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointment shall continue.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ____0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Michael Howard, OHS Guidance Counselor, be paid $1,000 (half the Guidance Department Chair stipend) for the purpose
of preparing the 2008-2009 school year Guidance Master Schedule.

Ayes ___8__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

The following Committee Reports were presented to the Board of Education:
  a. Audit Committee – July 21st - presented by Eric Garvin
  b. Finance Committee – July 21st – presented by Mike Martello

The Board of Education discussed the following items:
None

The following Informational Item was presented to the Board of Education:
  a. Board Recognition Dinner – August 26th – 6:00 p.m. – Ho-Sta-Geh
  b. Board Retreat – August 13th – 4 – 8 pm - BOCES

Moved by M. Martello, seconded by L. Branch, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: a. grievance. Lynn Corder, Darlene Connelly, and Jeanne Frisina were extended an invitation to attend the Executive Session to discuss the OTA Grievance

Darlene Connelly and Jeanne Frisina were excused from Executive Session at 7:11 p.m.

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by E. Garvin, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Ayes __8__  Nays __0__  Motion Carried

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN on the OTA Grievance with the following results:

John Bartimole  VOTING  NO
Michiko McElfresh  VOTING  NO
Michael Martello  VOTING  NO
James Padlo  VOTING  NO
Daniel Harris  VOTING  NO
Eric Garvin  VOTING  NO
Laurie Branch  VOTING  NO
Ira Katzenstein  VOTING  NO

Ayes __0__  Nays __8__  Motion Defeated

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that a Special Meeting of the Olean Board of Education be held on August 25, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in the Board Room at Olean High School

Ayes __8__  Nays __0__  Motion Carried
Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

Dated: August 12, 2008