

OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
410 West Sullivan Street  
Olean, NY 14760

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Thursday, August 13, 2015, at 5:05 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 Paul Knieser, President of Board, with a moment of silent prayer or personal reflection. Paul Knieser led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Videoconferencing on the porch of 26 Elizabeth Street, Ellicottville, NY and the High School Board Room, 410 West Sullivan Street. Open to the public.

PRESENT: Paul Knieser, President  
Michiko McElfresh, Vice President  
Laurie Branch – via Skype  
Paul Hessney  
Ira Katzenstein (arrived at 5:20)  
Frank Steffen, Jr.

ABSENT: John Bartimole (excused)  
Michael Martello (excused)  
James Padlo (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent  
Kathleen Elser, Business Administrator  
Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk  
Brian Crawford, EV Principal  
Linda Nottingham, WW Principal  
Jerry Trietley, OIMS Principal (grades 6 & 7)  
Jen Mahar, District Coordinator of State and Federal Aid Programs  
Marcie Richmond, Director of Special Education  
Cso Woodworth, Technology Administrator

OTHERS: Earl McElfresh

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Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. F. Steffen, Jr., to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the addition of item 6. New Business - eLocalLink Agreement.

Agenda Approval

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

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Jerry Trietley, 548 York Street – as a parent, community member, tax payer, youth football coach, President of the OASA, he thanked the Board of Education and Dr. Taggerty for their leadership during the difficult economic period as many difficult decisions had to be made in order to protect the District financially and maintain as many programs for students as possible. Due to the tough decisions that were made, the District is in a better fiscal position and teaching positions that were abolished have been brought back making the OTA whole. Mr. Trietley asked that the same consideration be given to the Olean Administrative/Supervisory Association. The OASA has supported the Teacher on Special Assignment positions, even though some of the work performed belonged in the OASA unit. The District's number one goal is to improve student achievement to ensure students are on track to be college and/or career ready. With the changes in education, new APPR legislation everyone has experienced increased workloads. Pioneer School District has 350 more students than Olean. Pioneer has 15 administrators; Olean has nine. Pioneer has two 4-day per week BOCES staff for curriculum instruction; Olean has one 4-day per week BOCES staff and two TOSAs. Jerry noted that bringing back the Curriculum position will truly impact student achievement and support teachers as we strive to achieve Common Core alignment and grade level proficiency.

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by F. Steffen, Jr., upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Agreement between the Olean City School District and eLocalLink for a period of 15 months to create video content or photo montage. The Agreement can be renewed at a rate of \$14.95 per month.

eLocalLink  
Agreement  
Approved

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by F. Steffen, Jr. to adjourn at 5:10 pm. for ten minutes recess.

Moved by F. Steffen, Jr., seconded by M. McElfresh, to reconvene to the special meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to create the position of Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction for the 2015-2016 school year.

Coordinator of  
Curriculum and  
Instruction  
Position Created

Ayes 5

Nays 1  
(P. Hessney)

Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by F. Steffen, Jr., to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 p.m.

Adjournment

Ayes 6

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry  
District Clerk

Dated: August 14, 2015

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