

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

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, 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 Paul Knieser, President, with a moment of silent prayer or personal reflection. Ira Katzenstein led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Paul Knieser, President  
Michiko McElfresh, Vice President  
John Bartimole  
Laurie Branch  
Paul Hessney  
Ira Katzenstein  
Michael Martello  
Frank Steffen, Jr.

ABSENT: James Padlo (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools  
Kathleen Elser, Business Administrator  
Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk  
Mia O'Brien, Director of Human Resources  
Joel Whitcher, OIMS Principal (grades 4 & 5)  
Jen Mahar, District Coordinator of State and Federal Aid Programs  
Jeff Andreano, OHS Principal  
Brian Crawford, EV Principal  
Jerry Trietley, OIMS Principal (grades 6 & 7)  
Mike Martel, OHS Assistant Principal  
Jillian Putnam, BOCES

OTHERS: Kelsey Boudin, OTH  
Nick Pircio, WHDL (arrived at 6:38 pm)

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Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by F. Steffen, Jr., to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda.

Agenda Approval

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Public Comment:  
None

Public Comment

Discussion Item:

- a. Restorative Justice Presentation – Joel Witcher and Jullian Putnam

Discussion Item

Committee Reports:

- a. Finance Committee – August 27 – given by Mike Martello

Committee Reports

Superintendent's Report

- a. District-wide Capital Project updates
- b. EPIC opening day for students
- c. New regulations – cooling towers
- d. Donation to assist in paying for student participation in club over-night trip
- e. Emergency Preparedness – presentation to HS students on September 22nd
- f. Food Pantry – backpack of food for students in need
- g. Thirst project presentation to Operations Committee

Superintendent's Report

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, to amend the approved agenda and add a resolution to the New Business section to create a high school service-related club.

Consent Agenda

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, 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, to adopt the previous minutes of the regular meeting held on August 27, 2015, and the special meeting held on September 2, 2015.
- b. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendations reviewed on September 15th be approved:

APPROVED	APPROVED	APPROVED	APPROVED
900455866	900441608	900417199	900455907
900433208	908001446	082180001	908001499
900454940	900414350	900376457	900428737
900434096			

- c. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CPSE recommendations reviewed on September 15th be approved:

APPROVED
908002096

- d. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the attached list of Conditional and Non-Conditional Substitutes.
- e. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to

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declare 26 4'x6' rubberized floor mats as surplus equipment.

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to authorize Rosanne Capra, retired teacher, to provide High School Activity Funds Treasurer training to Sue Frentz for up to five (5) hours during the period of September through December 2015, at an hourly rate of \$23 per hour.

Rosanne Capra to  
Provide Training

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by F. Steffen, Jr., upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopted the following resolution to wit:

Purchase of Supply  
of Electricity  
Participation in  
Cooperative  
Bidding Program  
Adopted

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, Olean City School District of New York State desires to participate in a Cooperative Bidding Program conducted by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties from year to year or, until this Resolution is rescinded, for the purchase of supply of electricity; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, Olean City School District of New York State is desirous of participating with The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties in the joint bid of the commodities and/or services mentioned below as authorized by General Municipal Law, Section 119-o; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education, Olean City School District of New York State has appointed the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties as representative to assume the responsibility for drafting of specifications, advertising for bids, accepting and opening bids, tabulating bids, reporting the results to the Board of Education, Olean City School District of New York State and making recommendations thereon;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education, Olean City School District of New York State and the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties hereby accepts the appointment of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties to represent it in all matters related above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education Olean City School District of New York State authorizes the above-mentioned Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties to represent it in all matters regarding the entering into contract for the purchase of the below-mentioned commodities and/or services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education Olean City School District of New York State agrees to assume its equitable share of the costs incurred as a result of the cooperative bidding; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Superintendent of School, on behalf of the Board of Education, Olean City School District of New York State hereby is authorized to participate in cooperative bidding conducted by The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties for supply of natural gas and if requested to furnish the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties an estimated minimum number of units that will be purchased by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties. The Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties is hereby authorized to award cooperative bids to the bidder deemed to be the lowest responsive and

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responsible meeting the bid specifications and otherwise complying with Article 5-A of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York relating to public bids and contracts.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by P. Hessney, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Rental Agreement between the Olean City School District and the City of Olean for the use of Bradner Stadium.

Bradner Stadium  
Rental Agreement  
Approved

<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
Fee waived	Fee waived

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by F. Steffen, Jr., seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following resolution to wit:

Acceptance of  
Donated Land  
/SEQRA Approved

RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT DONATION OF VACANT LAND

WHEREAS, the Olean City School District (the "District") wishes to accept the donation of a parcel of real property at 1628 Washington St., Olean, NY 14760 (SBL No. 94.055-3-61.2) and adjacent to the Washington West Elementary School (the "Property") from Linda M. Edstrom, Joan M. Gattuso, and Karl E. Edstrom (the "Donors") by a Quit Claim Deed (the "Deed") presented to the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, the proposed action of selling the former school site with speculative future reuse has been classified as an "Unlisted" action under SEQRA, not requiring a coordinated review; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), the District and its Board of Education is the "Lead Agency" for purposes of reviewing the environmental impacts of the sale of the former school; and

WHEREAS, the District/Board has duly considered the action including, the Environmental Assessment Form, the criteria for determining whether the action will have a significant adverse impact on the environment as set forth in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. § 617.7(c) of the SEQRA regulations, and such other information deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the District/Board has identified the relevant areas of environmental concern, has taken a hard look at these areas, and has made a reasoned elaboration of the basis for its determination;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Olean City School District Board of Education that:

1. The action will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.
2. The attached Negative Declaration, incorporated herein by reference, is issued and adopted for the reasons stated in the attached Negative Declaration.
3. The Superintendent is hereby authorized to sign and file all documents necessary to comply with SEQRA.
4. This resolution is effective immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby declares that acceptance of the donation of the Property is in the best interests of the District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby approves acceptance of the

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Property by the Deed from the Donors, in the form presented, for nominal consideration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is hereby approved and authorized in acting to accept and record the Deed in the form presented to this Board of Education, is authorized and directed to execute, deliver and file the related transactional documents (with such non-material amendments, additions or alterations as may be determined appropriate by the District's legal counsel), and is further authorized to do all things necessary to effectuate the donation transaction contemplated therein, and by this Resolution.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the formation of a High School community service club (name of the club to be determined). Darlene Connelly has volunteered (unpaid) to serve as the advisor for the 2015-2016 school year.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

High School  
Service-Related  
Club Created;  
Darlene Connelly  
Appointed  
Volunteer Advisor

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Brandy Bennion, who holds an Initial Certificate, Students with Disabilities Grades 7 – 12 Generalist, permitting her to teach in the Special Education area in the public schools of New York State, is hereby appointed on probation to the Special Education tenure area for a probationary period of four years to commence on September 21, 2015, and to end on September 20, 2019. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Brandy Bennion receiving APPR ratings of Effective or Highly Effective in 3 of 4 preceding years and no Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year.

Brandy Bennion  
Appointed to the  
Special Education  
Tenure Area

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Brandy Bennion 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 as outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement (\$37,300 pro-rated).

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Caitlin Martin who is initially certified in Early Childhood Education Grades 1-6 and Early Childhood Education Students with Disabilities Grades 1-6 and is seeking a supplementary certificate in Early Childhood Education Students with Disabilities Birth to Grade 2 is hereby appointed to the non-probationary position of long-term substitute for the position that is encumbered by an absent teacher, Jennifer Kless, Teacher on Special Assignment, commencing on September 8, 2015, and ending on June 24, 2016, at the latest, unless Jennifer Kelss returns from the leave of absence before such time and/or Ms. Martin's services are no longer needed.

Caitlin Martin  
Appointed Long-  
Term Substitute  
Special Education  
Teacher

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Caitlin Martin for the 2015 - 2016 school year should 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, or as outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement (\$37,300.00 pro-rated).

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Linda Puller be granted a Long-Term substitute

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teaching position in the Special Education area retroactive from September 8, 2015, through January 28, 2016. The appointee holds a Permanent Certificate in the Special Education N-12 Students with Disabilities certification area.

Linda Puller  
Appointed Long-  
Term Substitute  
Special Education  
Teacher

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Linda Puller for the 2015 - 2016 school year should 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, or as outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement (\$37,300.00 pro-rated).

Ayes   8   Nays   0   Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Robert Washington, who holds an Initial Certificate, Students with Disabilities Grades 7 – 12, permitting him to teach in the Special Education area in the public schools of New York State, is hereby appointed on probation to the Special Education tenure area for a probationary period of four years to commence on September 14, 2015, and to end on September 13, 2019. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Robert Washington receiving APPR ratings of Effective or Highly Effective in 3 of 4 preceding years and no Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year.

Robert Washington  
Appointed to the  
Special Education  
Tenure Area

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Robert Washington 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 5 as outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement (\$41,032.00 pro-rated).

Ayes   8   Nays   0   Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to revise the previously approved long-term unpaid leave of absence of Erin Fidurko, from September 17, 2015, through January 29, 2016; amend the leave of absence to September 24, 2015, through January 29, 2016.

Erin Fidurko Unpaid  
Leave Amended

Ayes   8   Nays   0   Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation, with regret, of Evelyn Sabina, .5 FTE Reading Teacher, retroactive to September 3, 2015.

Resignation of  
Evelyn Sabina,  
Reading Teacher,  
Accepted with  
Regret

Ayes   8   Nays   0   Motion Carried

Moved by F. Steffen, Jr., seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation, with regret, of James Pawlowski, Modified Softball Coach, for the 2015-2016 school year.

Resignation of  
James Pawlowski  
as Modified Softball  
Coach Accepted  
With Regret

Ayes   8   Nays   0   Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation, with regret, of Katheryn Stuckey, Girls' JV Basketball Coach, for the 2015-2016 school year.

Resignation of  
Katheryn Stuckey  
as Girls' JV  
Basketball Coach  
Accepted With  
Regret

Ayes   8   Nays   0   Motion Carried

Informational Items:

- a. Operations Committee – Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at noon

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- b. Veterans School Property Tax Exemption Public Hearing – Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm
- c. Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm
- d. School Health Team – Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 pm
- e. Finance Committee – Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at noon
- f. Audit Committee – Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at noon
- g. Buildings and Grounds Committee – Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at noon
- h. CDEP Committee – Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:45 pm
- i. Operations Committee – Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at noon
- j. Public Hearing – District-wide Safety Plan, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at WW
- k. Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at WW at 6:30 pm
- l. Finance Committee – Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at noon
- m. Audit Committee - Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at noon
- n. Buildings and Ground – Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at noon
- o. Board Meeting – Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at EV at 6:30 pm
- p. School Health Team – Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:45 pm

Informational Items

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 7:16 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: the performance of two particular individuals and OESPA contractual negotiation. Kathy Elser and Mia O'Brien invited to attend.

Regular Meeting

Ayes   8  

Nays   0  

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry  
District Clerk

Dated: September 21, 2015

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by F. Steffen, Jr., to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Executive Session

Ayes   8  

Nays   0  

Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by I. Katzenstein, to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

Ayes   8  

Nays   0  

Motion Carried

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen M. Taggerty  
Pro-Tem District Clerk

Dated: September 21, 2015

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Sub List:

<b>POSITION DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>EMPLOYEE NAME</b>	<b>CERTIFICATION</b>	<b>FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE</b>
SUB TEACHER	CONNOR CHARLES	BACHELORS	YES
SUB TEACHER	LINDA PULLER	READING, SWD	YES