The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, September 19, 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  
Laurie A. Branch  
Gordon E. Cross  
Ira Katzenstein  
Michiko H. McElfresh  
James E. Padlo  
George Pancio

ABSENT:  
Michael Martello, Vice-President  
John E. Bartimole

STAFF PRESENT:  
Mark Ward, Superintendent  
Ann O’Brien, Business Administrator  
David Flaherty, Deputy District Clerk  
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing  
Karen Hessney, District Teacher

OTHERS:  
Dan LeBlanc, Olean Times Herald  
Richard Frost  
2 Students

OTA Comments:  
Karen Hessney addressed the Board of Education regarding an insurance forum.

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by L. Branch to approve amended Agenda.  

Ayes ____7____  
Nays ____0____  
Motion Carried

Superintendent Report.:  
Superintendent Ward discussed with the Board of Education the Memorandum of Understanding with the Olean Youth and Recreation Department.

Moved by L. Branch, 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 on August 8, 2006, the Regular Meeting on August 15, 2006 and the Special Meeting held on August 29, 2006.
b. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Treasurer’s Report dated July 31, 2006 be accepted and placed on file.

Ayes ___7____  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by I. Katzenstein upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to grant permission for JOHN SLIGER to do an unpaid Counseling Internship, through St. Bonaventure University, under the supervision of Mary Lee Wenke, OMS Counselor, for the fall semester of 2006.

Ayes ___7____  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by G. Cross upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to grant permission for the Olean High School Orchestra to travel to Philadelphia, PA from May 1, 2007 through May 2, 2007. Approval is granted with the understanding that all school rules and regulations will be followed and that there will not be any cost to the school district other than for substitute teachers, if needed. The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to make the final decision, based upon his judgment of safety concerns at the time of the scheduled field trip, whether the field trip will occur.

Ayes ___7____  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Proposal for Engineering Services/Middle School Energy Study from Hunt Architects in the amount of $4,500.

Ayes ___7____  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to terminate the services of DE ETTE WILSON, teacher aide, in accordance with the Civil Service Law Section 71, effective September 19, 2006. This action was taken due to the length of the disability period and the inability for her to return to work.

Ayes ___7____  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch seconded by G. Cross upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to terminate Adriane Little as the District’s Deputy Tax Collector.

Ayes ___7____  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve a Leave of Absence for LAURA KOPEC, science teacher, for the period of December 29, 2006 for eight (8) weeks.

Ayes ___7____  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried
Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by I. Katzenstein upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint HEATHER LYONS as District Deputy Tax Collector at Five Star Bank for the Olean City School District, effective September 1, 2006.

Ayes ___7__  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the appointment of ANDREW McGINNIS as a conditional probationary full-time (11 month) Typist, effective September 19, 2006, at an annualized probationary salary of $16,959.38. 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 ___7__  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by I. Katzenstein upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the appointment of VICTORIA ZALESKI-IRIZARRY as a conditional probationary “Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools”, effective October 10, 2006 at a contract salary of $38,000. 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 ___7__  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by I. Katzenstein upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the appointment of VICTORIA ZALESKI-IRIZARRY as District Clerk at a (pro-rated) stipend of $5,000 effective October 10, 2006.

Ayes ___7__  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Padlo upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following as Substitute Teachers for the 2006-2007 school year: Fredrick Scicchitano and Rychelle Weseman.

Ayes ___7__  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried
Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve Larry Miller as an AmeriCorp member from October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Larry Miller
Appointed As
AmeriCorp
Member

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve Karen Butler as an AmeriCorp member from October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Karen Butler
Appointed As
AmeriCorp
Member

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to appoint Rachel Johnson as an AmeriCorp member from October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007. 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.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Rachel Johnson
Appointed As
AmeriCorp
Member

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by L. Branch upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to appoint Carrie Pearsall as an AmeriCorp member from October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007. 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.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Carrie Pearsall
Appointed As
AmeriCorp
Member

The Board of Education discussed the following items:

1. Appraisals-G. Pancio recommended that we use an area firm to do the appraisals.

2. School Resource Officer – I. Katzenstein stated that we need a Resource Officer. He asked Superintendent Ward do a written request to the Olean Police Department requesting an officer and also to review the previous contract regarding the Resource Officer.
Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by I. Katzenstein to look for local vendors to do the School Building Appraisals.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

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Ayes ___4___  Nays ___3___  Motion Defeated

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross to adjourn from Regular Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss the Olean Teachers’ Association Contract at 8:15 p.m.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by I. Katzenstein to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in Regular Session at 9:25 p.m.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross to adjourn from the Meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

David Flaherty
Deputy District Clerk

September 19, 2006
JM:dkj