

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

Regular Meeting
September 19, 2006

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

OTA Comments

Amended
Agenda

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:

Superintendent
Report

Consent
Agenda

- 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.

Approval
Of Minutes

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- 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.

Treasurer's Report

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.

John Sliger To Do Unpaid Internship

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.

OHS Orchestra to Travel to Philadelphia PA

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.

Proposal for Engineering Services/MS Engery Study

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.

DeEtte Wilson Terminated As Teacher Aide

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.

Adriane Little Terminated As District 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.

Laura Kopec Granted Leave of Absence

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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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.

Heather Lyons
Appointed
District Deputy
Tax Collector

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.

Andrew
McGinnis
Appointed as
Full Time Typist

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, 006 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.

Victoria
Zaleski-Irizarry
Appointed
Confidential
Secretary to the
Superintendent
of School

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.

Victoria
Zaleski-Irizarry
Appointed
District Clerk

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.

Substitute
Teachers

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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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.

Larry Miller
Appointed As
AmeriCorp
Member

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 Karen Butler as an AmeriCorp member from October 1, 2006 to September 30, 2007.

Karen Butler
Appointed As
AmeriCorp
Member

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 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.

Rachel Johnson
Appointed As
AmeriCorp
Member

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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.

Carrie Pearsall
Appointed As
AmeriCorp
Member

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

The Board of Education discussed the following items:

Discussion
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.

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Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by I. Katzenstein to look for local vendors to do the School Building Appraisals.

School Building Appraisals

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

Laurie A. Branch	VOTING		NO
Gordon E. Cross	VOTING	YES	
Ira Katzenstein	VOTING	YES	
Michiko McElfresh	VOTING		NO
James E. Padlo	VOTING	YES	
George Pancio	VOTING	YES	
Steven H. Hamed	VOTING		NO

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.

Executive Session

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.

Regular Session

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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

Adjournment Of Meeting

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

David Flaherty
Deputy District Clerk

September 19, 2006
JM:dkj