The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at 6:35 p.m. in the Olean High School, Board Room, 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean in-person and via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Mary Hirsch-Schena, President, with a moment of personal reflection or a silent prayer. James Padlo led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with Executive Order 202.1, members of the public were not permitted to attend the board meeting in person. The meeting was recorded and transcribed, per Executive Order 202.1.

PRESENT: Mary Hirsch-Schena, President
Andrew Caya, Vice President
John Bartimole – via Zoom
Janine Fodor
Paul Hessney
Ira Katzenstein – via Zoom
Kelly Keller
James Padlo
Frank Steffen, Jr. – via Zoom

Excused:

STAFF PRESENT: Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools
Jenny Bilotta, Business Administrator
Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk
Aaron Wolfe, Director of Human Resources
Jen Mahar, Coordinator of State and Federal Aid Programs
Lauren Stuff, WW Principal
Brian Crawford, EV Principal
Mike Martel, Director of Technology
Jeff Andreano, HS Principal
Rachael, Schreiber, Teacher
Ryan Nawrot, Teacher
Nick Patrone, Community Schools
Leslie Patrone, Community Schools
Linda Edstrom, Community Schools
Joan Haynes, Community Schools

OTHERS: Kate Sager, OTH
Michelle McGraw
Dan McGraw - SRO
Maggie McGraw
Michelle Waterman, Cattaraugus Community Action
Tchianna McPeak, Cattaraugus Community Action
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

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Moved by P. Hessney, seconded by F. Steffen, Jr., to approve the amended agenda; delete agenda items b- License Agreement - under New Business.

Ayes ___9___   Nays ____0___   Motion Carried

Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items:
None

Discussion Items:
A. Community Schools Overview of Programs – Nick Patrone, Leslie Patrone, Linda Edstrom, Paula Bernstein, Michelle Waterman and Tchianna McPeak
B. 2019-2020 Preliminary Audit – Jenny Bilotta
C. Local Legal Counsel – Janine Fodor
D.

Communications/Commendations:
a. Office Dan McGraw, NYS Youth Officer of the Year

Committee Reports:
a. Buildings and Grounds – September 8 – given by James Padlo
b. Operations – September 14 – given by Kelly Keller
c. Audit/Finance – September 17 – given by Paul Hessney
d. School Health Team – September 17 – given by Rick Moore

Superintendent’s Report:
a. Platforms – See Saw (YouTube link issues)
b. OTA – association is doing a great job adapting to the hybrid model
c. OHS – students can go to the gym or auditorium after school to connect to wifi
d. Parent Square – ready to roll out
e. Tech Help – put tech dept. contact info on website; will be tech help for families during the evening

Consent Agenda:

Moved by A. Caya, seconded by J. Fodor, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:

The regular meetings held on August 14, 2020 and August 25, 2020, and the special meeting held on August 31, 2020.

That the Treasurer’s Preliminary Report dated August 31, 2020, be accepted and placed on file.

That the Warrant Report for August 2020 be accepted and placed on file.

That the Internal Claims Auditor Exception Report for the period covering month ending August 31, 2020, be accepted and placed on file.

That the August 31, 2020 Intra-fund Transfer listing in the amount of $130,590.00 be accepted/approved and placed on file.

That the CSE recommendations reviewed on September 22nd be approved.

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That the CPSE recommendations reviewed on September 22nd be approved.

That the following sub list be approved.

Ayes 9  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Fodor, seconded by K. Keller, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the agreement between the Olean City School District and the City of Olean regarding School Resource Officer services.

2017-2018 through 2019-2020
65% of compensation

2020-2021 through 2022-2023
65% of compensation

Janine expressed her appreciation of Officer McGraw for his many efforts during COVID shutdown – delivering meals, packets, computers, etc.

Ayes 9  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by J. Fodor, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to award the garbage and refuse removal and recycling bid to Beichner Waste Services for a total cost of $1,700.00 per month.

Ayes 9  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by J. Fodor, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, that Cassandra Bold who is certified in the Math and Special Education tenure areas, be granted tenure effective October 2, 2020.

Ayes 9  Nays 0  Motion Carried
Moved by F. Steffen, Jr., seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Olean City School District and the Olean Administrators Supervisory Association regarding the high school assistant principal position.

- Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2020-2021 District Goals.

- Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the retirement resignation, with deep regret, of Marjorie Dexter, Reading teacher, effective October 1, 2020.

- Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by A. Caya, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Angelina Marconi, Whale Watch Club Co-Advisor, for the 2020-2021 school year.

- Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by F. Steffen, Jr., seconded by A. Caya, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation, with regret, of Margaret Tingley, Keyboard Specialist, retroactive to September 1, 2020.

- Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Fodor, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation, with regret, of D’Yvonne Portlow, Teacher Aide, retroactive to September 11, 2020.

- Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by A. Caya, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Heidi Smith, Teacher Aide, from September 9, 2020 through November 13, 2020.

- Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by A. Caya, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Jena Dodge, Teacher Aide, from September 1, 2020 through October 25, 2020.

- Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Fodor, seconded by K. Keller, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools to approve the following 2020-2021 Extra-Curricular appointments:

- Cammie Korzeniewski, Whale Watch Co-Advisor, Stipend $379.00
- Chris Korzeniewski, Whale Watch Co-Advisor, Stipend $379.00

- Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

OASA MOA
Regarding Assistant Principal Position
Approved

District Goals
Approved

Retirement
Resignation of Marjorie Dexter
Accepted With Deep Regret

Resignation of Angelina Marconi,
Whale Watch Club Advisor Accepted

Resignation of Margaret Tingley
Accepted With Regret

Resignation of D’Yvonne Portlow
Accepted With Regret

Heidi Smith
Granted Unpaid Leave of Absence

Jena Dodge
Granted Unpaid Leave of Absence

Whale Watch Club Co-Advisors Appointment Approved
Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, that Christopher Knapp, whose Music Teaching Certificate is pending, permitting him to teach in the Music area in the public schools of New York State, is hereby non-conditionally appointed to the Music tenure area for a probationary period of four (4) years retroactive to September 8, 2020, and to end on September 7, 2024. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Christopher Knapp 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Christopher Knapp 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 ($39,886.00)

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by F. Steffen, Jr., seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, that Rachel Barry, who has an Initial SWD (grades 1 - 6) Certificate, permitting her to teach in the Special Education area in the public schools of New York State, is hereby non-conditionally appointed to the Special Education tenure area for a probationary period of four (4) years retroactive to September 3, 2020, and to end on September 2, 2024. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Rachel Barry 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Rachel Barry 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 4 as outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement ($42,104.00)

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by A. Caya, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, that Terry Burrows who is not certified is hereby appointed to the non-conditional non-probationary position of long-term substitute retroactive to September 8, 2020, and ending on June 25, 2021,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Terry Burrows for the 2020-2021 school year shall 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 ($39,886.00).

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by J. Fodor, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, that Alexander Kruse who is not certified is hereby appointed to the non-conditional non-probationary position of long-term substitute retroactive to September 8, 2020, and ending on June 25, 2021,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Alexander Kruse for the 2020-2021 school year shall 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 ($39,886.00).

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by A. Caya, seconded by K. Keller, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Susan Faulkner as a non-conditional probationary Food Service Helper. This is a 5.75 hour per day, 10-month, part-time position, at an hourly rate of pay of $11.80, retroactive to September 3, 2020.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by J. Fodor, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Victoria Ramsey as a conditional probationary Food Service Helper. This is a 5.75 hour per day, 10 month, part-time position, at an hourly rate of pay of $11.80, retroactive to September 9, 2020. 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 ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Fodor, seconded by A. Caya, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Jocelyn Daley to a 10-month, part-time non-conditional probationary Teacher Aide position, 5.75 hours per day, retroactive to September 3, 2020, at an hourly rate of $11.80.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Amy Livoto as a conditional probationary Teacher Aide. This is a 5.75 hour per day, 10 month, part-time position, at an hourly rate of pay of $11.80, retroactive to September 3, 2020. 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 ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by P. Hessney, seconded by A. Caya, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve Jennifer Landow as a school volunteer for the 2020-2021 school year.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried
Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by K. Keller, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Logan Webster as a conditional probationary Teacher Aide. This is a 5.75 hour per day, 10 month, part-time position, at an hourly rate of pay of $11.80, retroactive to September 14, 2020. 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 _____ 9 _____ Nays _____ 0 _____ Motion Carried

Moved by F. Steffen, Jr., seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, that a Teacher Aide position be increased from 4 hours per day to 5.75 hours per day, retroactive to September 1, 2020. The affected staff member is Rebecca Ahearn.

Ayes _____ 9 _____ Nays _____ 0 _____ Motion Carried

Informational Items:

a. Operations Meeting - Monday, October 5th at 4:30 pm
b. Board Meeting - Tuesday, October 6th at 6:30 pm at WW
b. Buildings and Grounds Meeting - Tuesday, October 13th at 4:30 pm
d. Audit/Finance Meeting - Thursday, October 15th at noon
e. School Board Recognition Week - October 19-23
f. Board Meeting - Tuesday, October 20th at 6:30 pm at EV

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by J. Fodor, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 9:10 pm for the purpose of discussing: Contract negotiations. Aaron Wolfe, Jenny Bilotta and Pam Kirkwood, BOCES Labor Relations Attorney invited to attend.

Ayes _____ 9 _____ Nays _____ 0 _____ Motion Carried

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry

District Clerk
Dated: September 28, 2020

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by J. Fodor, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 9:58

Ayes _____ 9 _____ Nays _____ 0 _____ Motion Carried

Moved by A. Caya, seconded by J. Padlo, to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Ayes _____ 9 _____ Nays _____ 0 _____ Motion Carried
Rick Moore

Pro-Tem District Clerk
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