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

Work Session
January 9, 2007

The Work Session of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY held on Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Olean High School located at 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY was called to order by President Hamed.

PRESENT:          Steven H. Hamed, President
                   Michael Martello, Vice-President
                   John Bartimole
                   Laurie A. Branch
                   Gordon E. Cross
                   Ira Katzenstein
                   Michiko H. McElfresh
                   Jim Padlo

ABSENT:           George Pancio

STAFF PRESENT:    Mark Ward, Superintendent
                   Ann O’Brien, Business Administrator
                   Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk
                   Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing
                   Karen Hessney, OTA President
                   Marcie Richmond, Director of Special Ed
                   Cso Woodworth, Director of Technology

OTHERS:           Dan LeBlanc, Olean Times Herald
                   Richard Frost

Superintendent Ward discussed the following with the Board of Education:

1. Olean City School District is the recipient of the Rehabilitation Center’s “Community Spirit Award”.
2. Mark distributed a copy of the new “Restoration Project” flyer.

Superintendent Ward discussed the following subjects with the Board of Education:

1. Completion of the Special Education Department relocation.
2. Construction Manager Interviews.
3. Boardmanville Parking Lot Expansion
4. SUNY Fredonia Liberty Partnership Program
5. Olean City School District Foundation Restoration Project Update

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to permit Kristin Brunetto to do an unpaid 40-hour “Counseling Practicum” through St. Bonaventure University, under the supervision of Matthew Threehouse, OHS Guidance Office, during the Spring 2007 school year.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried
Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to permit Kasi Maleski to do an unpaid 40-hour “Counseling Practicum” through St. Bonaventure University, under the supervision of Mike Howard, OHS Guidance Office, during the Spring 2007 school year.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Olean City School District hereby agrees to enter into the attached contract with ERIE 1 BOCES for a three-year period commencing on January 10, 2007 to authorize the Western New York Regional Information Center to furnish certain computer services to the District pursuant to Education Law 1950 (4) (JJ) for an amount not to exceed $11,937.24 and authorizes 36-monthly payments to be made to Erie 1 BOCES in the amount not to exceed $331.59.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Olean City School District hereby authorizes the Board President or the District Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the District.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to create one (1) part-time Teacher’s Aide position at the OMS for the 2006-2007 school year.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Nancy Molnar as Program Specialist in the Community School Program at an hourly rate of $23.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to authorize the Superintendent to establish additional parking at Boardmanville Elementary as well as create an access from the existing parking lot to Genesee Street, utilizing District owned property. Expenditures not to exceed $3,000.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Linda Monsell, Phillip Quinlan, and Brandy VanGorder as certified Substitute Teachers for the 2006-2007 school year.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

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Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried
Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Jennifer Ford and Sarah Giermek as non-certified Substitute Teachers for the 2006-2007 school year.

Ayes ___8___ Nays ____0____ Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Catherine Higley and Lisa Nicola as non-certified Conditional Substitute Teachers for the 2006-2007 school year. 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 and the conditional status shall be removed.

Ayes ___8___ Nays ____0____ Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, acknowledge that Neil Lampe, John Hendrickson, Chris Lampack, Larry Abbott, and Dan Jedrosko have completed their probationary period as Custodian/Building and Grounds Maintainer effective December 20, 2006.

Ayes ___8___ Nays ____0____ Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve a Leave of Absence for Karen Zampogna, Speech-Language Pathologist, Boardmanville Elementary, for a period of eight weeks effective April 30, 2007.

Ayes ___8___ Nays ____0____ Motion Carried


Ayes ___8___ Nays ____0____ Motion Carried
Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve an unpaid Leave of Absence for Debra Taylor, Teacher’s Aide, Olean Middle School, for a period of six weeks effective January 8, 2007.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Debra Taylor
Granted Leave of Absence

The Board of Education discussed the following items:

1. Presentation by Marcie Richmond, Director of Special Education
2. Budget Calendar
3. One Polling Location
4. Woodland in the City Project
5. Capital Project
6. Conflict of Interest

The Board of Education discussed the following items:

1. Data Retreat, Wednesday, January 24, 2007, 4 – 8 pm, OMS-LGI Room.

OTA Comments:

Karen Hessney addressed the Board of Education regarding “Surviving Reading First” and autism training in May.

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by I. Katzenstein to adjourn from Work Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss CPSE/CSE recommendations, proposed sale and/or acquisition of real property, personnel performance issues, litigation update, and a contractual issue at 8:43 p.m. Marcie Richmond was invited to attend the Executive Session to discuss CPSE and CSE issues. Marcie departed Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, to adjourn from Executive Session and to reconvene in Work Session at 9:40 p.m.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by M. McElfresh, to adjourn the Work Session Meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

January 10, 2007