The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, October 23, 2007 at 7:34 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 Martello with a moment of silent prayer and a moment of silence. Gordon Cross led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Michael Martello, President
Ira Katzenstein, Vice President
John Bartimole
Laurie A. Branch
Gordon E. Cross
Eric Garvin
Steven H. Hamed
Michiko McElfresh
George Pancio

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Ward, Superintendent
Ann O’Brien, Business Administrator
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing
Connie Pound, IJN Principal
Gerald Trietley, OMS Principal
Barb Lias, OHS Principal
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

OTHERS: Dan LeBlanc, Olean Times Herald
Nick Pircio, WHDL
Kathy Kellogg, Buffalo News
Richard Frost, WONS
Amy Sherburne
(3) Students

Public Comments:
Amy Sherburne, 805 Irving Street, Olean – President of IJN PTO – addressed the board regarding the capital project. Amy agreed that changes need to occur, people need to have an open mind, and the district needs to move forward. Amy noted the current proposal is to close IJN, however, Boardmanville will be remain open. She questioned why more money is being put in the Boardmanville money pit? The current capital project plan is flawed as the three elementary schools (EV, BV, and WW) will not be equal. Closing IJN sends the message to the community that IJN is not as privileged as BV. IJN students will be affected by being relocated to either EV or WW whereas BV students will not be affected at all.

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Pancio, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: remove agenda, item 9. a., add agenda item 11 b. Bradner Stadium.

Ayes ___7___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried
Communications, Commendations

a. NYSSBA Leadership Development Recognition – George Pancio

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

1. NYSED Special Education Focus Review
2. Entrepreneur Competition - BOCES
3. Alternative School – Bronx Guild – November 27th – Premiere Banquet Center

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

a. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Treasurer’s Reports dated July 31, 2007 and August 31, 2007 be accepted and placed on file.

b. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the Final 2006-2007 Intra-fund Transfer listing in the amount of $2,479,106.

c. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept and place on file the 1st Quarter Student Activity Reports from the Olean High School and Olean Middle School.

Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by E. Garvin, to upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept a donation from the Olean Sports Boosters and to grant permission for the installation of dug outs at the Olean Middle School.

Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Contract between the Olean City School District and the County of Cattaraugus for Youth Placement Prevention Programming for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve a Leave of Absence for Juanita Olson from November 27, 2007 through January 4, 2008.

Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve an unpaid Leave of Absence for Melanie Meyers from November 5, 2007 through January 3, 2008.

Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried
Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Karen O’Dell who is certified in the Guidance (K-12) tenure area, be granted tenure effective October 23, 2007.

Ayes 9  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Karen O’Dell
 Granted
 Tenure

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the appointment of Angela Pezzimenti, Christine Carson, Nicolette Hallock, and Carrie Pearsall be assigned to Olean High School through the West Seneca AmeriCorp Program.

Ayes 9  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Angela
 Pezzimenti,
 Christine
 Carson,
 Nicolette
 Hallock and
 Carrie Pearsall
 Appointed to
 AmeriCorp
 Program

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the list of current NON-CONDITIONAL CERTIFIED AND NON-CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS for the 2007-2008 school year.

Ayes 9  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Non- Conditional
 Certified and
 Non-Certified
 Substitute
 Teachers
 Appointed

Moved by L. Branch, seconded G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the list of CONDITIONAL NON-CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE TEACHER for the 2007-2008 school year. In accordance with Section 503(18)(b) of the Education Law, these are conditional appointments and therefore shall not commence until the District has received notification from the Commissioner of Education that the appointees have been conditionally cleared for employment. If the Commissioner of Education notifies the District that the appointees have been denied conditional clearance or clearance, the appointments shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointees are granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointments shall continue.

Ayes 9  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Conditional
 Non-Certified
 Substitute
 Teacher
 Appointed

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the list of current NON-CONDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDES for the 2007-2008 school year.

Ayes 9  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Non- Conditional
 Substitute
 Teacher Aides
 Appointed
Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the list of CONDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE for the 2007-2008 school year. In accordance with Section 503(18)(b) of the Education Law, these are conditional appointments and therefore shall not commence until the District has received notification from the Commissioner of Education that the appointees have been conditionally cleared for employment. If the Commissioner of Education notifies the District that the appointees have been denied conditional clearance or clearance, the appointments shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointees are granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointments shall continue.

Ayes ____ 9 ____  
Nays ____ 0 ____  
Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following appointments to the Technology Committee:

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11. Discussion Items:
   a. Lynn Corder – Presentation; Reading First
   b. Bradner Stadium

The following Committee Reports were presented to the Board of Education:
   a. Audit Committee – report presented by Laurie Branch
   b. Buildings and Grounds Committee – report presented by Steve Hamed
   c. Finance Committee – report presented by Laurie Branch
   d. Operations Committee – report presented by Michiko McElfresh
   e. Outreach Committee – report presented by Ira Katzenstein

The Board of Education discussed the following informational items:
   - None
Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, to adjourn from Regular Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss CSE Recommendations and two specific employees performance, at 8:36 p.m. Ann O’Brien, Mark Ward, and Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry exited the meeting.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in Regular Session at 9:27 p.m.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve following CSE recommendation reviewed on October 23rd be approved:

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Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Bartimole, to adjourn from the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry  
District Clerk  

November 5, 2007  
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