The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at 7:32 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. Laurie Branch 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 (arrived at 7:45 pm)  
George Pancio (arrived at 7:35 pm)

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Ward, Superintendent  
Ann O’Brien, Business Administrator  
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing  
Connie Pound, IJN Principal  
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel/Reading First Coordinator  
Amy Anastasia, Teacher  
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

OTHERS: Dan LeBlanc, Olean Times Herald  
Nick Pircio, WHDL

Public Comments: None

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: Consent Agenda, item c. change June 2006 to September 2007 and add dollar amount of $17,637.60; Committee Reports change October 25th to October 23rd.

Ayes ___7___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Communications, Commendations
a. National Education Week – October 15 – 19; Thank You to OCSD Employees
b. New York State Governor Spitzer’s School Board Recognition Week Proclamation; Thank you to OCSD BOE
c. Briarcliff Manor School District and Herkimer BOCES – EXCEL Resolution Support
d. Brewster Central School District – SRO Resolution Support
e. Pine Bush Central School District – Medicaid Reimbursement Resolution Support
Superintendent Ward discussed the following subjects with the Board of Education:

1. Superintendent’s Day, October 9th
2. SED approval for Special Education space received today
3. October 10th Capital Project Meeting – NYSED in Albany
4. Turf field
5. Dug outs at OMS

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

a. The previous meeting minutes of the Regular Meetings held on September 11, 2007 and September 25, 2007.

b. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Warrant Reports for September 2007 be accepted and placed on file.

c. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the September 2007 Intra-fund transfer listing in the amount of $17,637.60.

d. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Treasurer’s Report dated June 2007 be accepted and placed on file.

d. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Internal Claims Auditor Exception Report for the period covering month ending August 31 and month ending September 30, 2007 be accepted and placed on file.

Ayes ___9____  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by L. Branch, to upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to enter into a Contract for Services between the Olean City School District and the City of Olean for a School Resource Officer per the following allocation schedule: 60% for the 2006-2007 school year; 60% for the 2007-2008 school year; and 65% for the 2008-2009 school year with the following revisions to the contract: pg. 1, item 2 – rank of SRO to be less than a Sergeant; pg. 5, item 5 change the Board of Education to the Olean City School District; and pg. 4, item 8 change manner of payment to monthly.

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 the Superintendent of Schools to approve the 2007-2008 consulting agreement between the Olean City School District and Management Advisory Group of New York, Inc. for the preparation, submission, and reconciliation of Medicaid claims for a monthly fee of $650. A confidentiality clause will be added to the agreement.

Ayes ___9____  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried
Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Contract with the Cattaraugus Rehabilitation Center, Inc. for the period of September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 for ABA Instructor Services at a rate of $20.55 per hour.

Ayes ___8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried
M. Martello abstained as he is an employee of the Rehab. Center

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Contract with the Cattaraugus Rehabilitation Center, Inc. for the period of September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 for Consultant Teacher at a rate of $73.54 per hour.

Ayes ___8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried
M. Martello abstained as he is an employee of the Rehab. Center

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Contract with the Cattaraugus Rehabilitation Center, Inc. for the period of September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 for Consultant Teacher (indirect ABA Services) at a rate of $87.55 per hour.

Ayes ___8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried
M. Martello abstained as he is an employee of the Rehab. Center

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Contract with the Cattaraugus Rehabilitation Center, Inc. for the period of September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 for Family Training at a rate of $87.55 per hour.

Ayes ___8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried
M. Martello abstained as he is an employee of the Rehab. Center

Moved by L. Branch, seconded E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to create one (1) Reading Intervention Specialist position, 3 hours per day, from October 10, 2007 through June 20, 2008, at an hourly rate of $23.00, no benefits.

Ayes ___9___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to authorize the $25,000 Special Rail Road Legislative Grant to be used for the purchase of a new pool boiler at the Olean Middle School.

Ayes ___9___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried
Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by I. Katzenstein, that upon the recommendation of the Audit Committee and Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept and place on file the Olean City School District’s Audit Report for the 2006-2007 school year as prepared by Brock, Schechter & Polakoff, LLC, Certified Public Accountants.

Ayes ___9__ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of James LaPallo as IJN Learning Team Leader, for the 2007-2008 school year.

Ayes ___9__ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to grant a Leave of Absence for Carla Strong for a period of twelve (12) weeks from December 5, 2007 through March 4, 2008.

Ayes ___9__ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following extra-curricular appointment for the 2007-2008 school year:

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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 appoint the attached list of Conditional and Non-Conditional, Certified and Non-Certified Substitute Teachers and Teacher Aides.

Ayes ___9__ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Loretta Close, Reading Intervention Specialist, 3 hours per day, from October 10, 2007 through June 20, 2008, no benefits.

Ayes ___9__ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Lisa Wetherby as a probationary non-conditional part-time Food Service Helper, 4 hours per day, for the 2007-2008 school year.

Ayes ___9__ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried
The Board of Education discussed the following discussion items:
None

Committee Reports:
To be presented at the October 23rd meeting

The Board of Education discussed the following informational items:
- STAR On-Line Filing at OMS October 20 from 9 am to noon, November 14 from 4 pm to 6 pm, and November 17 from 9 am to noon.

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by L. Branch, to adjourn from Regular Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss CSE/CPSE Recommendations, a specific employee’s performance, and two (2) contractual issues, at 8:37 p.m.

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 9th be approved:

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Ayes ____9____  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Bartimole, to adjourn from the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

Ayes ____9____  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried
Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

October 10, 2007