The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, November 21, 2006 at 7:02 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  
Michael Martello, Vice-President  
John E. Bartimole  
Ira Katzenstein (arrived at 7:20 p.m.)  
Michiko H. McElfresh  
James E. Padlo (arrived at 7:20 p.m.)  
George Pancio

ABSENT:  
Laurie A. Branch  
Gordon E. Cross

STAFF PRESENT:  
Mark Ward, Superintendent  
Ann O’Brien, Business Administrator  
Lynn Corder, Reading First Coordinator  
Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

OTHERS:  
Peter Sawaya and Family  
Dan LeBlanc, Olean Times Herald  
John Eberth, Olean Times Herald  
Richard Frost  
Taxpayers (3)

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. McElfresh to approve amended Agenda.  
Ayes ___5___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Communications and Commendations:

a. Diploma presentation to Peter Sawaya
b. Board Christmas party

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

a. The previous meeting minutes of the Work Session held on Wednesday, October 10, 2006, the Special Meeting held on Thursday, October 12, 2006 and the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, October 17, 2006.
b. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Treasurer’s Report dated September 30, 2006 be accepted and placed on file.


d. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, the following CPSE recommendations reviewed on November 14, 2006 be approved:

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e. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendations reviewed on November 14, 2006 be approved:

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Moved by M. Martello, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the contract with Cattaraugus County for the period of September 1, 2006 through August 31, 2007 for Community Optional Preventive Services Parenting Education Instruction in the amount of $43,513.

Ayes ___5___  Nays ____0__  Motion Carried
Establishment of DECA Club

Establishment of Dance Club

Early Dismissal

Creation of IST Chairperson Positions

Agreement with St. John’s Catholic Church

Agreement with St. Joe’s Catholic Church

Tracey Spears Appointed Co-IST Chairperson

Gina Mucke Appointed Co-IST Chairperson

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to establish a DECA Club beginning with the 2006-2007 school year to supplement the business curriculum and assist in the operation and maintenance of the school store.

Ayes ___5__    Nays ___0___    Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to establish the Dance Club beginning with the 2006-2007 school year.

Ayes ___5__    Nays ___0___    Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the early dismissal of Elementary Students at 11:15 a.m. on Friday, December 15, 2006 and Friday, January 19, 2007.

Ayes ___5__    Nays ___0___    Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to create IST Chairperson positions at all schools beginning with the 2006-2007 school year.

Ayes ___5__    Nays ___0___    Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by G. Pancio, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to authorize agreement with St. John’s Catholic Church for use of its facility as a pick up site for transportation for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year.

Ayes ___5__    Nays ___0___    Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to authorize agreement with St. Joe’s Catholic Church for use of its facility for parking privileges for the 2006-2007 school year.

Ayes ___5__    Nays ___0___    Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Tracey Spears as Co-Instructional Support Team (IST) Chairperson at Boardmanville for the 2006-2007 school year at a $425 annual stipend.

Ayes ___5__    Nays ___0___    Motion Carried

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Gina Mucke as Co-Instructional Support Team (IST) Chairperson at Boardmanville for the 2006-2007 school year at a $425 annual stipend.
Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Kathy Welch as Instructional Support Team (IST) Chairperson at Olean High School for the 2006-2007 school year at an $850 annual stipend.

Ayes ___5__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Kathy Welch
Appointed IST Chairperson

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Carrie Crosson as Instructional Support Team (IST) Chairperson at Olean Middle School for the 2006-2007 school year at an $850 annual stipend.

Ayes ___5__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Carrie Crosson
Appointed IST Chairperson

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Maura Whitcomb as 504 Chairperson for the 2006-2007 school year at a $900 annual stipend.

Ayes ___7__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Maura Whitcomb
Appointed 504 Chairperson

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Christine Armstrong-Gabler as Technology Learning Co-Team Leader at Boardmanville for the 2006-2007 school year at a $450 annual stipend.

Ayes ___7__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Christine Armstrong-Gabler
Appointed Technology Learning Co-Team Leader

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Shirlee Russell as Technology Learning Co-Team Leader at Boardmanville for the 2006-2007 school year at a $450 annual stipend.

Ayes ___7__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Shirlee Russell
Appointed Technology Learning Co-Team Leader

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Karen O’Dell as Instructional Support Team (IST) Chairperson at Washington West for the 2006-2007 school year at a $850 annual stipend.

Ayes ___7__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Karen O’Dell
Appointed IST Chairperson

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Christine Stavish as DECA Club Advisor at the Olean High School or the 2006-2007 school year at no annual stipend.

Ayes ___7__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Christine Stavish
Appointed DECA Club Advisor
Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Lissa Mulherin as Co-Advisor for the OHS Model United Nations Delegation for the 2006-2007 school year at a $450 annual stipend. 

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 appoint Mary Yates as Dance Club Advisor at the Olean High School for the 2006-2007 school year at a $450 annual stipend.

Ayes ___6___  Nays ___1___  Motion Carried

(S. Hamed)

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the following non-certified substitute teachers for the 2006-2007 school year: Gregory Mahns and Cheryl Kloc.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

 Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the following as non-certified Conditional Substitute Teachers for the 2006-2007 school year: Kendra Ormerod and Linda Perry. 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.

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. McElfresh, and upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Board Policy #2110 – ORIENTING NEW BOARD MEMBERS as presented. This policy is to supersede any current School Board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. McElfresh, and upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Board Policy #5660 – SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM (LUNCH AND BREAKFAST) as presented with a change in the Subject: to read “THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AUTHORIZES THE SUPERINTENDENT AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR TO DEVELOP A POLICY REGARDING CHARGING MEALS” AND ELIMINATE SPECIFICATIONS AS TO WHAT CAN BE CHARGED. This policy is to supersede any current School Board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried
Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, and upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Board Policy #7243 – MILITARY RECRUITERS’ ACCESS TO SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS as presented. This policy is to supersede any current School Board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes ___7___   Nays ___0___   Motion Carried

Adoption of Policy #7243

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by J. Padlo, and upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Board Policy #7330 – SEARCHES AND INTERROGATIONS as presented. This policy is to supersede any current School Board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes ___7___   Nays ___0___   Motion Carried

Adoption of Policy #7330

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. McElfresh, and upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Board Policy #7552 – BULLYING: PEER ABUSE IN THE SCHOOLS as presented with a change in the Subject: to read “THE BOARD OF EDUCATION PROHIBITS BULLYING.” This policy is to supersede any current School Board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes ___7___   Nays ___0___   Motion Carried

Adoption of Policy #7552

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by J. Padlo, and upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Board Policy #7553 – HAZING OF STUDENTS as presented. This policy is to supersede any current School Board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes ___7___   Nays ___0___   Motion Carried

Adoption of Policy #7553

The Board of Education discussed the following informational items:

1. Committee Reports:
   a. Audit Committee update given by L. Branch.
   b. Building and Grounds Committee update given by L. Branch.
   c. Finance Committee update given by M. Martello
   d. Outreach Committee update given by I. Katzenstein.
   e. Operations Committee update given by M. McElfresh

2. Reading First Presentation by Lynn Corder.

3. District “Dash Board”

Executive Session

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by I. Katzenstein, to adjourn from Regular Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss building appraisals at 8:20 p.m.

Ayes ___7___   Nays ___0___   Motion Carried

Regular Session

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. Martello to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in Regular Session at 8:43 p.m.

Ayes ___7___   Nays ___0___   Motion Carried
Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. Martello to adjourn from the Meeting at 8:45 p.m.  

Ayes ___7__  
Nays ___0__  
Motion Carried  

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry  
District Clerk  

December 5, 2006