The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, December 4, 2012, at 6:32 p.m. at East View Elementary School, located at 690 East Spring Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by Ira Katzenstein, President of Board, with a moment of silent prayer or a moment of personal reflection. John White led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT:  
Ira Katzenstein, President  
Michael Martello, Vice President (arrived at 6:33 p.m.)  
John Bartimole  
Laurie Branch  
Gordon E. Cross  
Amy Giachetti  
Dan Harris  
Paul Knieser

ABSENT:  
James Padlo

STAFF PRESENT:  
Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools  
Kathleen Elser, Business Administrator  
Jerry Trietley, Olean Intermediate Middle School Principal (Gr. 6 & 7)  
Jen Mahar, District Coordinator of State and Federal Aid Programs  
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel  
Jeff Andreano, Olean High School Assistant Principal  
Linda Nottingham, Washington West Principal  
Cso Woodworth, Technology Administrator  
Joel Whitcher, Olean Intermediate Middle School Principal (Gr. 4 & 5)  
John White, East View Principal  
Pam Neary, Teacher  
Millie Jedrosko, Teacher  
Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

OTHERS:  
Kelsey Boudin, Olean Times Herald  
Nick Pircio, WHDL (arrived at 6:42)  
Erin Spring
Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following amendments: delete agenda item 11. Personnel b. Appointments 2. Long-term substitute English Teacher and add item b. Operations Committee Meeting Report to agenda item 7. Committee Reports.

Ayes ___8____ Nays ___0____ Motion Carried

Public Comments:
Erin Spring, 217 N. 5th Street – noted that she has two children that attend Washington West. Erin serves on the CDEP Committee. In reviewing the Feasibility Study and other District information, she presented the following questions:

Per the Feasibility Study – Findings in the ST-3 – the District should investigate the increase in expenditure amount for codes 1620.4 and 1621.4 of the increase in contractual expenses by other $350,000; Erin questioned whether the District has investigated this increase. What was it for?

The Feasibility Study recommended an “independent audit” of the Special Education Program. The District paid its Special Education attorney to do it. Why?

The Special Education Department was $800,000 over budget and on numerous occasions at meetings was noted that it was due to an additional 39 special education students. Erin reviewed Enrollment Reports and noted the reports do not reflect the additional students. Why?

President Katzenstein thanked Erin for her questions and noted that the Superintendent will look into the issues she addressed. President Katzenstein encouraged Erin to contact the Superintendent’s Office to discuss issues or concerns.

Communication, Commendations:
   a. Congratulations to Bri Spears and Liam McNamee - both have been recognized as the CCAA league “Player of the Year” in their respective sports of volleyball and soccer for the 2012 fall sport season
   b. Congratulations to Jim Charles – named the Big 30 Boys Soccer Coach of the Year

Committee Reports:
   a. Budget Advisory Committee Meeting – November 27th - given by Kathy Elser
   b. Operations Committee Meeting – December 4th – given by John Bartimole

Superintendent’s Report:
   a. Students and staff from Allegany, Hinsdale, Portville, and Olean schools raise $2824 during a recent dress down/hat day. The money will go to a school on Long Island that was devastated by Hurricane Sandy
   b. Colleen discussed the Six Tenets of the Diagnostic Tool for Schools

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:

a. The previous meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 6, 2012 and November 20, 2012.

b. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendation reviewed on December 4th be approved:

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c. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CPSE recommendation reviewed on December 4th be approved:

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d. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the attached list of Conditional and Non-Conditional Substitutes.

Moved by P. Knieser, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following resolution be adopted to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED, based on the investigation and analysis conducted, the Superintendent of Schools, Colleen Taggerty, is HEREBY recommending Washington West and East View Elementary Schools remain open until further research and planning supports the closing of one or both schools due to declining enrollment, economic, or financial circumstances demonstrates a financial savings to the District.

Ayes  8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by A. Giachetti, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation, with regret, of Wanda Inwood, Teacher Aide, effective January 1, 2013.

Ayes  8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by P. Knieser, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation, with regret, of Jamie Wojtowicz, long-term substitute English Teacher, effective December 7, 2012.

Ayes  8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Joshua Malick as a part-time conditional probationary Teacher Aide, 5.75 hours per day, effective December 5, 2012, at an hourly rate of $10.47. 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  8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by P. Knieser, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Extra-Curricular of Katie Wolfgang, National Honor Society Advisor at an annual stipend of $472.00 for the 2012-2013 school year.

Ayes  8  Nays 0  Motion Carried
a. BOCES Budget Adjustments

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 6:52 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: disposition of real property - sale of Boardmanville Elementary and Ivers J. Norton Elementary Schools and the employment history of a particular individual – long term sub English position. Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry excused at 6:52 p.m. Kathy Elser invited to attend Executive Session for the discussion of real property.

Ayes 8
Nays 0
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk
Dated: December 5, 2012

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Ayes 8
Nays 0
Motion Carried

Moved by D. Harris, seconded by G. Cross, to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Ayes 8
Nays 0
Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Taggerty
Pro Tem Clerk
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