Regular Meeting
December 15, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 6:30 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 Laurie Branch, President of Board, with a moment of silent prayer. Tiana Howden led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Laurie A. Branch, President
John Bartimole, Vice President
Gordon E. Cross
Eric Garvin
Daniel Harris
Ira Katzenstein (arrived at 6:44 p.m.)
Michael Martello
Michiko McElfresh
James Padlo

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools
Joseph Mahar, Interim Business Manager
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel/Reading First Coordinator
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing
Cso Woodworth, Technology Administrator
Linda Nottingham, IJN Principal
Jerry Trietley, OMS Principal
Larry Welty, OMS Assistant Principal
Jen Mahar, District
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

OTHERS: Chris Chapman, Olean Times Herald
Tiana Howden

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by G. Cross, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following revision: remove agenda item 12. d.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Public Comment: None.

Communications, Commendations:
a. The following students have been chosen for the Harold Dutton Spotlight Award: Ashley Maynard - nominated by Mrs. Anastasia for being a model student in her effort, participation and attitude; Anthony Alaimo - nominated by Mrs. McIntyre for his exceptional character, attitude, and intelligent participation; Taylor Eade - nominated by Mrs. Ventura for her kindness and patience when helping her peers on a Sr. English project; Dan Butler - nominated by Mrs. Ventura and Mrs. Kurjakovic for his commendable effort to complete his Sr. paper research; Nicole Sova, Miles Marvin, Kate Powers, Brooke Schulze, Jordan Thompson, & Samantha Huselstein - nominated by Mrs. Peters for rising to the challenge of the new Pre-Calculus course with their maturity, responsibility and dedication; Caitlin McNamee - nominated by Mrs. Brooks for her positive, upbeat, easy going attitude and preparation; Lukus Zimmerman - nominated by Mr. Zyck for his effort and team work skills in and out of the classroom; Shane Miller - nominated by Mrs. Rakus for his determination to do his best on his writing assignments.
b. J.D. Olson selected to compete at Carnegie Hall competition in June 2010.
Superintendent’s Report:
a. EPA testing at Olean Middle School
b. Calendar meeting at BOCES, December 16th at 6:00 p.m.
c. Erie 1 BOCES Comprehensive School Health Policies Memorandum of Understanding
d. Senator Young meeting with Catt/Alleg Superintendents regarding impact of Governor’s cuts
e. Delays in State Aid – Joe Mahar

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following Consent Agenda item:

a. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Treasurer’s Report dated November 30, 2009 be accepted and placed on file.

b. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Warrant Report for November 2009 be accepted and placed on file.

c. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the November 2009 Intra-fund Transfer listing in the amount of $1,000.00 be accepted/approved and placed on file.

d. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Internal Claims Auditor Exception Report for the period covering month ending November 30, 2009 be accepted and placed on file.

e. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CPSE recommendation reviewed on December 15th be approved:

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f. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendation reviewed on December 15th be approved:

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Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Lease Agreement for two (2) Alternative Education Classroom Spaces between the Olean City School District and Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming Counties BOCES for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

2008-2009 Rate (0 rooms)  

2009-2010 Rate (2 rooms)  

$5,500/rm plus  

$10,920 Professional Support Service  

$1,000 per student for the first 12 students  

$2,000 per student in excess of 12, up to 20 students  

Ayes ___9___  

Nays ___0___  

Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Lease Agreement for two (2) Career Foundations Classroom Space between the Olean City School District and Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming Counties BOCES for the period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010.

2008-2009 Rate (0 rooms)  

2009-2010 Rate (2 rooms)  

$5,500/rm plus  

Ayes ___9___  

Nays ___0___  

Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to authorize the Superintendent to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the Olean City School District and the Olean Administrators/Supervisory Association.

Ayes ___9___  

Nays ___0___  

Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to acknowledge, approve and ratify a five year renewal, starting July 1, 2009 and continuing through June 30, 2014, of the First Amendment to the Network Agreement by and between the Olean City School District and Time Warner Cable (previously known as Wellsville Cable Vision, LLC f/k/a Wellsville Cable Vision, LLP d/b/a Adelphia Cable Communications).

Ayes ___9___  

Nays ___0___  

Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Kathleen Elser to the 12-month position of Business Administrator effective January 11, 2010 pending a NYS School District Business Leadership certificate. This is three-year non-conditional probationary appointment that shall end on January 10, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT during the first year of this appointment Kathleen Elser will be paid at the annual pro-rated salary of $87,000.

Ayes ___9___  

Nays ___0___  

Motion Carried
Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by J. Padlo, RESOLVED THAT, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, the Contract of Employment of Kathleen Elser as this District's School Business Administrator be approved; and that the Superintendent be hereby authorized and directed to execute same on behalf of the District.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

The Board of Education extended its appreciation and gratitude to Joseph Mahar, for his service as Interim Business Manager

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by D. Harris, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Kathleen Elser as Purchasing Agent effective January 11, 2010.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Kathleen Elser as Deputy Treasurer effective January 11, 2010.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Kathleen Elser as Pro-tem Tax Collector effective January 11, 2010.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by D. Harris, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Karen Callahan as a non-conditional probationary Part-Time Teacher Aide, 4 hours per day, for the 2009-2010 school year at an hourly rate of $10.47.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Lynn Corder as Medicaid Compliance Officer for the remainder of the 2009-2010 school year.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the attached list of Non-Conditional Certified Substitute Teachers, Non-Conditional Non-Certified Substitute Teachers, and Non-Conditional Substitute Teacher Aides for the 2009-2010 school year.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the appointment of Tiana Howden as a conditional probationary full-time (12 month) Account Clerk Typist, effective January 4, 2010, at a probationary salary of $ 14.50 per hour. 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 ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried
Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the attached list of Conditional Non-Certified Substitute Teachers for the 2009-2010 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 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 __9____  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following list of school volunteers for the 2009-2010 school year:

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Ayes __9____  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Committee Reports:

a. Operations Committee – December 7th – presented by Michiko McElfresh
b. Safety Committee – December 2nd – presented by Ira Katzenstein

discussion Items:

a. Board Self Evaluation Assessment
b. Superintendent Evaluation
c. Policy #3160 – District Standards and Guidelines for Web Page Publishing – 2nd Reading
d. Policy #3510 – Emergency School Closings – New Policy – 1st Reading
e. Policy #6140 – Health Examinations – 2nd Reading

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policy #3160 – District Standards and Guidelines for Web Page Publishing. This policy is to supersede any current School board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes __9____  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policy #6140 – Health Examinations. This policy is to supersede any current School board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes __9____  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Bartimole, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: Contract Negotiations, performance of a particular individual, and information relating to a current investigation.

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by J. Padlo, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Ayes __9____  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried
Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by M. McElfresh, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. 

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

Dated: December 17, 2009
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12/15/09 BOARD MEETING

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