

OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
410 West Sullivan Street  
Olean, NY 14760

Work Session  
February 13, 2007

The Work Session of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY held on Tuesday, February 13, 2007 at 7:36 p.m. in the Board Room of the Olean High School located at 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY was called to order by President Hamed. Laurie Branch led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Ward, Superintendent  
Ann O'Brien, Business Administrator  
Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk  
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing  
Karen Hessney, OTA President  
Cso Woodworth, Director of Technology

OTHERS: Dan LeBlanc, Olean Times Herald  
Richard Frost

Public Comments:  
No public comments.

Public  
Comments

Superintendent Ward discussed the following with the Board of Education:

Communications,  
Commendations

1. Olean City School District Teacher, Sue Sorokes, was featured as Channel 2's Educator of the Week
2. 5,113 cans of food collected for the Olean Food Pantry, Food Drive

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

Superintendent's  
Report

1. Board of Education Buildings Tours
2. Lunch charge procedures
3. Transportation BID
4. Construction Manager Interviews with Board of Education
5. Grades 3 – 8 Attendance Prevention
6. OHS Tardiness

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Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following changes and additions:

Agenda  
Additions and  
Changes

1. Addition of Agenda Item 9. Discussion Items to include f. Conflict of Interest
2. Revision of Agenda Item 7. New Business, b. change Reading Intervention Specialist to 5.75 hours per day
3. Revision of Agenda Item 8. Personnel, a. Resignation, 2. Jeffrey H. Dowdell's resignation effective date changed to February 8, 2007
4. Revision of Agenda Item 8. Personnel, b. Appointments, 2. change Reading Intervention Specialist to 5.75 hours per day
5. Revision of Agenda Item 8. Personnel, c. Leaves of Absence, 1. omit Zampogna
6. Omit Agenda Item 12. Executive Session

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 donate the District's obsolete wrestling mat to the Olean Sports Boosters.

Wrestling Mat  
Donation

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 create one (1) Reading Intervention Specialist, 5.75 hours per day, from February 21, 2007 through June 8, 2007, at \$23.00 per hour, no benefits.

Creation of  
Reading  
Intervention  
Specialist  
Position

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 create one (1) Reading Intervention Specialist, 3 hours per day, from February 21, 2007 through June 8, 2007, at \$23.00 per hour, no benefits.

Creation of  
Reading  
Intervention  
Specialist  
Position

Ayes   9  

Nays   0  

Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution For  
Establishment of  
Date of  
Registration

RESOLUTION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF DATE OF REGISTRATION

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the requirements of Section 2606 of the New York State Education Law that the Special Registration Date for the regular annual election to be held on May 15, 2007, be established as April 23, 2007 between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 6:00 p.m.

Ayes   9  

Nays   0  

Motion Carried

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Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by G. Pancio, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution For  
Appointment of  
Board of  
Registration

RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF REGISTRATION ...

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the requirements of Section 2606 of the Education Law, the Board of Education of the Olean City School District appoint the following named individuals, no more than half of whom are members of the same political party, as members of a Board of Registration in and for the Olean City School District, to wit:

|              |                                   |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mary Eade    | 604 W. Sullivan Street, Olean, NY |
| Laura Bysiek | 1007 Griffin Street, Olean, NY    |

and be it further,

RESOLVED, that each of the aforementioned members of the Board of Registration shall serve for a term of one year terminating on January 20, 2008 and shall be compensated at that rate paid at the last general election held in the City of Olean, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the aforementioned individuals shall act as a Board of Registration for the Olean City School District, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Office of the Board of Education at the High School Building at 410 West Sullivan Street is designated as a place within the School District where such Board of Registration shall attend for the purpose of preparing a register for each school election district.

Ayes   9                        Nays   0                        Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept, with deep regret, the retirement resignation of David Flaherty, Treasurer/Administrative Assistant in the Business Office, effective August 1, 2007.

Retirement  
Resignation of  
David Flaherty

Ayes   9                        Nays   0                        Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Jeffrey H. Dowdell, Custodian/Buildings and Grounds Maintainer, effective February 8, 2007.

Resignation of  
Jeffrey H.  
Dowdell

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 accept the resignation of Mari L. Fratarcangelo, effective February 16, 2007.

Resignation of  
Mari L.  
Fratarcangelo

Ayes   9                        Nays   0                        Motion Carried

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Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Leslie Morey, Spring 2007 Modified Track & Field Coach, Index .060, annual stipend of \$1,740.

Leslie Morey  
Appointed  
Modified Track &  
Field Coach

Ayes 9                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Michelle Cortez, Reading Intervention Specialist, 5.75 hours per day, from February 21, 2007 through June 8, 2007, no benefits.

Michelle Cortez  
Appointed  
Reading  
Intervention  
Specialist

Ayes 9                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Marjorie Dexter, Reading Intervention Specialist, 3 hours per day, from February 21, 2007 through June 8, 2007, no benefits.

Marjorie Dexter  
Appointed  
Reading  
Intervention  
Specialist

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 a Leave of Absence for Debra (Rado) Silvers, Foreign Language Teacher at Olean Middle School, for a period of six weeks effective April 16, 2007 through May 29, 2007.

Debra (Rado)  
Silvers Granted  
Leave of  
Absence

Ayes 8                      Nays 1                      Motion Carried  
(I. Katzenstein)

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve a Leave of Absence for Sarah A. Rucinski, Title I Reading Teacher at Washington West Elementary, for a period of six weeks effective May 8, 2007 through June 18, 2007.

Sarah A.  
Rucinski Granted  
Leave of  
Absence

Ayes 8                      Nays 1                      Motion Carried  
(I. Katzenstein)

The Board of Education discussed the following items:

Discussion Items

1. Presentation, Reading First – Lynn Corder, February 20, 2007 meeting
2. Capital Project – February 20, 2007 meeting
3. 2006-2007 School Calendar Changes
4. Nominations for BOCES Board
5. Transition for Youth and Family Program Participation Agreement – February 20, 2007 meeting
6. Conflict of Interest

The following Committee Reports were presented to the Board of Education:

Committee  
Reports

- a. Michiko McElfresh presented the Operations Committee Report

The Board of Education discussed the following items:

Board  
Information Items

1. Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra at Kleinhan's, April 27<sup>th</sup> or April 28<sup>th</sup>
2. Legislative Breakfast at Moonwink's March 3, 2007
3. 2007-2008 School Calendar – 1<sup>st</sup> Draft
4. Petitions for 2 (two) Board Seats – due back April 25, 2007 by 5:00 p.m.

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, to adjourn the Work Session Meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Adjournment  
Of Meeting

Ayes   9  

Nays   0  

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry  
District Clerk

February 14, 2007