The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 7:30 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 President Hamed with a moment of silent prayer. John Bartimole 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  
Michael Martello  
James Padlo  
George Pancio

STAFF PRESENT:  
Mark Ward, Superintendent  
Ann O’Brien, Business Administrator  
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing  
Lynn Corder, Reading First Coordinator  
Karen Hessney, OTA President  
Barb Lias, OHS Principal  
Pam Neary, Reading Coach  
Dave Olson, EV Principal  
Jerry Trietley, OMS Principal  
John White, BV Principal  
Cso Woodworth, Director of Technology

OTHERS:  
Dan LeBlanc, Olean Times Herald  
Richard Frost  
Paul Hessney  
Rose Mary McNamee  
Scott Paoletto  
SBU Students

Public Comments:  
Karen Hessney addressed the Board of Education regarding Reading First meeting and a proposed May conference and the printing of the OTA contract.

Pam Neary, 527 Second Avenue addressed the Board of Education regarding the closing of IJN, transitional process, student busing, parent transportation issues, and the need for restrooms in elementary classrooms.
Rose Mary McNamee, 908 W. Henley Street addressed the Board of Education regarding the closing of IJN and what it would do to the value of neighborhood homes.

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by G. Cross, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following changes and additions:

2. Delete Agenda Item 13. Committee Reports, d. Operations Committee as this item was reported on at the February 13, 2007 Work Session Meeting

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Communications, Commendations

a. Invitation to Steven Hamed, President, from New York State Association of Small City School District’s invitation to a Legislative Breakfast on March 13, 2007.
b. Mark reported that Mari Fratarcangelo, teacher aide at East View Elementary, performed the Heimlich maneuver on a student.

Superintendent Ward discussed the following subjects with the Board of Education:
1. Norfolk Southern
2. Teacher Retirements

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

a. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, the following CPSE recommendations reviewed on February 13, 2007 be approved:

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b. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendations reviewed on February 13, 2007 be approved:

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Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the “Memorandum of Understanding” between the Olean City School District and the Cattaraugus County Campus of Jamestown Community College regarding the Case Management and GED Services for Bridge Youths/ Clients for the period of January 1, 2007 and terminating on December 31, 2007.

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 amendments to the 2006-2007 School Calendar: ½ day, May 18 ½ day for K-12 students; June 20 and June 21 11:15 am dismissal for K-5 students; June 21 last day of school for all K-5 students.

Ayes ___8___ Nays ___1___ Motion Carried
(I. Katzenstein)

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation, with regret of Debra Taylor, Teacher’s Aide at Boardmanville Elementary School, effective February 12, 2007.

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, with regret of Deanna Bolton, Monitor at IJN Elementary School, effective February 12, 2007.

Ayes ___9___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Michelle L. DeRitter, Music Teacher at the Olean Middle School, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2007 with regret and appreciation for her years of dedicated services to the students of the Olean School District.

Ayes ___9___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Rosemary Paladino, Elementary Teacher at Washington West Elementary School, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2007 with regret and appreciation for her years of dedicated services to the students of the Olean School District.

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 Jennie Mazza, Physical Education Teacher at Boardmanville Elementary School, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2007 with regret and appreciation for her years of dedicated services to the students of the Olean School District.

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 accept the resignation of Donna Wilson, Elementary Teacher at IJN Elementary School, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2007 with regret and appreciation for her years of dedicated services to the students of the Olean School District.

Ayes ___9___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried
Moved by G. Cross, seconded by G. Pancio, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Patricia Petroni, Elementary Teacher at IJN Elementary School, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2007 with regret and appreciation for her years of dedicated services to the students of the Olean School District.

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 accept the resignation of Marianne Morgan, Elementary Teacher at Washington West Elementary School, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2007 with regret and appreciation for her years of dedicated services to the students of the Olean School District.

Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0__  Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Terry Brennan, Title 1 Reading Teacher at Olean Middle School, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2007 with regret and appreciation for his years of dedicated services to the students of the Olean School District.

Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0__  Motion Carried

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of James Myers, Physical Education Teacher at East View Elementary School, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2007 with regret and appreciation for his years of dedicated services to the students of the Olean School District.

Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0__  Motion Carried

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of James Driscoll, Counselor at Olean Middle School, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2007 with regret and appreciation for his years of dedicated services to the students of the Olean School District.

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 Daniel Stetz, Math Teacher at Olean High School, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2007 with regret and appreciation for his years of dedicated services to the students of the Olean School District.

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 Gloria J. Howard as a non-conditional substitute internal claims auditor at an hourly rate of $13.00, with no benefits, effective 26, 2007.

Ayes ___9__ Nays ___0__ Motion Carried

Gloria J. Howard
Appointed
Substitute Internal Claims Auditor

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve Randi Sears as a certified non-conditional Substitute Teacher for the 2006-2007 school year.

Ayes ___9__ Nays ___0__ Motion Carried

Certified Non-Conditional Substitute Teacher

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve Erin Farrell, Claire Collins, Amanda Griswold, and Kara Gilhooly as a non-certified non-conditional Substitute Teachers for the 2006-2007 school year.

Ayes ___9__ Nays ___0__ Motion Carried

Non-Certified Non-Conditional Substitute Teachers

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, to approve Jill Galvin and Judith Monnin as a non-certified conditional Substitute Teachers for the 2006-2007 school year. 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, 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

Non-Certified Conditional Substitute Teachers

The Board of Education discussed the following items:
1. Reading First Presentation by Lynn Corder
2. Capital Project
3. Conflict of Interest Second Reading – March Work Session
4. Norfolk Southern; Buffalo Line; Property Tax Abatement

The following Committee Reports were presented to the Board of Education:
   a. Laurie Branch presented the Audit Committee Report
   b. Laurie Branch presented the Buildings/Grounds Committee Report
   c. Michael Martello presented the Finance Committee Report
   d. Ira Katzenstein presented the Outreach Committee Report

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, to adjourn from Regular Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss litigation update, contractual issue, and legal matter at 8:45 p.m.

Ayes ___9__ Nays ___0__ Motion Carried
Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in Regular Session at 9:03 p.m.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ____0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by L. Branch to adjourn from the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ____0___  Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

February 21, 2007