

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

Regular Meeting
February 20, 2007

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.

Public
Comments

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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:

Agenda Additions and Changes

1. Revision of Agenda Item 11 a. Resignation. Change Olean Middle School to Boardmanville Elementary.
2. Delete Agenda Item 13. Committee Reports, d. Operations Committee as this item was reported on at the February 13, 2007 Work Session Meeting
3. Addition to Agenda Item 15. Executive Session – add c. Legal Issue.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Communications, Commendations

Communication and Commendation

- 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:

Superintendent Report

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:

Consent Agenda

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

CPSE Recommendations

APPROVED	APPROVED
000000705	000000706
000000708	000000661
000000641	000000639
000000683	000000713
000000629	000000709
000000712	000000563
000000707	000000714

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

CSE
Recommendations

APPROVED	APPROVED
900296985	900191229
900315695	900433859
900378517	900408476
900198139	900436163
900191990	900117280
900198646	900142216
900114639	900281188
900245990	900202042
900018198	900389448
900217843	900376486
900410943	900422733
900198969	900123536
900346753	900232379
900358979	900126486
900370081	900287804
900107564	900314151
900348009	900183026
900354144	900218205
900348053	900200471
900385575	900385575
900369152	900395836
900244016	900189010
900232496	900218046
900365428	

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.

Memorandum of Understanding with Jamestown Community College

Ayes 9

Nays 0

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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.

2006-2007
School
Calendar
Amendment

Ayes 8

Nays 1
(I. Katzenstein)

Motion Carried

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.

Resignation of
Debra Taylor as
Teacher's Aide

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.

Resignation of
Deanna Bolton
as Monitor

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.

Resignation of
Michelle
DeRitter for
Retirement
Purposes

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.

Resignation of
Rosemary
Paladino for
Retirement
Purposes

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.

Resignation of
Jennie Mazza
for Retirement
Purposes

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.

Resignation of
Donna Wilson
for Retirement
Purposes

Ayes 9

Nays 0

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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.

Resignation of Patricia Petroni for Retirement Purposes

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.

Resignation of Marianne Morgan for Retirement Purposes

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.

Resignation of Terry Brennan for Retirement Purposes

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.

Resignation of James Myers for Retirement Purposes

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.

Resignation of James Driscoll for Retirement Purposes

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.

Resignation of Daniel Stetz for Retirement Purposes

Ayes 9

Nays 0

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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.

Gloria J. Howard
Appointed
Substitute
Internal Claims
Auditor

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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.

Certified Non-Conditional
Substitute
Teacher

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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.

Non-Certified
Non-Conditional
Substitute
Teachers

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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.

Non-Certified
Conditional
Substitute
Teachers

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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

Discussion
Items

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

Committee
Reports

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.

Executive
Session

Ayes 9

Nays 0

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

Regular Session

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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

Adjournment of Meeting

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

February 21, 2007