The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at 7:32 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. Mike Martello 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 (arrived at 7:35)  
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  
Jerry Trietley, OMS Principal  
Cheryl Vecchio, WW Principal  
Cso Woodworth, Director of Technology  
Tammy Martin, Teacher  
Cari Matejka, Teacher  
Suzie Broadbent, Guidance Secretary

OTHERS:  
Dan LeBlanc, Olean Times Herald  
Richard Frost  
Daryl Klute, Enrichment Student Parent  
Elaine Snyder, Enrichment Student Parent  
Jeffrey Broadbent, Enrichment Student

Public Comments:  
No public comments

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


Ayes ___ 8 ___  Nays ___ 0 ___  Motion Carried
Communications, Commendations

a. Steven Hamed, President, thanked everyone for their boy’s basketball banner donation
b. Mark noted the boy’s basketball team made it to the Final 4
c. Mark reported $16,000 in state aid will be received (96-97 and 97-98 school years)

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

1. Mark attended a Superintendent’s Retreat – topics presented included special education and autism.

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, 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 March 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 March 13, 2007 be approved:

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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 Pre-Referendum Services Agreement between the Olean City School District and Hunt Architects in the amount of $27,500.

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 approve the proposed basis for service charges of the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

Ayes 9  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by I. Katzenstein to table the Olean General Hospital Contract for physical therapy treatment and related services for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Ayes 9  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to authorize that a Special Meeting be held on April 24, 2007 at 12:00 noon to review and vote on the 2007-2008 Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES Administrative budget.

Ayes 9  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Michelle Cortez be granted a conditional three year probationary appointment in the Elementary Education tenure area effective March 21, 2007. 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 and the conditional status shall be removed; in that event, the probationary
service shall end on March 21, 2010. The appointee is certified in Elementary Education certification area and has submitted a signed statement for conditional appointment as provided in Section 2503(18)(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Michelle Cortez, during the first year of this appointment, be paid at the annual salary as outlined in the Agreement between the Olean Teacher’s Association and the Board of Education for a teacher on Step 1 with a Bachelor’s Degree or as outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement ($36,600)

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

The Board of Education discussed the following discussion items:
1. Enrichment Class Presentation by Cari Matejka

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

The Board of Education discussed the following informational items:
2. Conference call with NYSED regarding 40 day substitute teacher letter

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Bartimole, to adjourn from Regular Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss personnel issue regarding performance at 8:35 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 8:50 p.m.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by G. Cross, to adjourn from the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

March 23, 2007