The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, April 24, 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. 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  
Ira Katzenstein  
Michael Martello  
James Padlo (arrived at 7:32 p.m.)  
George Pancio (arrived at 7:35 p.m.)

ABSENT:  
Gordon E. Cross

STAFF PRESENT:  
Mark Ward, Superintendent  
Ann O'Brien, Business Administrator  
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing  
Jerry Trietley, OMS Principal  
Barb Lias, OHS Principal  
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

OTHERS:  
Dan LeBlanc, Olean Times Herald  
Richard Frost  
Nick Pircio, WHDL

Public Comments:  
No public comments

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


Ayes ___8__ Nays ___0__  Motion Carried

Communications, Commendations
a. Congratulations to Jan Rhody – 2007 Good News Culture Award Recipient  
b. Congratulations to Jeff Anastasia – 2007 Good News Education Award Recipient  
c. Thank you to the Board of Education from the Angelo Melaro family  
d. Thank you to the Board of Education from the Marie Napoleoni family  
e. Thank you to the Board of Education from the DECA Club  
f. Letter to editor from Amy Giachette
Superintendent Ward discussed the following subjects with the Board of Education:

1. 2007-2008 teacher vacancy application deadline is April 27th and Elementary Principal application deadline is May 1st.
2. Upcoming tenure teacher pre-observation and classroom observation meetings are being conducted.
3. The Guidance Office was remodeled over Sprig break; more will be done during the summer.
4. Thank you to Dave Fidurko and the City of Olean regarding their efforts on the completion of the BV roadway; more one-way signs will be erected.
5. District Autism program needs due to the increased number of autistic students.
6. Number of voting machines last year 6; number of voting machines this year 5; number of election workers last year 17; number of election workers this year 12.
7. Educator Tour, April 2 – 5 to the Pentagon and Ft. Lee.
8. $25,000 grant from Senator Cathy Young to offset loss of Railroad tax revenue.
9. Buzzers and wiring on order.
10. May 18th Health and Wellness Fair.
11. Cost of educating an OCSD student verses state averages; cost of educating an OCSD special education student verses state average.

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

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to amend the 2006-2007 school calendar to reflect no school on May 25, 2007.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the 2007-2008 Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES Administrative Budget.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

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Ayes 5  Nays 3  Motion Carried
Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Olean City School District Board of Education cast its votes in the Annual Election of Members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES for the following:

CAST ONE (1) VOTE FOR EACH VACANCY ...

Area 3
(Belfast, Cuba-Rushford & Fillmore) Vacancy – 3 Year Term

_____ Gilbert Green
4328 State Route 305
Cuba, NY 14727

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

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Ayes 4  Nays 4  Motion Defeated

A motion was not sponsored by any board member, therefore, the following was not further considered.

Area 7
(Franklinville, Hinsdale & West Valley) Vacancy – 3 Year Term

_____ Robert Keenan
5112 Steward Road
Hinsdale, NY 14743

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Olean City School District Board of Education cast its votes in the Annual Election of Members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES for the following:

Area 6
(Salamanca & Ellicottville) Vacancy – 3 Year Term

_____ Maxine Dowler
253 State Park Avenue
Salamanca, NY 14779
A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

- Laurie A. Branch: VOTING, NO
- John Bartimole: VOTING, NO
- Steven H. Hamed: VOTING, NO
- Ira Katzenstein: VOTING, YES
- Michael Martello: VOTING, NO
- Michiko McElfresh: VOTING, NO
- James Padlo: VOTING, YES
- George Pancio: VOTING, YES

Ayes: 3
Nays: 5

Motion Defeated

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to acknowledge that Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry, Confidential Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools has completed her probation effective April 11, 2007.

Ayes: 8
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 Memorandum of Understanding between the Olean City School District and the Cattaraugus Wyoming Counties Project Head Start for the Even Start Program for the period May 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0
Abstained: 2

Motion Carried (I. Katzenstein)

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Olean City School District and the Foster Grandparent Program from April 1, 2007 through June 30, 2010.

Ayes: 8
Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the OMS Whale Watch Club’s request to travel to Boston, MA from May 17, 2007 through May 19, 2007.

Ayes: 8
Nays: 0

Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the OMS and OHS’s participation in the Houghton Spring Festival from May 25, 2007 through May 26, 2007.

Ayes: 8
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 Agreement between Ohio Northern University for the implementation of the field instruction program by providing field placement of teacher education students during the 2006-2007 school year.

Ayes ____8__ Nays ____0__  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve Molly Howard to do an unpaid internship under the supervision of Jan Rhody for the 2006-2007 school year for a period of 5 days beginning May 14, 2007.

Ayes ____8__ Nays ____0__  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to create an Assistant Modified Track & Field Coach position for the Spring 2007-2007 school year.

Ayes ____8__ Nays ____0__  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Mary Giardini, Reading Intervention Specialist, from April 25, 2007 through June 8, 2007, 3 hours per day, no benefits.

Ayes ____8__ Nays ____0__  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Lisa Nicola and Linda Monsell as certified tutors at the Olean Middle School for the 2006-2007 school year.

Ayes ____8__ Nays ____0__  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Joelle Perry, Spring 2007 Assistant Modified Track & Field Coach, Index .060, annual stipend of $1,800.

Ayes ____8__ Nays ____0__  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Michael Stayer as a certified non-conditional substitute lifeguard effective April 16, 2007 at a rate of $15.00 per hour.

Ayes ____8__ Nays ____0__  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Rita Besok as a certified non-conditional substitute teacher for the 2006-2007 school year.

Ayes ____8__ Nays ____0__  Motion Carried
Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to appoint Karolyn Baker, David Horton, and Kimberli Mooney as non-certified conditional substitute teachers. 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

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Kristin Schuman as certified non-conditional substitute speech pathologist effective April 23, 2007 for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year.

Ayes ____8____  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried

The Board of Education discussed the following discussion items:

a. Review of Proposed 2007-2008 school calendar
b. Bayport-Blue Point Union Free School District

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

a. Laurie Branch presented the Buildings/Grounds Committee Report
b. Michiko McElfresh presented the Operations Committee Report

The Board of Education discussed the following informational items:

a. Railroad Tax Revenue Grant
b. Oviatt Street
c. Rental/Use of Facilities
d. Board Candidate Petitions due April 25, 2007 by 5:00 p.m.

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Bartimole, to adjourn from Regular Session and convene in Executive Session to CPSE and CSE Recommendations, Specific Employee Performances (4), Contract Negotiations, Proposed Sale of Real Property, and Litigation Update at 8:45 p.m.

Ayes ____8____  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in Regular Session at 9:25 p.m.

Ayes ____8____  Nays ____0____  Motion Carried
Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following CPSE recommendations reviewed on April 24, 2007:

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Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, to adjourn from the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Ayes __8__  Nays __0__  Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry  
District Clerk  

April 30, 2007