

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

Regular Meeting
April 24, 2007

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

Public
Comments

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

Agenda
Additions and
Changes

1. Additions to Agenda add Item 9. a. May 25, 2007, No School, Item 11 b. Change effective day to April 25, 2007, and add Item 15 e. Litigation Update.

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

Communication
and
Commendation

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

Superintendent
Report

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.

Consent
Agenda

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.

Amend 2006-
2007 School
Calendar

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.

2007-2008
BOCES
Administrative
Budget

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

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

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:

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

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

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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

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry Complete Probation

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.

MOU Between Cattaraugus Wyoming Counties Project Head Start and OCSD

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.

MOU Between Foster Grandparent Program and OCSD

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.

OMS Whale Watch Club's Trip to Boston, MA

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.

OMS and OHS Participation in the Houghton Spring Festival

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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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.

Agreement
Between Ohio
Northern
University and
the OCSD

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.

Molly Howard
Internship

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.

Creation of
Assistant
Modified Track
& Field Coach
Position

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.

Mary Giardini
Appointed
Reading
Intervention
Specialist

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.

Lisa Nicola and
Linda Monsell
Appointed
Certified OMS
Tutors

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.

Joelle Perry
Appointed
Spring Assistant
Modified Track
& Field Coach

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.

Michael Stayer
Appointed
Certified Non-
Conditional
Substitute
Lifeguard

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.

Rita Besok
Appointed
Certified Non-
Conditional
Substitute
Teacher

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.

Karolyn Baker,
David Horton,
and Kimberli
Mooney
Appointed Non-
Certified
Conditional
Substitute
Teachers

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.

Kristen
Schuman
Appointed
Certified Non-
Conditional
Substitute
Speech
Pathologist

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

Discussion
Items

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

Committee
Reports

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.

Informational
Items

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.

Regular
Session

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.

Executive
Session

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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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:

CPSE
Recommendations

APPROVED	APPROVED
000000730	000000706
000000724	000000740
000000696	000000723
000000738	

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following CSE recommendations reviewed on April 24, 2007:

CSE
Recommendations

APPROVED	APPROVED
900442510	900385335
900400605	900445098
900420083	900190726
900297168	900385287
900441608	900232496
900018198	900122679
900202204	900441201

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

Adjournment
of Meeting

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

April 30, 2007