

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

Regular Meeting
May 15, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, May 15, 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
Nick Patrone, Community Schools
Jen Mahar, Community Schools
Joel Whitcher, OMS Principal
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk
Lynn Corder, Reading First Coordinator
Pam Neary, Reading First Coach

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

Public Comments:

No public comments

Public
Comments

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. Martello, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following changes:

Agenda
Changes

1. Item 11 b. 1. and 5. Change Jennifer Fargo's last name to Mathieson.

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Communications, Commendations

- a. Recognition of Michiko McElfresh's birthday – May 15, 2007

Communication
and
Commendation

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

Superintendent Report

- a. Seven individuals participate in the district-wide Foster Grandparent Program
- b. The Attendance Policy will be revised with the assistance of the principals, guidance office, teachers, and parents

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:

Consent Agenda

- a. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, the following CPSE recommendations reviewed on May 8, 2007 be approved:

CPSE Recommendations

APPROVED	APPROVED
000000661	000000742
000000633	

- b. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendations reviewed on May 8, 2007 be approved:

CSE Recommendations

APPROVED	APPROVED
900383639	900134955
900403822	900434082
900402043	900424794
900191318	900432203
900385533	900337129
900367928	900190690
900437319	900410324
900402633	900381439
900451816	90047938
900441463	

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by G. Pancio, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve Rebecca Phillbrick to do a one-year "Psychology Internship", through Alfred University, under the supervision of Maura Whitcomb, District School Psychologist, beginning September 4, 2007 through June 30, 2008 at an annual stipend of \$18,000.

Rebecca Phillbrick Internship

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 OMS Explorer's Club's request to travel to Buffalo and Niagara Falls, NY from June 1, 2007 through June 2, 2007.

OMS Explorer's Club's Trip to Buffalo and Niagara Falls

Ayes 8 Nays 1 Motion Carried
(1 Katzenstein)

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Moved by G. Cross, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to acknowledge that Sandra Lampe, Monitor at Boardmanville Elementary School, has completed her probation effective April 18, 2007

Sandra Lampe
Completes
Probation

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 acknowledge that Charles Curd, Monitor at Boardmanville Elementary School, has completed his probation effective April 18, 2007

Charles Curd
Completes
Probation

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 Cattaraugus County Campus of Jamestown Community College and Olean City School District regarding the Case Management and GED Services for the Bridge Youths/Clients beginning January 1, 2007 and terminating on December 31, 2007.

MOU Between
Cattaraugus
County Campus
of Jamestown
Community
College and
OCSD

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools that charges on student lunch accounts through March 9, 2007, in the amount of \$7,618.71 be written off as uncollectible.

Student Lunch
Account Write-
Offs

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 the following individuals to implement the 2007 Secondary Summer School Program

2007 Summer
School Program

English: Sally Ventura, Louis Ventura, Jennifer Mathieson
Social Studies: John Consedine and Paula Fidurko
Health/PE: Ryan Nawrot
Mathematics: Carrie Shufelt, David Laskey, and Daniel LaCroix
Resource Room: Kristen Konieczny
Teacher Aide: Diane Scanlon and Diane Ksionzyk

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by I. Katzenstein, to table Agenda Items 11. b. 2 through 17.

Tenure
Approvals
Tabled

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 appoint Jennifer Barnes as a part-time conditional probationary Teacher's Aide, 5.75 hours per day, at Boardmanville Elementary School, effective May 16, 2007 for the 2006-2007 school year at an hourly rate of \$9.78.

Jennifer Barnes
Appointed
Teacher's Aide

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Kim Kruse as a part-time conditional probationary Teacher's Aide, 4.5 hours per day at Boardmanville Elementary School, effective May 16, 2007 for the 2006-2007 school year at an hourly rate of \$9.78.

Kim Kruse
Appointed
Teacher's Aide

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 Mary Manning as a part-time conditional probationary Monitor, 2 hours per day at Boardmanville Elementary School, effective May 16, 2007 for the 2006-2007 school year at an hourly rate of \$9.24.

Mary Manning
Appointed
Monitor

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 Kim Scull as a part-time conditional probationary Monitor, 2 hours per day at Boardmanville Elementary School, effective May 16, 2007 for the 2006-2007 school year at an hourly rate of \$9.24.

Kim Scull
Appointed
Monitor

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 appoint Diane Cousins as a part-time non-conditional Teacher's Aide, 4.5 hours per day at Boardmanville Elementary School, effective May 16, 2007 for the 2006-2007 school year at an hourly rate of \$9.78.

Diana Cousins
Appointed
Teacher's Aide

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 Emmanuel DeWilde and Melissa Ferraro as a non certified non-conditional substitute teacher for the 2006-2007 school year.

Emmanuel
DeWilde and
Melissa Ferraro
Appointed Non-
Certified Non-
Conditional
Substitute
Teachers

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 Meredith Lang and Dan Rutar as a certified non-conditional substitute teacher for the 2006-2007 school year.

Meredith Lang
and Dan Rutar
Appointed
Certified Non-
Conditional
Substitute
Teachers

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. M. McElfresh , upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to appoint Jeffrey Branch, Marilyn Brutus, Jennifer Capito, Breanna Faulkner, Andrea Kosinski, Jessica Rogosienski, and Jennifer Terhaar 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

Jeffrey Branch,
Marilyn Brutus,
Jennifer Capito,
Breanna
Faulkner,
Andrea

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

Kosiniski,
Jessica
Rogosinski,
and Jennifer
Terhaar
Appointed Non-
Certified
Conditional
Substitute
Teachers

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Larry Layman as a substitute cleaner effective immediately for the 2006-2007 school year at an hourly rate of \$11.40.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Larry Layman
Appointed
Substitute
Cleaner

The Board of Education discussed the following discussion items:

- a. Early Reading First Grant – Nick Patrone, Jen Mahar, and Lynn Corder

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. Mike Martello presented the Finance Committee Report
- d. Michiko McElfresh presented the Operations Committee Report
- e. Ira Katzenstein presented the Buildings/Grounds Committee Report

Committee
Reports

The Board of Education discussed the following informational items:

- a. Code of Conduct Committee has been formed – board volunteers include Steve Hamed, Michiko McElfresh, Gordon Cross, and Jim Padlo; meeting will be held on May 22nd

Informational
Items

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, to add the following items to the Agenda:

Item 15. Executive Session – b. Employment History of Particular Employees and c. Sale or Acquisition of Real Property

Agenda Item
Additions

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, to adjourn from Regular Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss Litigation Update, Personnel File Review, and Proposed Sale or Acquisition of Real Property at 8:47 p.m.

Regular
Session

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by L. Branch, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in Regular Session at 9:12 p.m.

Executive
Session

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, to remove from table tenure appointments Agenda Items 11. b. 2 through 17.

Removal of
Tabled Tenure
Appointments

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Kimberly Ackerman who is certified in the Elementary tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 23, 2007.

Kimberly
Ackerman
Granted Tenure

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Abstained 1 Motion Carried
(G. Pancio)

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Daniel Brooks who is certified in the Elementary tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 31, 2007.

Daniel Brooks
Granted Tenure

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Abstained 1 Motion Carried
(G. Pancio)

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Emily Chamberlain who is certified in the Elementary tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 2, 2007.

Emily
Chamberlain
Granted Tenure

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Abstained 1 Motion Carried
(G. Pancio)

Moved by I. M. Martello, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Emily Chamberlain who is certified in the English tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 31, 2007.

Jennifer
Mathieson
Granted Tenure

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Abstained 1 Motion Carried
(G. Pancio)

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Kelly Havens who is certified in the Reading tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 2, 2007.

Kelly Havens
Granted Tenure

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Abstained 1 Motion Carried
(G. Pancio)

Moved by M. Martello, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Colleen Larson-Deibler who is certified in the Elementary tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 2, 2007.

Colleen Larson-
Deibler Granted
Tenure

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Abstained 1 Motion Carried
(G. Pancio)

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Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Mary Magro who is certified in the Reading tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 2, 2007.

Mary Magro
Granted Tenure

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Abstained 1 Motion Carried
(G. Pancio)

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Laurie Marsfelder who is certified in the Elementary tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 31, 2007.

Laurie
Marsfelder
Granted Tenure

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Abstained 1 Motion Carried
(G. Pancio)

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Tammy Martin who is certified in the Elementary tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 30, 2007.

Tammy martin
Granted Tenure

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Abstained 1 Motion Carried
(G. Pancio)

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Jill Obenrader who is certified in the Elementary tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 2, 2007.

Jill Obenrader
Granted Tenure

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Abstained 1 Motion Carried
(G. Pancio)

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Kristine Ring who is certified in the Math tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 30, 2007.

Kristine Ring
Granted Tenure

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Abstained 1 Motion Carried
(G. Pancio)

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Ann Sorokes who is certified in the Reading tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 2, 2007.

Ann Sorokes
Granted Tenure

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Abstained 1 Motion Carried
(G. Pancio)

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Gloria Swetland who is certified in the Reading tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 2, 2007.

Gloria Swetland
Granted Tenure

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Abstained 1 Motion Carried
(G. Pancio)

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Moved by M. Martello, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Christine Stavish who is certified in the Business tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 31, 2007.

Christine Stavish Granted Tenure

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Abstained 1 Motion Carried
(G. Pancio)

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Phillip Vecchio who is certified in the Social Studies tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 31, 2007.

Phillip Vecchio Granted Tenure

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Abstained 1 Motion Carried
(G. Pancio)

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Rintaro Wada who is certified in the Music tenure area, be granted tenure effective August 2, 2007.

Rintaro Wada Granted Tenure

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Abstained 1 Motion Carried
(G. Pancio)

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, to adjourn from the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Adjournment of Meeting

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

May 22, 2007