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

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

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

Ayes ___ 9 ___  
Nays ___ 0 ___  
Motion Carried

Communications, Commendations  

Agenda Changes

Communication and Commendation
Superintendent Ward discussed the following subjects with the Board of Education:

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:

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

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

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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.

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.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___1___  (I Katzenstein)  Motion Carried
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

Ayes ___9__    Nays ___0___    Motion Carried

Sandra Lampe Completes Probation

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

Ayes ___9__    Nays ___0___    Motion Carried

Charles Curd Completes Probation

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.

Ayes ___9__    Nays ___0___    Motion Carried

MOU Between Cattaraugus County Campus of Jamestown Community College and OCSD

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.

Ayes ___9__    Nays ___0___    Motion Carried

Student Lunch Account Write-Offs

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

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

2007 Summer School Program

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

Ayes ___9__    Nays ___0___    Motion Carried

Tenure Approvals Tabled

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.

Ayes ___9__    Nays ___0___    Motion Carried

Jennifer Barnes Appointed Teacher’s Aide
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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.
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 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

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

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.

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.

Ayes ___9___  Nays ____0___  Motion Carried
Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, to remove from table tenure appointments Agenda Items 11. b. 2 through 17.

Ayes  9  Nays  0  Motion Carried

Removal of Tabled Tenure Appointments

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.

Ayes  8  Nays  0  Abstained  1  Motion Carried

Kimberly Ackerman Granted Tenure

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.

Ayes  8  Nays  0  Abstained  1  Motion Carried

Daniel Brooks Granted Tenure

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.

Ayes  8  Nays  0  Abstained  1  Motion Carried

Emily Chamberlain Granted Tenure

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.

Ayes  8  Nays  0  Abstained  1  Motion Carried

Jennifer Mathieson Granted Tenure

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.

Ayes  8  Nays  0  Abstained  1  Motion Carried

Kelly Havens Granted Tenure

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.

Ayes  8  Nays  0  Abstained  1  Motion Carried

Colleen Larson-Deibler Granted Tenure
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.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Abstained 1  Motion Carried

(G. Pancio)

Mary Magro Granted Tenure

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.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Abstained 1  Motion Carried

(G. Pancio)

Laurie Marsfelder Granted Tenure

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.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Abstained 1  Motion Carried

(G. Pancio)

Tammy Martin Granted Tenure

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.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Abstained 1  Motion Carried

(G. Pancio)

Jill Obenrader Granted Tenure

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.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Abstained 1  Motion Carried

(G. Pancio)

Kristine Ring Granted Tenure

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.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Abstained 1  Motion Carried

(G. Pancio)

Ann Sorokes Granted Tenure

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.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Abstained 1  Motion Carried

(G. Pancio)

Gloria Swetland Granted Tenure
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.

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.

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.

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.

Ayes 9  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

May 22, 2007