The Work Session of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY held on Tuesday, May 8, 2007 at 8:30 p.m. in the LGI Room of the Olean Middle School located at 401 Wayne Street, Olean, NY was called to order by President Hamed.

PRESENT: Steven H. Hamed, President
          Michael Martello, Vice-President
          Laurie A. Branch
          Gordon E. Cross
          Ira Katzenstein
          Michiko H. McElfresh
          Jim Padlo
          George Pancio

ABSENT: John Bartimole

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Ward, Superintendent
                Ann O’Brien, Business Administrator
                Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk
                Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing
                Pearl Bowker, OTA President
                Marcie Richmond, Director of Special Ed
                Cso Woodworth, Director of Technology
                Gerald Trietley, OMS Principal
                Lynn Corder, Reading First Coordinator

OTHERS: Lauren Ferguson, Olean Times Herald
        Nick Pircio, WHDL
        Richard Frost

Public Comments:
Pearl Bowker indicated that she has replaced Karen Hessney as OTA President

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, to approve the Meeting Agenda with the following additions:

1. Addition to Agenda Item 12. Executive Session add b. Specific Employee Performance and c. Student Disciplinary Issue.

Ayes ___8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Communications, Commendations

a. Cattaraugus County Legislature’s Resolution regarding the boy’s basketball team
b. National Honor Society Banquet
Superintendent Ward discussed the following subjects with the Board of Education:

1. May 18th Health and Wellness Program
2. May 18th Elementary Emergency Drill
3. May 18th Early Dismissal (K-12) 11:15 am

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. The previous meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, April 24, 2007.
b. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, the Treasurer's Report dated March 31, 2007 be accepted and placed on file.
c. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, the Warrant Report for April dated May 1, 2007 be accepted and placed on file.
d. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, the Internal Claims Auditor Exception Report for the period covering month ending April 30, 2007 be accepted and placed on file.
e. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, approve the May 4, 2007 Intra-Fund Transfer listing in the amount of $849,735.

Ayes ___8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the North Hill Elementary School Bid Award to New Life Christian School, Route 16 South, Franklinville, NY 14737; Bid Award $37,770.

Ayes ___7___ Nays ___1___ (J. Padlo) Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to create a Director of Personnel/Reading First Coordinator position for the 2007-2008 school year.

Ayes ___7___ Nays ___1___ (J. Padlo) Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that a Special meeting be held on May 16, 2007 at 12:00 Noon for certification of the May 15, 2007 Olean Board of Education Election Results.

Ayes ___8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2007-2008 School Calendar as presented.

Ayes ___8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried
Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, Rebecca Phillbrick’s 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 of $18,000 be tabled.

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to acknowledge that Ellen Jacobs, Teacher’s Aide at OMS, has completed her probation effective May 14, 2007.

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to acknowledge that Cathy Wesley, Monitor at IJN, has completed her probation effective May 19, 2007.

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to acknowledge that Patricia Bellreng, Food Service Helper at WW, has completed her probation effective May 19, 2007.

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Agreement between the Allegany County Department of Social Services and the Olean City School District for the Youth Bridge GED Program from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the use of Washington West and Olean High School as evacuation sites for Eden Heights and the Pines Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center.
Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Maryann N. Taylor, Special Education Teacher at Olean Middle School, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2007, with regret and appreciation for her years of dedicated service to the students of the Olean City School District.

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 accept the resignation of Marcia Storch, Elementary Teacher at Boardmanville Elementary School, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2007, with regret and appreciation for her years of dedicated service to the students of the Olean City School District.

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 accept the resignation of Tamara Dean, Reading Teacher at Boardmanville Elementary School, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2007, with regret and appreciation for her years of dedicated service to the students of the Olean City School District.

Ayes ___8__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by G. Pancio, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Cynthia Sinesiou, Counselor at Olean Middle School, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2007, with regret and appreciation for her years of dedicated service to the students of the Olean City School District.

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 accept the resignation of Melissa Smith, Elementary Teacher at IJN Elementary School, effective June 30, 2007, with regret and appreciation for her years of dedicated service to the students of the Olean City School District.

Ayes ___6___  Nays ___2___  Motion Carried
(G. Cross and J. Padlo)

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Karen O’Dell as a teacher on a special assignment as an Autism Specialist for the 2007-2008 school year.

Ayes ___8__  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried
Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Pancio, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Lynn Corder be appointed as Director of Personnel/Reading First Coordinator.

Ayes 7  Nays 1  Motion Carried

(J. Padlo)

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve a Leave of Absence for Elizabeth Weber, English Teacher at the Olean Middle School, and effective September 15, 2007 through December 10, 2007.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

The Board of Education discussed the following items:
1. None

Committee Reports:
   a. Committee reports will be presented at the May 15, 2007 Regular Meeting

The Board of Education discussed the following informational items:
1. None

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, to adjourn from Work Session and convene in Executive Session at 8:44 pm to discuss CPSE/CSE recommendations, Specific Employee Performance, and Discipline Issue.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by M. Martello, seconded by M. McElfresh, to adjourn from Executive Session and to reconvene in Work Session at 8:55 p.m.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Moved by M. Martello, seconded by M. McElfresh, to adjourn the Work Session Meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Ayes 8  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

May 10, 2007