

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

Work Session
May 8, 2007

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

Public
Comments

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

Agenda
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

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Commendations

- a. Cattaraugus County Legislature's Resolution regarding the boy's basketball team
- b. National Honor Society Banquet

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

Superintendent's Report

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:

Consent Agenda

- 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.

North Hill Bid Award to New Life Christian School

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.

Creation of Director of Personnel/Reading First Coordinator Position

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.

Special Meeting May 16, 2007

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.

2007-2008 School Calendar

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Ayes 7

Nays 1
(S.. Hamed)

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.

Rebecca
Phillbrick
Psychology
Internship Tabled

Ayes 8

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 Ellen Jacobs, Teacher's Aide at OMS, has completed her probation effective May 14, 2007.

Ellen Jacobs
Completes
Probation

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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.

Cathy Wesley
Completes
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 acknowledge that Patricia Bellreng, Food Service Helper at WW, has completed her probation effective May 19, 2007.

Patricia Bellreng
Completes
Probation

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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.

Allegany County
Department of
Social Services
and Olean City
School District
Youth Bridge
GED Program
Agreement

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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.

Washington
West and Olean
High School
Evacuation Sites
for Eden Heights
and the Pines
Health Care/
Rehabilitation
Center

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Abstain 1
(M. Martello)

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 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.

Maryann Taylor
Retirement
Resignation

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.

Marcia Storch
Retirement
Resignation

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.

Tamara Dean
Retirement
Resignation

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.

Cynthia Sinesiou
Retirement
Resignation

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.

Melissa Smith
Resignation

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.

Karen O'Dell,
Appointed
Teacher on
Special
Assignment As
An Autism
Services
Specialist

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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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.

Lynn Corder
Appointed
Director of
Personnel/Reading First
Coordinator

Ayes 7

Nays 1
(J. Padlo)

Motion Carried

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.

Elizabeth Weber
Granted Leave of
Absence

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

The Board of Education discussed the following items:

1. None

Discussion Items

Committee Reports:

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

Committee
Reports

The Board of Education discussed the following informational items:

1. None

Information Items

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.

Executive
Session

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.

Work Session

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.

Adjournment
Of Meeting

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

May 10, 2007

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