The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, August 14, 2007 at 7:25 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 Martello with a moment of silent prayer. Mike Martello led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

ABSENT: John Bartimole

STAFF PRESENT:
Mark Ward, Superintendent
Ann O’Brien, Business Administrator
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing
Jerry Trietley, OMS Principal
Barb Lias, OHS Principal
Connie Pound, IJN Principal
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel/Reading First Coordinator
Marcie Richmond, Director of Special Education
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

OTHERS:
Dan LeBlanc, Olean Times Herald
Dave Young, Carrier Coach
Scott Howard, Carrier Coach
Jeff Weis, Hodgson & Russ

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by I. Katzenstein, to adjourn from Regular Session and convene in Executive Session to receive counsel from the District’s attorney, Jeff Weis at 7:26 p.m. Marcie Richmond was invited to attend.

Ayes ___8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by L. Branch, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in Regular Session at 8:15 p.m.

Ayes ___8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Public Comments:
No public comments
Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by L. Branch, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following changes and additions:

1. Omit Silent Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Communications, Commendations
None

Superintendent Ward discussed the following subjects with the Board of Education:
1. National Honor Society Procedure
2. Ranking Procedures
3. Grading Policy
4. NYSSBA Fall Conference

Moved by L. Branch, seconded M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

a. The previous meeting minutes of the Reorganizational Meeting held on July 10, 2007 and the Regular Meeting Held on July 17, 2007.


c. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept and place on file the 4th Quarter (April-June) Student Activity Reports and the SAC Annual Report from the Olean High School.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by M. McElfresh, to remove from the table, the CSE recommendation reviewed on July 10th, July 17th, and August 1st. Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by I. Katzenstein to approved the following CSE recommendation reviewed on July 10th, July 17th, and August 1st.

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Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the revisions to the Olean City School District’s 2007-2008 Attendance Policy.

Ayes ___7___  Nays ___1___  Motion Carried  (S. Hamed)
Moved by M. McEflresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to award the transportation bid and contract to Carrier Coach, Inc. for the 2007-2008 home-to-school and field/sports/activity trip programs at the amounts set forth below:

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REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, August 14, 2007  
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Ayes ___6___ Nays ___1___ Abstained ___1___ Motion Carried  
(G. Pancio) (S. Hamed)

Moved by M McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of  
Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the proposed Settlement  
Agreement between the Olean City School District and Case Identification NO. 06 CV  
0662S(F).

Ayes ___8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark  
J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2007 Olean City School District Tax  
Warrant of the Board of Education in the amount of $12,295,657,41.

Ayes ___8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J.  
Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding  
between the Olean City School District and St. John’s Roman Catholic Church for the use  
of its facility for a pick up and drop off location for District students from September 4,  
2007 through June 30, 2008 at a rate of $175 per month.

Ayes ___8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J.  
Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Agreement between the Olean City  
School District and the Olean General Hospital to provide “Professional Athletic Training  
Services for the 2007-2008 school year commencing August 13, 2007 through June 30,  
2008 in the amount of $4,000.

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 Olean Educational Support Personnel  
Association to compensate any member of the OESPA asked by the building principal to  
provide coverage or supervision, in the absence of the regularly assigned classroom  
teacher, at a rate of an additional $3.00 per hour if the coverage is in excess if 45 minutes  
per day.

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 approve the Memorandum of Understanding  
between the Olean City School District and the City of Olean Youth & Recreation Division  
of Public Works to administer the K-8 After School Program at St. John’s Recreation  
Facility for the 2007-2008 school year, in the amount of $10,000.

Ayes ___8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried
Moved by L. Branch, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Certified Substitute Teacher rate for the 2007-2008 school year will be $78 per day, the Certified Long-Term Substitute (ten consecutive days or more for the same class/teacher) will be $100 per day, and non-certified Substitute Teacher rate will be $65 per day.

Ayes ___7___ Nays ___1___ Motion Carried
(G. Pancio)

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Substitute Teacher Aide, Substitute Cleaner, and Substitute Food Service rates for the 2007-2008 school year will be $7.50 per hour and Substitute Nurse rate will be $15.64 per hour.

Ayes ___7___ Nays ___1___ Motion Carried
(G. Pancio)

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to abolish one (1) full time Teacher Aide position.

Ayes ___8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to acknowledge that Mark Huselstein has completed his probation as Custodian/Buildings and Grounds Maintainer effective July 17, 2007.

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 approve the purchase of the following text books:

Subject: Spanish 4 (for JCC class)
Title: Enfoques: Curso intermedio de lengua Espanola, 2nd edition
Publisher: Vista Higher Learning
Copyright: 2008 Number of Copies: 45
Cost per book: $105 Total cost w/shipping: $5,198

Ayes ___8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Janeen Bergan, 7th Grade English Teacher, OMS, with regret, effective August 31, 2007.

Ayes ___7___ Nays ___1___ Motion Carried
(S. Hamed)
Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Virginia Sgro, English Department Chair and English Teacher, OHS, with deep regret, sadness and gratitude, effective immediately.

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 Carrie Crosson as 504 Chair for the 2007-2008 school year.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by S. Hamed, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Sharon Foster, Food Service Helper, OMS, with regret, effective immediately.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by S. Hamed, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve a Leave of Absence for Colleen Larson-Deibler, for a period of twelve (12) weeks beginning November 16, 2007 through February 14, 2008.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Mildred Jedrosko as 504 Chair for the 2007-2008 school year at a rate per the OTA contract.

Ayes ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by S. Hamed, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the appointment of Paula Fidurko as a certified non-conditional probationary Program Specialist in the BRIDGE Program, through Community Schools, at the rate of $23 per hour, for the 2007-2008 school year. In accordance with Section 503(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 ___8___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried
Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Heather Billings be granted a conditional two year-probationary appointment in the English Language Arts (Grades 7-12) tenure area effective August 29, 2007. 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, this 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 and the conditional status shall be removed; in that event, the probationary service shall end on August 29, 2009. The appointee is certified in the English Language Arts (Grades 7-12) certification area and has submitted a signed statement for conditional appointment as provided in Section 2503(18)(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Heather Billings during her first year of this appointment, be paid at the annual salary as outlined in the Agreement between the Olean Teachers’ Association and the Board of Education for a teacher on Step 5, with a Master’s Degree and 39 graduate hours or as outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement ($45,628).

Ayes ___8___ Nays ____0____ Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Daniel Anger be granted a conditional three year-probationary appointment in the English Language Arts (Grades 7-12) tenure area effective August 29, 2007. 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, this 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 and the conditional status shall be removed; in that event, the probationary service shall end on August 29, 2010. The appointee is certified in the English Language Arts (Grades 7-12) certification area and has submitted a signed statement for conditional appointment as provided in Section 2503(18)(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Daniel Anger during his/her first year of this appointment, be paid at the annual salary as outlined in the Agreement between the Olean Teachers’ Association and the Board of Education for a teacher on Step 1, with no Master’s Degree and 0 graduate hours or as outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement ($36,750).

Ayes ___8___ Nays ____0____ Motion Carried
Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Kelly Gumtow be granted a conditional three year-probational appointment in the Guidance Counselor tenure area effective August 29, 2007. 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, this 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 and the conditional status shall be removed; in that event, the probationary service shall end on August 29, 2010. The appointee is certified in the School Counselor certification area and has submitted a signed statement for conditional appointment as provided in Section 2503(18)(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kelly Gumtow during her first year of this appointment, be paid at the annual salary as outlined in the Agreement between the Olean Teachers’ Association and the Board of Education for a teacher on Step 1, with a Master’s Degree and 36 graduate hours or as outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement ($39,522).

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the list of current NON-CONDITIONAL CERTIFIED AND NON-CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS for the 2007-2008 school year.

Ayes ____ 8  Nays  0  Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the list of CONDITIONAL CERTIFIED AND NON- CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS for the 2007-2008 school year. In accordance with Section 503(18)(b) of the Education Law, these are conditional appointments and therefore shall not commence until the District has received notification from the Commissioner of Education that the appointees have been conditionally cleared for employment. If the Commissioner of Education notifies the District that the appointees have been denied conditional clearance or clearance, the appointments shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointees are granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointments shall continue.

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 the list of current NON-CONDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDES, FOOD SERVICE, NURSES, AND CLEANERS for the 2007-2008 school year.

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 the list of CONDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDES, FOOD SERVICE, NURSES, AND CLEANERS for the 2007-2008 school year. In accordance with Section 503(18)(b) of the Education Law, these are conditional appointments and therefore shall not commence until the District has received notification from the Commissioner of Education that the appointees have been conditionally cleared for employment. If the Commissioner of Education notifies the District that the appointees have been denied conditional clearance or clearance, the appointments shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointees are granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointments shall continue.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint to the Randy Samuelson and Jeffery Anastasia position of Driver Education Instructor (after-school) for the first semester of the 2007-2008 school year at a rate per the OTA contract.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Gross, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Harry Button as a conditional probationary Custodian/Building & Grounds Maintainer effective August 20, 2007. In accordance with Section 503(18)(b) of the Education Law, these are conditional appointments and therefore shall not commence until the District has received notification from the Commissioner of Education that the appointees have been conditionally cleared for employment. If the Commissioner of Education notifies the District that the appointees have been denied conditional clearance or clearance, the appointments shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointees are granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointments shall continue.

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 Helen Button as Sub-Caller for the 2007-2008 school year at a $3,500 annual stipend.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Susan Grosso as Sub-Caller for the 2007-2008 school year at a $3,500 annual stipend.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried
Moved by G. Cross, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to table the Extra-Curricular Activity Appointments.  

Ayes ___8__ Nays ____0____ Motion Carried  

The Board of Education discussed the following discussion items:  
  a. Board of Education Presentations/Calendar  

The following Committee Reports were presented to the Board of Education:  
  Committee Reports to be presented at the August 28th meeting  

The Board of Education discussed the following informational items:  
  None  

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, to adjourn from Regular Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss CSE/CPSE Recommendations, Specific Employees Performance and Real Property Acquisition at 9:03 p.m.  

Ayes ___8__ Nays ____0____ Motion Carried  

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in Regular Session at 9:15 p.m.  

Ayes ___8__ Nays ____0____ Motion Carried  

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by L. Branch, to remove from the Extra-Curricular Activity Appointments.  Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by M. McElfresh upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the following 2007-2008 extra-curricular activities appointments:  

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Ayes ___8__ Nays ____0____ Motion Carried
Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, to adjourn from the meeting at 9:16 p.m. Ayes ___8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

August 28, 2007