

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

Regular Meeting
February 21, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 at 7:37 p.m. in the Cafeteria of the Olean High School located at 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by President McElfresh she made an Agenda announcement. President McElfresh led the Board with a moment of silent prayer. George Pancio led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Michiko H. McElfresh, President
Steven H. Hamed, Vice-President
Laurie A. Branch
Gordon E. Cross
Mary K. Fay
Ira Katzenstein
Michael Martello
George Pancio
Gerald E. Zimmerman

STAFF PRESENT: Joseph Mahar, District Clerk
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing
Lynn Corder, North Hill Principal
Ellie Hoffman, District Teacher
Pam Neary, District Teacher
Karen Hessney, District Teacher
Julie Scull, District Typist
Diane Simon, District Teacher Aide
Mary Ann Kahm, District Cook
Elizabeth Orcutt, District Teacher Aide

OTHERS: Kelly Tarbox
Paul Hessney
Jim Belvees
Ms. Freeman, St. Bonaventure Student
Laura McDowell, St. Bonaventure Student
Kathy Ward, Olean Times Herald
Kathy Kellogg-Buffalo News
30 Others

VOICE OF THE TAXPAYER

Voice of the
Taxpayer

Jim Belvees addressed the Board of Education stating that an important issue has come to light from feedback of concerns of parents, grandparents, etc. that when North Olean was annexed into the City, the City Charter stated that a permanent school was to continue to be located at the north end of town.

Mr. Belvees requested time to find the Charter. He additionally stated that after the fire at North Hill, the school was required to be rebuilt due to the stated Charter's terms. He stated that he received information from Jeanne Waldock that this Charter requirement was addressed by the Board of Education in 1967. He asked for time to discover this Charter document.

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Ms. Freeman, a Saint Bonaventure student, asked why it is being proposed to close the North Hill Elementary School.

Laura McDowell, a Saint Bonaventure student, asked if additional bussing service cost would override the savings of closing North Hill Elementary School.

OTA COMMENTS

OTA Comments

Karen Hessney addressed the Board of Education stating that the OTA did a survey of its population (89 out of 225 responded) regarding elementary school configuration. Out of 89 surveys returned, 78 requested that the Board hold off before making a decision and 23 of the surveyed wanted to see the school close. She stated that one of the major expressed concerns was closing a school building before there is a guarantee to build another. She said that it would be better to form a task force first and get the task force's recommendations before closing a school. She stated that the survey also showed teacher concern about the High School, Middle School and other Elementary Schools being brought up to "state of art".

Mrs. Hessney also stated that she was at a New York school that was in need of improvement and reviewed best practices. She fears our District is looking at moving kids and teachers and is not focused on how to change practices and educational concept methods for the most benefit to the children.

Mrs. Hessney stated that the Middle School and the High School scores are a struggle for the District, and we may want to change our organization of these schools to improve the delivery of education. She also stated the District may want to form a task force to look at our whole educational delivery process to change our educational processes. She asked if there is a possibility to find funds to restore and keep our old elementary schools.

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Zimmerman to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda but with the Addendum to replace of Agenda Item 11a.

Agenda
Additions
And Changes

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Superintendent Ward presented the following Communications and Commendations:

Communication
and
Commendation

- a. Laurie Branch and Ben Schwabenbauer are to be honored at the YMCA's 21st annual Salute to Olean. This event honors Olean area residents for their commitment to the community.
- b. Congratulations to the Olean High School Boys Basketball Team for their undefeated regular season.

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by M. Fay upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following Consent Agenda items without Item 8f:

Consent
Agenda

- a. The previous meeting minutes of the Work Session held on January 11, 2006 and the Regular Meeting held on January 17, 2006.
- b. The Olean City School District Warrant #8 for the 2005-2006 school year dated Friday, February 10, 2006:

Approval of
Minutes

District
Warrant

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General Fund	\$2,468,490.25
Federal Fund	\$236,341.83
Lunch Fund	\$71,379.83
GRAND TOTAL:	<u>\$2,776,211.91</u>

- c. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Treasurer's Report dated December-2005 be accepted and placed on file.
- d. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Olean Middle School Student Activity Account Quarterly Report dated December 31, 2005, is accepted and placed on file.
- e. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Olean High School Student Activity Account Quarterly Report dated January 1, 2006, is accepted and placed on file.
- g. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendations reviewed on January 11, 2006 be approved:

Treasurer's Report

OMS and OHS Activity Account Quarterly Report

CSE Recommendations

APPROVED	ACKNOWLEDGE	APPROVED	ACKNOWLEDGE
900202204		900414615	
900217843		900433313	
900435921		900348216	
900232496		900126325	
900259739		900299773	
900126355		900190556	
900131302		900393017	
900122679		900912222	
900191229		900350105	
900188438		900108884	
900122772		900124092	
900348014		900408476	
900347731		900198139	
900180257		900337231	
900021627		900436197	
900192415		900433164	
900337421		900191092	
900215409		900209394	
900417747		900218717	
900134955		900367694	
900188497		900126486	
900281188		000000511	
900046154			

Ayes 9

Nays 0

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Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by G. Zimmerman that upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, the following CPSE recommendations reviewed on February 15, 2006 be approved as adjusted:

Approval of Adjustment to CPSE Recommendations.

APPROVED	ACKNOWLEDGE	APPROVED	ACKNOWLEDGE
000000640		000000634	
000000641		000000639	
000000600		000000638	
000000588		000000595	
000000613		000000642	
000000643			000000647

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by S. Hamed upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the following individuals to the Committee on Special Education as per the Commissioner of Education's Part 200 Regulations:

Committee On Special Education Appointments

Committee on Special Education:

Administrator: Mark Ward
Administrator: Lynn Corder

Committee on Special Education:

CSE Parent: Dodi McIntyre
CSE Parent: Hope Parks
CSE Parent: Amy Reuther

Sub Committee on Special Education:

Administrator: Mark Ward
Administrator: Lynn Corder

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by M. Fay upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the appointment of Michelle Trietley as a conditional probationary Program Specialist in the BRIDGE Program, through Community Schools, at the rate of \$21 per hour, effective February 22, 2006. 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.

Michelle Trietley Appointed As Program Specialist in the BRIDGE Program

Ayes 9 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 appointment of Celeste Lamb

Celeste Lamb Appointed As Program Specialist

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as Program Specialist, through the 21st Century After-School Program, at the rate of \$21 per hour.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by M. Fay upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to abolish the Lead Nurse position and to create a Senior School Nurse position.

Creation of Senior School Nurse Position

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. Fay, seconded by L. Branch upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Melody Jones to the position of Senior School Nurse, to be compensated according to the "Memorandum of Agreement" between the District and the Olean Educational Support Personnel Association (OESPA) - \$29,559.88 plus \$5,000 annual stipend.

Melody Jones Appointed as Senior School Nurse

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by L. Branch upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Rose Sosnowski as District Records Management/Retention Officer at a \$550 (pro-rated) annual stipend.

Rose Sosnowski Appointed as District Records Officer

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by M. Fay upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Kevin Perkins be appointed as a conditional probationary Computer Support Technician effective February 22, 2006. 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.

Kevin Perkins Appointed As Conditional Computer Support Technician

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Fay upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Jackie Emborsky as a part-time conditional probationary substitute for Speech at the rate of \$100 per diem for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school years. 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.

Jackie Emborsky Appointed As a Part-time Conditional Substitute for Speech

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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Moved by M. Martello, seconded by G. Zimmerman upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the contract between the County of Cattaraugus and the Olean City School District III Child Care Center for Children's Day Care Services Program commencing January 1, 2006 and terminating on December 31, 2006.

Contract
Between County
of Cattaraugus
and OCSD for
Children's Day
Care Services

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MAIN MOTION:

Laurie A. Branch	VOTING	YES	
Gordon E. Cross	VOTING	YES	
Mary K. Fay	VOTING	YES	
Steven H. Hamed	VOTING	YES	
Ira Katzenstein	VOTING		NO
Michael Martello	VOTING	YES	
George Pancio	VOTING	YES	
Gerald Zimmerman	VOTING		ABSTAINED
Michiko McElfresh	VOTING	YES	

Ayes 7 Nays 1 Abstained 1 Motion Carried
I. Katzenstein

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by M. Fay to amend the Agenda to add Committee Reports.

Committee
Reports

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

The following Committee Reports were presented to the Board of Education:

- a. I. Katzenstein - Finance Committee Report
- b. L. Branch - Audit Committee Report
- c. M. Fay - February 16, 2006 Outreach Committee Report
- d. L. Branch - Operation Committee Report

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Zimmerman to adjourn from the meeting at 8:26 p.m.

Adjournment of
Meeting

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Mahar
District Clerk

February 21, 2006
JM:dkj