

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

Regular Meeting
March 21, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, March 21, 2006 at 7:30 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 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: Mark Ward, Superintendent
Joseph Mahar, District Clerk
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing
Lynn Corder, North Hill Principal
David Olson, East View Principal
Brian O'Connell, Ivers J. Norton Principal
Karen Hessney, District Teacher

OTHERS: Jodie Slaughaupt
Keri Simon
Toni Doxey
Tracy Padlo
Patricia Washington
Jim Veno
Richard Frost
Anthony Kasperski
Julie Kane
John Perry
Linda Puller
Kelly Tarbox
Brenda Ackley
Nancy Franklemont
Ralph Anastasia
Mr. Benjamin
Raquel Kasperski
Michelle Perry
Bonnie Veno
Kathy Ward, Olean Times Herald
Nick Pircio, WHDL Radio
Kathy Kellogg-Buffalo News
Approximately 70 Others

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VOICE OF THE TAXPAYER

Voice of the
Taxpayer

Jodi Slaughaupt, 554 Martha Avenue, addressed the Board of Education stating that Boardmanville Elementary School is already at maximum capacity. She stated she is concerned about student a.m. transportation with morning activities and breakfast and also concerned that busing should be provided due to safety concerns to other District children who now have to walk to school.

Keri Simon, 611 Reed Street, stated she has many questions regarding the closing of North Hill Elementary School that have not been addressed. She stated her concern about the autistic class that will be moved from North Hill to Boardmanville in that autistic children work better within the structure and routine of a setting that they are use to. She urged the Board of Education to find out all of the facts before closing North Hill. She thanked those who worked for keeping North Hill opened.

Toni Doxey, 489 Vermont Street, read an e-mail sent to the Board of Education members asking them to review their plans to close North Hill in regard to how it would affect her autistic child and the taxpayers. She asked the Board to do further research before making a decision on whether to close North Hill. She asked that any change not go into effect for one year until further study is completed.

Tracy Padlo, 1012 North Union Street, stated that North Hill Elementary School parents are listening to their children and the parents are asking the Board of Education the questions they are being asked by their children. She stated concern about safety of children and whether busing will be taken away if it becomes too costly for the District. She stated that the Board did not cross their "t's" and dot their "i's" in planning before considering a vote to close North Hill.

Patricia Washington, 511 E. Connell Street, stated that the "neighborhood schools" are something all Olean students have had in a changing environment. She stated that North Hill is a good school with good faculty that should be retained. She asked the Board not to close North Hill.

Jim Veno, 718 Fountain Street, stated that children bond and that moving them from North Hill will disrupt this. He asked the Board of Education not to close schools before financially bonding for a new school. He additionally stated that the North Hill play ground has been used by area children for years. He asked the Board to hold off on a decision to close North Hill.

Richard Frost, 211 West Water Street, stated that people of the city are saying that closing North Hill is not the thing to do and to take time before making a decision that will affect thousands of children. He stated the District should take a year to do a feasibility study before closing North Hill. He additionally stated that smaller schools are best for children and expressed concerns regarding student busing safety.

Anthony Kasperski, 1109 Maple Street, stated that North Hill is a wonderful school and that the North Hill school has a family atmosphere which individually assists students with their problems and disabilities. He stated that closing North Hill is like taking the heart out of the body. He stated he wants to retain the safe place for his children at North Hill.

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Julie Kane, 129 North 11th Street, questioned how the District will fit all the children at Boardmanville. She asked the Board of Education to slow down, and for one more year to study all issues before closing North Hill.

John Perry, 1801 Johnson Street, asked the Board of Education to keep North Hill opened for the kids.

Linda Puller, 645 Main Street, asked everyone to slow down to provide time to have everyone see what's coming next and that security comes with knowledge. She asked the Board of Education not to make a quick decision that will affect the entire Olean community.

Kelly Tarbox, 309 East Oak Street, thanked everyone for their efforts. She stated the District should take it's time before making a decision that will affect the entire North Hill community as well as the entire city.

Brenda Ackley, 1508 River Street, stated her children walk seven blocks to school. She asked what will happen if her children miss the bus and whether they will then be forced to miss school. She asked that North Hill remain open.

Nancy Franclemont, West Water Street, expressed concern regarding the District's enrollment figures. She stated that North Hill has more students than years ago. She expressed concern about shuttle busing and stated that her children don't want to ride the bus. She asked the Board of Education for the sake of the children to hold off closing North Hill until a new elementary school is built.

Ralph Anastasia, 1214 Main Street, stated he hopes the Board of Education has heard those who addressed it tonight and keep North Hill opened. He stated that there is nothing wrong with our elementary schools and the Board shouldn't think about building a new elementary school. He stated if the Board wants to save money, it should look at the Olean Middle School and the swimming pool.

Mr. Benjamin, 418 S. Tenth Street, stated it is wonderful to see District teachers relate to children. He asked the Board not to take this away.

Raquel Kasperski, 111 Maple Avenue, stated she loves the North Hill building and the education offered there. She stated that the North Hill Elementary School has many special needs children and it should be kept open for them.

Michelle Perry, 1801 Johnson Street, stated that her child will have to walk to school this next year. She stated that if North Hill is closed, children in the area where she lives should be offered transportation to and from school.

Bonnie Veno, 945 North Fourth Street, stated that a lot of money has been put into renovations and upkeep of the North Hill Elementary School. She stated her concerns about children waiting in the cold for buses. She stated that if a new school is to be constructed we should wait until then to close North Hill.

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OTA COMMENTS

OTA Comments

Karen Hessney thanked the Board of Education and the Community for their efforts regarding the question of whether or not to close North Hill Elementary School. She stated that the Olean Teachers Association is not taking a stand on the matter of closing North Hill, but a teacher survey showed that teachers would like the Board to postpone closing North Hill for a year. She stated that if the Board does close North Hill they should include more people in the transition team.

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by L. Branch to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following changes and additions:

Agenda
Additions
And Changes

1. Addition of Agenda Item 9.d.4 – Board member resignation.
2. Move Agenda Item 11i to before Agenda Item 7 to be followed by a 15 minute recess.
3. Add 2 (two) individual personnel matter items to the Executive Session.
4. Removal of Agenda Item 11g – Policy #8271.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION:

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

Ayes 7

Nays 2

Motion Carried

Communications, Commendations

Communication
and
Commendation

- a. Thank you note from the Family of Regina Pontus (Roxann Johnson's Mother)
- b. Thank you note from the Family of Jean Chokrach (Marcia Yurek's Sister)
- c. Thank you note from the Family of Elsie Keck (Sue Dynda's Mother)
- d. Congratulations to the OHS Boys' and Girl's Basketball Teams and their coaches for their highly successful regular and post-season records

Moved by M. Fay, seconded by L. Branch to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to close North Hill Elementary School as of June 30, 2006.

North Hill
Elementary
School Closing

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE MOTION:

Laurie A. Branch	VOTING	YES
Gordon E. Cross	VOTING	YES
Mary K. Fay	VOTING	YES
Steven H. Hamed	VOTING	YES

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Ira Katzenstein	VOTING		NO
Michael Martello	VOTING	YES	
George Pancio	VOTING		NO
Gerald Zimmerman	VOTING		NO
Michiko McElfresh	VOTING	YES	

North Hill
Elementary
School Closing

Ayes 6 Nays 3 Motion Carried

President McElfresh announced a 15 (fifteen) minute recess after which the Board will reconvene in the Board of Education regular meeting room.

The Board of Education reconvened in the Board of Education meeting room at 9:23 p.m.

Moved by G. Zimmerman, 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 meeting minutes of the Work Session held on February 15, 2006 and the Regular Meeting held on February 21, 2006.
- b. The Olean City School District Warrant #9 for the 2005-2006 school year dated Friday, March 10, 2006:

Approval of
Minutes

District
Warrant

General Fund	\$1,930,708.40
Federal Fund	\$147,652.93
Lunch Fund	\$63,562.25

GRAND TOTAL: \$2,141,923.58

- c. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Treasurer's Report dated January-2006 be accepted and placed on file.
- d. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the March-2006 Intra-fund Transfer listing in the amount of \$327,256 be accepted and placed on file.
- e. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, the following CPSE recommendations reviewed on March 15, 2006 be approved:

Treasurer's
Report

Intra-fund
Transfer List

CPSE
Recommendations

APPROVED	ACKNOWLEDGE	APPROVED	ACKNOWLEDGE
000000650		000000649	
000000564		000000632	
000000617		000000648	
000000561			

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- f. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendations reviewed on March 15, 2006 be approved:

CSE
Recommendations

APPROVED	ACKNOWLEDGE	APPROVED	ACKNOWLEDGE
900297827		900115853	
900365912		900436060	
900104995		900142054	
900385333		900198895	
900027211		900435523	
900396248		900298222	
900331434		900190996	
900190690		900436499	
900414615			

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by G. Zimmerman upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint LUCILLE DOMBROWSKI as a conditional probationary part-time Food Service Helper, effective March 22, 2006 at an annualized probationary salary of \$5,133.80.

Lucille
Dombrowski
Appointed As
Conditional
Part-time Food
Service Helper

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 G. Cross, seconded by L. Branch upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that KRISTINE RING is granted a conditional two-year probationary appointment in the Physics 7-12 tenure area effective September 1, 2006 and ending on September 1, 2008. The appointee is certified in the Physics 7-12 certification area.

Kristine Ring
Granted Two
Year
Appointment in
Physics 7-12

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Ira Katzenstein arrived at 9:24 p.m.

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by G. Zimmerman upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to create a part-time Lifeguard position.

Creation of Part-
Time Lifeguard
Position

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by L. Branch upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint LYDE VAN SCOY as a conditional probationary part-time Lifeguard effective March 22, 2006, at a probationary rate of \$11.00 per hour.

Lyde VanScoy
Appointed as
Part-time
Lifeguard

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

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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. Fay, seconded by S. Hamed upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint PHIL VECCHIO to the position of Jr. Varsity Baseball Coach at an index/salary of .085 or \$2,465 for the Spring 2006 Sports Season.

Phil Vecchio
Appointed Jr.
Varsity Baseball
Coach

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded G. Zimmerman upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that BETHANY KOSZELAK is permitted to do a one-year "Psychology Internship" through Alfred University, under the supervision of Maura Whitcomb, beginning September 1, 2006 through June 24, 2007 at annual stipend of \$18,000.

Bethany
KoszelaK To Do
Psychology
Internship

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by G. Pancio upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for TARA FREDERICK, Elementary Teacher at Washington West Elementary School, for the period beginning April 24, 2006 through June 21, 2006.

Tara Frederick
Granted Family
Medical Leave
of Absence

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by M. Fay upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to acknowledge that JENNIFER HENDRICKSON has completed her probationary period as a full-time School Nurse effective February 28, 2006.

Jennifer
Hendrickson
Completes
Probationary
Period as
School Nurse

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 acknowledge that RICHARD EUSTIS has completed his probationary period as a full-time Teacher Aide effective February 28, 2006.

Richard Eustis
Completes
Probationary
Period as
Teacher Aide

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by G. Pancio upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to acknowledge that SHERRY SKINNER has completed her probationary period as a part-time Food Service Helper effective February 28, 2006.

Sherry Skinner
Completes
Probationary
Period as Food
Service Helper

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross to accept the resignation of Gerald Zimmerman from the Olean City School Board of Education effective April 20, 2006 with regret and sadness.

Resignation
of Gerald
Zimmerman As
School Board
Member

Ayes 8

Nays 1
(G. Pancio)

Motion Carried

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by L. Branch upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to remove from the table the following January 17, 2006 tabled motion:

Resolution to
Establish
Annual School
District Hearing

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by L. Branch upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT HEARING...

WHEREAS, it is necessary to schedule the annual school district public hearing and vote and to provide for publication of the notice of said annual school district public hearing and vote,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Olean City School District (the "District");

1. that the provisions of this resolution shall be effective regardless of anything to the contrary in the Board Policy Manual, or the previous minutes of this Board, or otherwise;
2. that it is hereby determined, pursuant to Section 2601-a.2 of the Education Law, that the annual meeting date of this District is Tuesday, May 16, 2006, and it is further determined, pursuant to Section 2017.4 of the Education Law, that in lieu of the annual meeting, a public hearing shall be held on May 9, 2006, beginning at 7:00 P.M. Prevailing Time.
3. that it is hereby determined, pursuant to Section 2601-a1.2 of the Education Law, that the election of Members of the Board of Education and the vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the District's estimated expenditures for the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2006, and ending on June 30, 2007, and on all propositions involving the expenditure of money and authorizing the levy of taxes shall be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2006, from 7:00 A.M. Prevailing Time to 9:00 P.M. Prevailing Time;
4. that the District Clerk is hereby directed to publish a copy of the following notice in the Olean Times Herald, said newspaper having a general circulation in this District, on four (4) dates within seven (7) weeks preceding May 16, 2006 and the first such date to be at least forty-five days before May 16, 2006.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTE:

Notice of Annual
School District
Public Hearing
and Vote

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual School District vote of the Olean City School District ("District"), Cattaraugus County, New York will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2006, from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. Prevailing Time at the Polling Places as follows for the purposes of electing 2 Members of the Board of Education, voting on the budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year, voting on other proposition(s) for the expenditure of funds during said fiscal year, and transacting such other business as is authorized by law:

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Polling Places

Washington West Elementary School
1626 Washington School

East View Elementary School
690 East Spring Street

Boardmanville Elementary School
622 Main Street

North Hill Elementary School
102 West Forest Avenue

Ivers J. Norton Elementary School
411 West Henley Street

An accurate description of the boundaries of the School Election Districts into which the Olean City School District is divided, is on file and may be inspected between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the office of the Board of Education.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the election of members of the Board of Education shall be held to fill two (2) positions on the Board. These positions are to be for a five (5)-year term commencing on July 1, 2006 and terminating on June 30, 2011 created by the expiration on June 30, 2006 of the term of members Mary K. Fay and Michiko H. McElfresh.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that all candidates for the office of Member of the Board of Education shall be nominated by petition. Each petition shall be directed to the Clerk of the District, shall be signed by at least 100 qualified voters of the District, shall state the residence of each signer, and shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the District between the hours of 9:00 a.m. Prevailing Time and 5:00 P.M. Prevailing Time not later than April 26, 2006, the twentieth (20th) day preceding the election of Members of the Board of Education, to wit, May 16, 2006.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that voting on the budget and propositions shall consist of voting on the following propositions, and on each other propositions as are authorized by law and the rules of this Board to be voted on at said time:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 - 2006-2007 Basic Budget shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED that the basic budget for the Olean City School District (the "District") for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2007, as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefore are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the District to be levied and collected as required by law.

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TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that a public hearing for the voters of the District on the 2006-2007 budget and expenditure of funds will be held on May 9, 2006 commencing at 7:00 p.m. Prevailing Time in the Olean Middle School, 401 Wayne Street, Olean, New York.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that voting machines will be used to record the vote on the budget, on the propositions, and on the election of Members of the Board of Education.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Board of Education of this District has adopted Rules for the Use of Voting Machines and the Submission of Questions or Propositions to be Placed Thereon. Printed copies for general distribution in the District are available at the office of the District Clerk located in the District Office, 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, New York, 14760.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that applications for absentee ballots for the Annual District Vote may be applied for at the Office of the Clerk of the District. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the Office of the District Clerk on each of the five business days prior to the Annual District Vote, and such list will also be posted at the polling places for the Annual District Vote.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the Board of Education of this District will have prepared and completed a detailed statement in writing of the amount of money which will be required during the ensuing 2006-2007 fiscal year for school purposes, specifying the several purposes and the amount for each. The amount of each purpose estimated necessary for payments to boards of cooperative education services shall be set forth in full with no deduction of estimated state aid. Said statement will be available, upon request, to taxpayers within this District during the hours of 9:00 A.M. Prevailing Time to 4:00 P.M. Prevailing Time from May 1, 2006, to May 16, 2006 exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, at each of the public schoolhouses of the District.

By Order of the Board of Education Olean City School District ...

5. that the District Clerk is hereby directed to arrange for the use of voting machines for said Annual School District Vote and for the printing of ballot labels to be used in said machines, which ballot labels shall be printed in the forms required by the Rules of the Use of Voting Machines and the Submission of Questions or Propositions to be Placed Thereon, adopted by the Board of Education in February 1997, and for each proposition to be submitted the words YES and NO shall be printed so that the lever on each voting machine for a YES vote, when voted, will come down over the word YES and the lever on each voting machine for a NO vote, when voted, will come down over the word NO.

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Removed From Table

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Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by L. Branch to amend the Motion to read:

Amended
Motion

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By Order of the Board of Education Olean City School District

5. that the District Clerk is hereby directed to arrange for the use of voting machines for said Annual School District Vote and for the printing of ballot labels to be used in said machines, which ballot labels shall be printed in the forms required by the Rules of the Use of Voting Machines and the Submission of Questions or Propositions to be Placed Thereon, adopted by the Board of Education in January and March 2003, and for each proposition to be submitted the words YES and NO shall be printed so that the lever on each voting machine for a YES vote, when voted, will come down over the word YES and the lever on each voting machine for a NO vote, when voted, will come down over the word NO.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion to Amended Main Motion Carried

A VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE AMENDED MOTION WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS:

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Amended Motion Carried

Moved by M. Fay, seconded by L. Branch upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Olean City School District approves the proposed basis of service charges of the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES for the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

BOCES
Service
Charges
For
2006-2007

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by L. Branch to nominate George Pancio as a candidate for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Cattaraugus/Allegany/Erie/Wyoming BOCES representing Area 5.

Mary Fay
Nominated
Olean Board
of Education
Candidate as
BOCES
Representative
for Area 5

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by S. Hamed to nominate Mary Fay as a candidate for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Cattaraugus/Allegany/Erie/Wyoming BOCES representing Area 5.

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by L. Branch to nominate Ira Katzenstein as a candidate for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Cattaraugus/Allegany/Erie/Wyoming BOCES representing Area 5.

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by G. Cross to nominate Louis Nicol as a candidate for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Cattaraugus/Allegany/Erie/Wyoming BOCES representing Area 5.

A Voice Vote on the selection of the Olean Board of Education's nominee as a candidate for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Cattaraugus/Allegany/Erie/Wyoming BOCES representing Area was taken with the following results:

George Pancio	4 Votes
Mary Fay	4 Votes
Ira Katzenstein	1 Vote
Louis Nicol	0 Votes

Ira Katzenstein withdrew his nomination.

A second Voice Vote on the selection of the Olean Board of Education's nominee as a candidate for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Cattaraugus/Allegany/Erie/Wyoming BOCES representing Area was taken with the following results:

George Pancio	4 Votes
Mary Fay	5 Votes
Louis Nicol	0 Votes

Mary Fay was declared nominated by the Olean Board of Education to serve as the Cattaraugus/Allegany/Erie/Wyoming BOCES representing Area 5 Board of Education member.

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by I. Katzenstein upon recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent that a Special Meeting be held on April 24, 2006 at 12:00 Noon to review and vote on the 2006-2007 Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES, BOCES Administrative Budget.

Special Meeting
on April 24,
2006 to Vote on
BOCES Budget

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by G. Cross upon recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent that a Special Meeting be held on April 4, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. to approve the Olean City School District's 2006-2007 Budget to be submitted to District voters for approval.

Special Meeting
To Approve
District 2006-
2007 Budget
Set for April 4,
2006

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Zimmerman upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Olean High School French Club's request to travel to France for the period of March 31, 2007 through April 8, 2007.

OHS French Club To Travel To France

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by G. Zimmerman upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Board Policy #7243 – STUDENT COMPUTER/INTERNET USE as presented. This policy is to supersede any current School Board Policy regarding the same matter.

Adoption of Policy #7243

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 adopt School Board Policy #5005 – HONORARY DESIGNATIONS as presented. This policy is to supersede any current School Board Policy regarding the same matter.

Adoption of Policy #5005

Ayes 8 Nays 1 Motion Carried
(G. Zimmerman)

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Fay to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to form a Task Force to work with the Board of Education in a Feasibility Study of a Three or Four Elementary School District Configuration with a written report to be given at the June Regular Board Meeting

Task Force To Be Formed For Feasibility of Study of Three or Four Elementary School District Configuration

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN WITH THE FOLLOWING RESULTS::

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		NO
Michiko McElfresh	VOTING	YES	

Ayes 7 Nays 2 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by L. Branch upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that a partial refund of 2003-2004 school property tax in the amount \$101.60 be issued to Paul & Patricia Spaeth 1712 Windfall Road, Olean, NY, according to the letter dated March 10, 2006 received from the Cattaraugus Real Property Services. \$8.50 of this refund is to be borne by the Olean Public Library.

Refund for 2003-2004 School Property Tax

Ayes 8 Nays 1 Motion Carried
(I. Katzenstein)

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

- a. M. Fay presented February 20, 2006 Outreach Committee Report.
- b. M. Fay presented report on the March, 2006 Allegany Cattaraugus School Boards Association Delegates meeting.

Committee Reports

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by G. Cross to adjourn from Regular Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss 2 (two) individual personnel matters at 10:05 p.m.

Executive Session

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

G. Pancio left meeting during Executive Session 10:07 p.m.

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by L. Branch to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in Regular Session at 10:13 p.m.

Regular Session

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by G. Zimmerman to adjourn from the meeting at 10:13 p.m.

Adjournment of Meeting

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Mahar
District Clerk

March 21, 2006
JM:dkj