

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

Regular Meeting
May 16, 2006

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at 7:30 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 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

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Ward, Superintendent
Joseph Mahar, District Clerk (Arrived at 7:50 p.m.)
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing
Linda Nottingham, District Teacher

OTHERS: Katie Ward, Olean Times Herald
Nick Pircio, WHDL Radio (Arrived at 8:17 p.m.)

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

Agenda
Additions and
Changes

1. Addition of Agenda Item 13. Old Business to include Committee Reports.
2. Addition of Agenda Item 16. Executive Session to discuss personnel issues regarding specific employees and legal matter.

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Communications, Commendations

Communication
and
Commendation

- a. Thank you notes from Michiko McElfresh.
- b. Superintendent Ward informed the Board that 27 seniors have a 90% or above grade average.
- c. James Driscoll, OMS Guidance Counselor, Education Good News Award from Greater Olean Area Chamber of Commerce.

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Moved by G. Cross, seconded by G. Pancio 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 Special Meeting held on Monday April 24, 2006. [Approval of Minutes](#)

b. The Olean City School District Warrant #11 for the 2005-2006 school year dated Friday, May 5, 2006: [District Warrant](#)

General Fund \$1,088,796.74

Federal Fund \$137,239.16

Lunch Fund \$27,551.21

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,253,587.11

c. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Treasurer's Report dated March 31, 2006 be accepted and placed on file. [Treasurer's Report](#)

d. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the Intra-fund Transfer listing in the amount of \$186,307. [Intra-fund Transfer List](#)

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Fay upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools that the 2006-2007 School Calendar be approved as presented. [School Calendar](#)

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Fay upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools that a partial refund of 2005-2006 school property tax in the amount of \$498.38 be issued to Sally Vanini, 536 King Street, Olean, NY, according to the letter received from the Cattaraugus Real Property Services dated May 4, 2006. \$63.26 of this refund is to be borne by the Olean Public Library. [Refund of Property Tax Defeated](#)

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

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

Ayes 4 Nays 4 Motion Defeated

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Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by I. Katzenstein upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Classroom Supplies Bid Awards to:

Classroom
Supply Bid

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>BID AWARD</u>
Standard Stationery Supply 2251 S. Foster Avenue Wheeling, IL 60090	Line Items: 5,6,11,15,17,18,20,21,25,26, 30,31,33,34,35,37,42,46, Total Items: 18	\$1,840.29
Kurtz Bros. 400 Reed Street - P.O. Box 392 Clearfield, PA 16830-0392	Line Items: 2, 3, 4, 7, 12, 19, 22, 23, 24, 27, 28, 29, 36, 41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 Total Items: 19	\$1,336.12
Cascade School Supplies, Inc. 1 Brown Street North Adams, MA 01247	Line Item: 1, 8, 9, 10, 13, 16 Total Items: 6	\$1,117.54
School Specialty 100 Paragon Parkway Mansfield, OH 44903	Line Item: 38, 39, 40 Total Items: 3	\$ 365.66
Office Depot, Inc. 1250 Broadway, Suite 3400 New York, NY 10001	Line Item: 14, 32 Total Items: 2	<u>\$ 906.96</u>
TOTAL LINE ITEM AWARD		\$5,566.57

LINE ITEM #49-RECOMMEND THAT THE CATALOG DISCOUNT BID AT 33% BE AWARDED TO:

School Specialty
100 Paragon Parkway
Mansfield, OH 44903

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by M. Fay, seconded by L. Branch upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Custodian Paper & Garbage Bag Bid Awards to:

Custodian
Paper &
Garbage Bag
Bid

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>BID AWARD</u>
Chudy Paper Company 930 Bailey Avenue Buffalo, NY 14206	Paper Bath Tissue	\$5,550.00
Chudy Paper Company	Paper Towels 930 Bailey Avenue Buffalo, NY 14206	\$5,900.80

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Unipak Corporation Garbage Bags \$2,412.00
P. O. Box 300027
Brooklyn, NY 11230

TOTAL RECOMMENDED BID: \$13,862.80

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 Contract between Jamestown Community College and Olean Senior High School for On-Line Connections Program for the 2006-2007 academic school year.

Contract
Between JCC
and OHS for
On-Line
Connections
Program

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 create one (1) 12-month Reading Coordinator position.

Reading
Coordinator
Position Tabled

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by S. Hamed to Table the Motion.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

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	YES
Michiko McElfresh	VOTING	YES

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Tabled

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Fay upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to create four (4) Reading Coach positions.

Four Reading
Coach Positions
Created

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by I. Katzenstein upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to create one (1) Business Teacher position.

One Business
Teacher
Position
Created

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. Fay, seconded by L. Branch upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to hold a Special Board Meeting on May 17, 2006 at 12:00 Noon.

Special Board
Meeting on
May 17, 2006

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Pancio the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Olean High School Spanish Club's request to travel to Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico for the period covering March 31, 2007 through April 7 or 9, 2007.

Spanish Club
Trip To Mexico

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by M. Fay upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to create one (1) part-time Typist position

Part-Time Typist
Position
Created

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. Fay, seconded by G. Pancio upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the retirement resignation of JUDITH VANHOUTTE, OHS Typist, effective June 30, 2006 with deep regret.

Retirement of
Judith
VanHoutte

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by I. Katzenstein upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the retirement resignation of RAYMOND VANHOUTTE, WW Night Cleaner, effective June 30, 2006 with deep regret.

Retirement of
Raymond
VanHoutte

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Fay to approve an addition to Agenda Item 11 New Business – I. Houghton Spring Festival.

Addition to
Agenda

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by S. Hamed to approve the Olean Middle School and Olean High School participation in the Houghton Spring Festival.

OHS/OMS to
Participate in
Houghton
Spring Festival

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by S. Hamed upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint JENNIFER GREENIDGE as a Conditional Substitute 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 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 appointments shall continue.

Jennifer
Greenidge
Appointed As A
Conditional
Substitute
Lifeguard

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Linda Nottingham be appointed as a teacher on special assignment to the position of Reading First Coach, effective for the 2006-2007 school year, at an annual stipend of \$5,000 in addition to her annual salary as outlined in

Linda
Nottingham
Appointed As
Reading First
Coach

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the Agreement between the Olean Teachers' Association and the Board of Education (does not impact tenure and seniority status).

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by M. Fay upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Jennifer Kless be appointed as a teacher on special assignment to the position of Reading First Coach, effective for the 2006-2007 school year, at an annual stipend of \$5,000 in addition to her annual salary as outlined in the Agreement between the Olean Teachers' Association and the Board of Education (does not impact tenure and seniority status).

Jennifer Kless
Appointed As
Reading First
Coach

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 Patricia Howden be appointed as a teacher on special assignment to the position of Reading First Coach, effective for the 2006-2007 school year, at an annual stipend of \$5,000 in addition to her annual salary as outlined in the Agreement between the Olean Teachers' Association and the Board of Education (does not impact tenure and seniority status).

Patricia Howden
Appointed As
Reading First
Coach

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by L. Branch the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Pamela Neary be appointed as a teacher on special assignment to the position of Reading First Coach, effective for the 2006-2007 school year, at an annual stipend of \$5,000 in addition to her annual salary as outlined in the Agreement between the Olean Teachers' Association and the Board of Education (does not impact tenure and seniority status).

Pamela Neary
Appointed As
Reading First
Coach

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. Fay, seconded by L. Branch upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Pamela Stephens be granted tenure as an Elementary Teacher effective September 1, 2006.

Pamela
Stephens
Granted Tenure
As Elementary
Teacher

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. Fay, seconded by L. Branch upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that William Bigley is granted tenure as a Mathematics 7-12 Teacher effective September 1, 2006.

William Bigley
Granted Tenure
As Mathematics
7-12 Teacher

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Fay upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Kristen Konieczny is granted tenure as a Special Education Teacher effective September 1, 2006.

Kristen
Konieczny
Granted Tenure
As Special
Education
Teacher

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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Moved by G. Cross, seconded by G. Pancio upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Joseph Gervase is granted tenure as a Music Teacher effective September 1, 2006.

Joseph Gervase
Granted Tenure
As Music
Teacher

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Fay upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve a Leave of Absence for Jenelle Scanlon, Elementary Teacher at North Hill Elementary School, for the period beginning August 30, 2006 through January 26, 2007.

Jenelle Scanlon
Granted Leave
Of Absence

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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

Committee
Reports

- a. I. Katzenstein presented the April 3, 2006 Finance Committee Report.
- b. M. Fay presented the April 24, 2006 Outreach Committee Report. The next Outreach Committee Meeting will be held May 22, 2006 at 3:00 p.m.
- c. M. Fay presented the Wellness Committee Meeting Report.
- d. L. Branch presented the May 10, 2006 Operation Committee Report.
- e. S. Hamed and M. Martello presented a Code of Conduct Committee update.
- f. I. Katzenstein and M. Martello presented the May 8, 2006 Audit Committee Meeting Report.

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Fay to adjourn from Regular Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss CSE/CPSE recommendations, three (3) personnel issues - 2 regarding potential appointments and 1 regarding a performance matter, a legal matter, and the Reading First Coordinator position at 8:27 p.m.

Executive
Session

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by G. Pancio to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in Regular Session at 9:00 p.m.

Regular
Session

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by S. Hamed to amend the Executive Session Motion to delete the personnel performance item and to add the invitation for Judy Creeden to be in attendance at this executive session.

Amend
Executive
Session
Motion

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Amended

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by S. Hamed to Remove From Table the following Motion:

Reading First
Coordinator

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to create one (1) 12-month Reading Coordinator position.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Removed From Table

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Moved by L. Branch, seconded by S. Hamed to amend the Motion to read:

Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to create one (1) 12 month administrative position of Reading First Coordinator.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Amended

A vote was taken on the amended motion with the following results.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Amended Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of School, to appoint Lynn Corder to the probationary Administrative position of Reading First Coordinator (this is a twelve month position) effective August 1, 2006. This is a three year probationary appointment to commence on August 1, 2006 and to expire on August 1, 2009; AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Mr. Lynn Corder, during the first year of this appointment be paid at the annual salary of \$73,250.

Lynn Corder
Appointed to
Administrative
Position As
Reading First
Coordinator

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. Fay, seconded by I. Katzenstein to nominate Mark Ward for the 2006 Burt P. Flickinger Jr. Award for Leadership and Nonprofit Collaboration.

Mark Ward
Nominated For
Leadership
Award

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by S. Hamed to adjourn from the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

Adjournment
of Meeting

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Mahar
District Clerk

May 16, 2006
JM:dkj