

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

Regular Meeting
October 18, 2005

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, October 18, 2005 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. Gordon Cross 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
Karen Hessney, District Teacher
Diane Ksionzyk, District Teacher-Aide

OTHERS: Louis DiPietro, Olean Times Herald
Jeff Keppel - NEA Representative

OTA COMMENTS

OTA Comments

Karen Hessney informed the Board that the OTA is in preparation for Stephen Shore's November 10, 2005 Workshop On Autism. She additionally stated that the OTA and District are continuing to work on Kelly Service and Health Insurance matters.

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by L. Branch to approve the Meeting Agenda.

Approval of Agenda

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Communica-tions
and Commenda-
tions

Superintendent Ward presented the following Communications and Commendations:

- a. Thank You card from Barbara Klingbeil
- b. Thank You card from Charlene Granger
- c. Thank You card from Beverly Lemon
- d. Thank You card from Mary Lou Peterson
- e. Thank You card from Betsy Cashing
- f. Thank You card from Bernadette Jones
- g. Thank You card from Joseph Mahar
- h. Thank You card from Deanna McCarthy
- i. Laurie Marsfelder, a District teacher at North Hill, was named WGRTV Educator of the Week

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. Information presented regarding Urban Schools focusing on Middle School.
- b. October 28th - No Pre-K in District - staff to be doing Staff Development with Head Start
- c. District will be applying for Reading First Grant Program.
- d. Striving Reader Grant For Students Grade 6-12-Intervention - Grant will be applied for with District working through BOCES.
- e. Kelly Services substitute service update – District and Kelly Services are making progress working out startup issues with bumps in road becoming less and less.
- f. Allegany-Cattaraugus Schools Insurance – meeting to be scheduled with NOVA representative to come to District to discuss issues with teachers. Superintendent Ward informed the Board that he will be on the insurance groups' Cost Containment Committee.
- g. District's Technology Plan ready to be sent to the state for approval.

Consent
Agenda

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by S. Hamed upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

Approval of Minutes

- a. The previous meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 20, 2005.
- b. The Olean City School District Warrant #4 for the 2005-2006 school year dated Wednesday, October 5, 2005:

District
Warrant

General Fund	\$1,825,348.84
Federal Fund	\$228,371.82
Lunch Fund	\$69,616.92
GRAND TOTAL:	<u>\$2,123,337.58</u>

Treasurer's Report

Intra Fund Transfer

- c. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Treasurer's Report dated August-2005 be accepted and placed on file.
- d. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the September-2005 Tax Collector's Report be accepted and placed on file.
- e. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendations reviewed on October 12, 2005 be approved:

CSE
Recommendations

APPROVED	ACKNOWLEDGE	APPROVED	ACKNOWLEDGE
900385728		900209394	
900401976		900323932	
000000534		900325180	
900121559		900142061	
900122679		900043107	
900191139		900280947	

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900191215		900358439	
900420990		900219901	
900336230		900432913	
900166692		900188497	
900073923		900331213	
900365910		900331081	
900244148		900316431	
900206015		900415164	
900433313		900331418	
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CPSE
Recommendations

- f. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, the following CPSE recommendations reviewed on October 12, 2005 be approved:

APPROVED	ACKNOWLEDGE
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Patti Metler Approve
A Medical Leave
Of Absence

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch seconded by G. Cross upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve a Medical Leave of Absence for Patti Metler, Special Education Teacher at Boardmanville, for the period of October 17, 2005 through November 29, 2005.

Sara Rucinski
Approved A Medical
Leave
Of Absence

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by I. Katzenstein upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve a Medical Leave of Absence for Sara Rucinski, Reading Teacher at Washington West Elementary School for the period beginning January 2, 2006 for six (6) weeks.

Kerry Zostant
Approved A Medical
Leave
Of Absence

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded G. Zimmerman upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve a Medical Leave of Absence for Kerry Zostant, Speech Pathologist at East View Elementary School, for the period beginning February 22, 2006 for twelve (12) weeks.

Shana Chudy
Approved A Medical
Leave of Absence

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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Moved by M. Fay, seconded by I. Katzenstein upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve a Medical Leave of Absence for Shana Chudy, AIS Math Teacher at Washington West and East View Elementary Schools, for the period beginning November 28, 2005 for nine (9) weeks.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Jodi Lunn Granted Tenure

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by L. Branch upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Jodi Luhn, Sixth Grade Teacher at the Olean Middle School, be granted tenure as an Elementary Teacher, effective October 25, 2005.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Elizabeth Weber Granted Tenure

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by M. Fay upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Elizabeth Weber, English Teacher at the Olean Middle School, be granted tenure as an English Teacher, effective October 28, 2005.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

John White Granted Tenure

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by L. Branch upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that John White, Building Principal at Boardmanville Elementary School, be granted tenure as an Elementary Principal, effective October 15, 2005.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Penny Lamont Appointed Senior Food Service Helper

Moved by M. Fay, seconded by L. Branch upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Penny Lamont be appointed as a Senior Food Service Helper effective October 19, 2005 (annualized salary of \$10,406.07).

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Gary Cappelletti Appointed Conditional Probationary Computer Support Technician

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by G. Cross upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Gary Cappelletti is appointed as a conditional probationary Computer Support Technician effective October 20, 2005. 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 (annualized probationary salary of \$31,006.80).

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Melissa Blackmon Completes Probationary Period
Debra Taylor Completes Probationary Period

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by L. Branch upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to acknowledge that Melissa Blackmon has completed her probationary period as a part-time Food Service Helper effective September 24, 2005.

Linda Lampack Completes Probationary Period

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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 acknowledge that Debra Taylor has completed her probationary period as a part-time Food Service Helper effective September 27, 2005.

Randy Langdon
Appointed Senior
Class Advisor

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by S. Hamed seconded by G. Zimmerman upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to acknowledge that Linda Lampack has completed her probationary period as a full-time Typist effective September 28, 2005.

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 remove from the table the following September 20, 2005 tabled motion:

Moved by M. Fay, seconded by S. Hamed that upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Randy Langdon as Senior Class Advisor for the 2005-2006 school year at an index/salary of .015 or \$435.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Removed From Table

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Fay upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to amend the motion to substitute the correct index/salary of .025 or \$725.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Amendment to Main Motion Carried

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE AMENDED MOTION

Laurie A. Branch	VOTING		NO
Gordon E. Cross	VOTING		NO
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	

Jennifer Mahar To
Do Administrative
Partnership

Lauren Barbatl To
Do School Counselor
Internship

Ayes 5 Nays 4 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by G. Pancio upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Jennifer Mahar be permitted to do an unpaid "Educational Administrative Internship" through St. Bonaventure University, under the supervision of Nicholas Patrone, effective immediately and ending April 30, 2006.

Kelly Gumtow To Do
School Counselor
Internship

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

OHS French Club to
Travel to Quebec

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City, Canada

Moved by M. Fay, seconded by S. Hamed upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Lauren Barbati is permitted to do an unpaid "School Counselor Internship" through St. Bonaventure University, under the supervision of Michael Howard, effective November 1, 2005 through December 21, 2005 (150 hours).

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by L. Branch upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Kelly Gumtow be permitted to do an unpaid "School Counselor Internship" through St. Bonaventure University, under the supervision of Michael Howard, effective January 2, 2006 through May 15, 2006 (300 hours).

Community Optional Preventive Services Parenting Education Instruction Contract

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Tax Warrant Adjustment

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Zimmerman upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent, to grant permission for the Olean High School French Club to travel to Québec City, Canada for the period of February 2, 2006 through February 6, 2006. Approval is granted with the understanding that all school rules and regulations will be followed and that there will not be any cost to the school district other than for substitute teachers, if needed. The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to make the final decision, based upon his judgment of safety concerns at the time of the scheduled field trip, whether the field trip will occur.

District Building Use Charges

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 approve the "Community Optional Preventive Services Parenting Education Instruction" contract for Services between the Olean City School District and Cattaraugus County for the period of September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2006 under the terms outlines in the enclosed contract.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Abstained 1 Motion Carried

G. Zimmerman stated he is part of Partnership as a County employee.

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by G. Zimmerman upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Olean City School District's 2005-2006 Tax Warrant be adjusted from \$8,534,139.71 to \$8,528,779.79 (a \$5,359.92 reduction which \$1,231.95 will be receivable under the State's STAR reimbursement process and \$326.18 will be borne by the Olean Public Library).

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. Fay, seconded by G. Cross upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to revise the 2005-2006 hourly charge for use of district buildings to be as follows:

Keeping the Lights On After School Proclamation

TIMES WHEN SCHOOL BUILDING IS OPEN FOR SCHOOL FUNCTIONS

For Facilities (excluding Swimming Pool)	No Charge
For Swimming Pool	\$15 PER HOUR

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TIMES WHEN SCHOOL BUILDING IS NOT OPEN FOR SCHOOL FUNCTIONS

For Facilities (excluding Swimming Pool)	\$38 PER HOUR
For Swimming Pool (includes a Lifeguard)	\$71 PER HOUR

OTHER ADDITIONAL CHARGES

AUDITORIUM AIR CONDITIONING	\$60 PER DAY
ALL DISTRICT REQUIRED CLEANUP	\$38 PER HOUR PER EMPLOYEE USED

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by I. Katzenstein upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following proclamation: "Keeping the Lights On After School"

WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Olean and The Olean City School District stand firmly committed to quality after-school programs and opportunities because they:

- Provide safe, challenging, engaging and fun learning experiences to help children and youth develop their social, emotional, physical, cultural and academic skills.
- Support working families by ensuring their children are safe and productive after the regular school day ends.
- Build stronger communities by involving our students, parents, business leaders and adult volunteers in the lives of our young people, thereby promoting positive relationships among children, youth, families and adults.
- Engage families, schools and diverse community partners in advancing the welfare of our children.

WHEREAS, Community School Program's such as Even Start, an after school program for families, Extended School Day, an after school program at each of the elementary school, and 21st Century Oasis at the Olean Middle School, have provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education and well-being of our youth, grounded in the principle that quality after-school programs are key to helping our children become successful adults.

Policy #6211.1
Adopted

WHEREAS, Lights On After-school! a national celebration of after-school programs on October 20, promotes the critical importance of quality after-school programs in the lives of children, their families and their communities.

WHEREAS, more than 28 million children in the U.S. have parents who work outside the home, and 14.3 million children have no place to go after school.

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WHEREAS, many after-school programs across the country are facing funding shortfalls so severe that they are being forced to close their doors and turn off their lights.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Olean City School District Board of Education affirms the designation of October 20, 2005, as "Lights On After-school! Day";

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AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED that the Board enthusiastically endorses Lights On After-school! and commits our Olean City School District to continue our engagement in innovative after-school programs and activities that ensure the lights stay on and the doors stay open for all children after school.

Adjournment of Meeting

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by G. Pancio to adopt Board Policy #6211.1 – RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION OF TEACHING CANDIDATES FOR EMPLOYMENT as presented by BOCES. This policy is to supersede any current School Board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Zimmerman to adjourn from Regular Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss legal issues, OESPA grievances and negotiations at 8:24 p.m.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. Fay, seconded by G. Zimmerman to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in Regular Session at 9:39 p.m.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by G. Cross to adjourn from the meeting at 9:39 p.m.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Mahar
District Clerk

October 18, 2005
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