

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

Regular Meeting  
November 15, 2005

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, November 15, 2005 at 7:31 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. President McElfresh 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 (arrived at 8:13 p.m.)  
Gordon E. Cross  
Mary K. Fay (arrived at 7:53 p.m.)  
Ira Katzenstein  
George Pancio  
Gerald E. Zimmerman (arrived at 7:38 p.m.)

ABSENT: Michael Martello

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Ward, Superintendent  
Joseph Mahar, District Clerk  
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing  
Karen Hessney, District Teacher  
Lori Lewicki, District Teacher  
Diane Scanlon, District Teacher-Aide  
Julie Scull, District Typist  
Ron Shoup, District Teacher

OTHERS: Louis DiPietro, Olean Times Herald  
Jeff Keppel - NEA Representative  
Paul Hessney  
Kevin Perkins  
Michelle Robinson  
6 Others

OTA COMMENTS

OTA Comments

Karen Hessney thanked the Board for the support of last week's Stephen Shore District presentation on autism. She stated that Judy Creeden and the district's teachers are moving ahead on Reading First Grant. She said she is waiting to see the outcome of the ongoing district/community review of elementary schools.

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by G. Cross approve the Meeting Agenda with addition to New Business h.) Amendment to Mark Ward's contract of employment.

Approval of Agenda

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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Superintendent Ward presented the following Communications and Commendations:

Communications and Commendations

- a. Commendations to the following students for their participation in these activities:

**Girls Volleyball – League Champions:**

Katie Boyle, Laura Brook, Nichole Graham, Molly Redden, Stephanie Rockwood, Michelle Spears, Rachel Burrows, Lindsay Cheek, Danielle MacDonald, Jennifer MacDonald, Deb McDowell, Missy Moore, Susan Muse and Jillian Shaffer

**Girls Cross Country – League Champions:** Sarah Rhinehart, Nicole Calbi, Ashley Carlson, Carrie DiRisio, Kathleen Lewicki, Amanda Giermek, Elizabeth Mahar, Callahan McBride, Christa Nianiatu, Ariel Shoemaker, Alicia Stebbins and Brianna Wright.

**Girls' JV Soccer – League Champions:** Cassie Bold, Kaitlee Derx, Susan Goodwin, Kim McFadden, Hannah Penman, Katie Aloj, Abby Bretzin, Angelica Carlson, Brandy Crawford, Justina Derx, Jocelyn Huselstein, Kristen Jedrosko, Samantha Reed, Brittney Lee, Kelly McKeown, Helen Ventura and Lacey Pearl

**Junior High Area All State Chorus:** Christa Nianiatu, Daniel Boutwell, McKenzie Forest, Kaitlin Harvey, Kasey Boutwell and Carleigh Spiller

**Junior High Area All State Band:** JD Olson and John Capitani

**Senior High Area All State Band:** Debbie McDowell

**Senior High Area All State Chorus:** Haleigh VanHoutte, Cara Goodwin, Sherry Steiner, Andrea Baker, Teresa Ross, Tanaka VanDroff, Christine Bartimole, Jocelyn Parks, Lucas Groth, Jacob Carll, Adam Griffith, Emily Sorokes, Allison Brady, Lindsay Cheek and Katie Simon

**Senior High Area All State Orchestra:** Anna Miller

**Conference All State Chorus:** Andrea Baker, Theresa Ross, Sherry Steiner, Haleigh VanHoutte and Lucas Groth

- b. President McElfresh relayed a communication from Fox & Company regarding auditing services.
- c. Superintendent Ward updated the Board on last Thursday evening's Steven Shore presentation on Autism.
- d. District newsletter that is being sent to district parents was presented to the Board.
- e. The next meeting regarding District elementary schools will be held on Wednesday, November 16, 2005 at North Hill.
- f. Reading First Grant continues being worked on by Judy Creeden, Nick Patrone and our District teachers. Grant application must be in Albany by January 6, 2006.
- g. An update on the District's In-School Suspension Program was presented by Superintendent Ward.

G. Zimmerman arrived at 7:38 p.m. during Communications and Commendations announcements.

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Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by I. Katzenstein 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 Work Session held on Wednesday, October 12, 2005, the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, October 18, 2005, and the Special Meeting held on Monday, October 31, 2005.
- b. The Olean City School District Warrant #5 for the 2005-2006 school year dated Friday, November 4, 2005:

Approval of Minutes

District Warrant

General Fund	\$2,065,219.55
Federal Fund	\$189,973.10
Lunch Fund	\$58,124.23
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b><u>\$2,313,316.88</u></b>

- c. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Treasurer's Report dated September-2005 be accepted and placed on file.
- d. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the October-2005 Tax Collector's Report be accepted and placed on file.
- e. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Olean City School District's "2005 Tax Collector's Report on Unpaid Taxes", as prepared by District Tax Collector, Deborah Joseph, be accepted and placed on file in the amount of \$821,302.06.
- f. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept and place on file the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Student Activity Reports from the Olean Middle School and Olean High School.
- g. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that an Intra-fund Transfer List dated November 10, 2005 be approved in the amount of \$728,593.
- h. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendations reviewed on October 12, 2005 be approved:

Treasurer's Report

October 2005 Tax Collectors Report

2005 Tax Collector's Report On Unpaid Taxes

OMS – OHS 1st Quarter Student Activity Reports

Intra Fund Transfer

CSE Recommendations

APPROVED	ACKNOWLEDGE	APPROVED	ACKNOWLEDGE
900414615		900404261	
900414623		900299709	
900393017		900427164	
900410326		900388367	
900121445		900192191	
900259739		900199017	
900349930		900199027	
900126355		900130943	
900243147		900122772	

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900243147		900122772	
900375914		900049975	
900256817		900126489	
900200463		900046400	
900371094		900198679	
900350105		900126506	
900346753			

Ayes   6                        Nays   0                        Motion Carried

M. Fay arrived at 7:53 p.m.

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by G. Cross upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve a Medical Leave of Absence for JoAnne Jones, Special Education Teacher at the Olean Middle School, for the period beginning December 21, 2005 for six to eight weeks.

JoAnne Jones  
Granted Medical  
Leave

Ayes   7                        Nays   0                        Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by M. Fay upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Kara (Wenke) Kosinski, Special Education Teacher at the Olean Middle School, be granted tenure as a Special Education Teacher effective September 1, 2005.

Kara (Wenke)  
Kosinski Granted  
Tenure

Ayes   7                        Nays   0                        Motion Carried

Moved by M. Fay, seconded by S. Hamed upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent, to create one (1) part-time Teacher Aide position.

Creation of (1) Part-  
Time Teacher Aide  
Position

Ayes   7                        Nays   0                        Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by S. Hamed upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Paula Harris be appointed as a Part-time Probationary Teacher Aide, effective November 16, 2005 at an annualized probationary salary of \$10,487.13.

Paula Harris  
Appointed As Part-  
Time Teacher Aide

Ayes   7                        Nays   0                        Motion Carried

Moved by M. Fay, seconded by S. Hamed upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Shirley Wigent be appointed as a Conditional Part-time Probationary Teacher Aide, effective November 28, 2005 at an annualized probationary salary of \$10,487.13. 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 and the effective date of his probationary appointment will become November 28, 2005. The appointee has

Shirley Wigent  
Appointed As  
Conditional Part-  
Time Teacher Aide

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submitted a signed statement for conditional appointment as provided in Section 2503(18)(b)

Ayes 7                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by S. Hamed upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Rosemary Sosnowski is appointed as Conditional Probationary Typist effective December 1, 2005 at an annualized probationary salary of \$16,385.62. 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 and the effective date of his probationary appointment will become December 1, 2005. The appointee has submitted a signed statement for conditional appointment as provided in Section 2503(18)(b)

Rosemary  
Sosnowski  
Appointed As  
Conditional Typist

Ayes 7                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by M. Fay, seconded by I. Katzenstein upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to rescind the July 19, 2005 2005-2006 Extra-Curricular appointment of Terry Burrows – Modified Football Coach at an index/salary of 0.06 or \$1,740 and be it RESOLVED further that upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to appoint Terry Burrows and Philip Vecchio as Co-Coaches – Modified Football at a shared index/salary of 0.06 or \$1,740.

Terry Burrows and  
Philip Vecchio  
Appointed As Co-  
Coaches-Modified  
Football

Ayes 7                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by M. Fay, seconded by S. Hamed upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to appoint Erin Peters as Conditional Modified Wrestling Coach for the 2005-2006 Winter Sports Season at an index/salary of .060 or \$1,740. 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.

Erin Peters  
Appointed as  
Conditional Wrestling  
Coach

Ayes 7                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by I. Katzenstein upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to appoint Erin Weitzel as a Conditional Co-Advisor for Basketball Cheerleading for the 2005-2006 Winter Sports Season at an index/salary of .0225 or \$652.50. 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

Erin Weitzel  
Appointed As  
Conditional  
Co-Advisor for  
Basketball  
Cheerleading

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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.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. Fay, seconded by S. Hamed upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to appoint Amy Vena as a Conditional Co-Advisor for Basketball Cheerleading for the 2005-2006 Winter Sports Season at an index/salary of .0225 or \$652.50. 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.

Amy Vena Appointed  
As a Conditional Co-  
Advisor for  
Basketball  
Cheerleading

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by M. Fay upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to appoint Rintaro Wada to the following Extra-Curricular assignment for the 2005-2006 school year:

Sectional All State – High School Strings at an index/salary of .010 or \$290.

Rintaro Wada  
Appointed Extra-  
Curricular  
Assignment

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. Fay, seconded by S. Hamed upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to appoint Barbara Cooper to the following Extra-Curriculum assignments for the 2005-2006 school year:

Sectional All State – High School Vocal at an index/salary of .010 or \$290,  
NYSSMA County Solo Festival at an index/salary of .010 or \$290,  
NYSSMA State Solo Festival at an index/salary of .010 or \$290,  
All County – High School Vocal at an index/salary of .020 or \$580, and  
School Musical Director at an index/salary .045 or \$1,305.

Barbara Cooper  
Appointed Extra-  
Curricular  
Assignment

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by M. Fay upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to appoint the following as tutors for the 2005-2006 school year: Nanette Higgins, Kay Anzivine, Elizabeth Sevinsky, Kathy Searles and Jeffrey Capitani.

Tutors for the 2005-  
2006 School Year

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by I. Katzenstein upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2005-2006 Safe School (At-Risk Drug and Alcohol Abuse) Program, in connection with the Accord Corporation in Allegany County, effective immediately until June-2006.

2005-2006 Safe  
School Program

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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Moved by G. Cross, seconded by I. Katzenstein upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the AmeriCorps Mentor Program at the Olean Middle and Olean High Schools.

OMS – OHS  
AmeriCorps Mentor  
Program Approved

Ayes 7                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by M. Fay upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools to approve Dominic Russi, Amber Peters, and Erin Godfrey as AmeriCorp Mentors assigned to the Olean Middle and Olean High Schools.

AmeriCorp Mentors  
Assigned to the  
OMS/OHS

Ayes 7                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by M. Fay, seconded by S. Hamed upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Amanda Stromberg be permitted to do an unpaid "School Counselor Internship" through St. Bonaventure University, under the supervision of Cynthia Sinesiou, OMS Counselor, from January-2006 through May-2006.

Amanda Stromberg  
To Do Unpaid  
School Counselor  
Internship

Ayes 7                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by S. Hamed upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the contract between the Olean City School District and Jamestown Community College to provide college experiences for some Olean High School students during the 2005-2006 school year.

Contract Between  
Olean City School  
District and  
Jamestown  
Community College

Ayes 7                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by G. Cross upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Agreement between the Olean City School District and Project Lead the Way, Inc. to provide middle and high school students with pre-engineering curriculum for the period of July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006 automatically renewed for additional contract years, unless a party terminates the agreement by notice to the other party, in writing, no later than April 30<sup>th</sup> preceding the commencement of the next contract year.

Agreement Between  
Olean City School  
District and Project  
Lead the Way, Inc.

Ayes 7                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by M. Fay upon recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to acknowledge the Agreement between the Olean City School District and Syracuse University for Project Advance at Olean High School for college courses in Chemistry.

Agreement Between  
Olean City School  
District and Syracuse  
University for Project  
Advance At OHS

Ayes 7                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by G. Cross to approve and authorize the President of the Olean Board of Education to sign the Agreement on the Amendment to the Contract of Employment of Mark J. Ward as Superintendent of Schools.

Superintendent  
Ward's Contract  
Amended

Ayes 7                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

L. Branch arrived at 8:13 p.m.

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Superintendent Ward informed the Board that the District is continuing to look at concepts for the front of Olean High School including landscaping, lighting, fountains, benches and bricks and benches from alumni contributions.

Discussion Items

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by S. Hamed to adjourn from Regular Session and convene in Executive Session at 8:14 p.m. to discuss the following items:

Executive Session

1. Individual personnel matter
2. Grievances
3. Negotiations

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Pancio to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in Regular Session at 8:58 p.m.

Regular Session

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by S. Hamed to adjourn from the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Adjournment of Meeting

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Mahar  
District Clerk

November 15, 2005  
JM:dkj