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

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.

Ayes ___5___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

OTA Comments

Approval of Agenda
Superintendent Ward presented the following 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 Nianiatus, Ariel Shoemaker, Alicia Stebbins and Brianna Wright.
   **Girls’ JV Soccer – League Champions:** Cassie Bold, Kaitlee Derx, Susan Goodwin, Kim McFadden, Hannah Penman, Katie Aloi, Abby Bretzin, Angelica Carlson, Brandy Crawford, Justina Derx, Jocelyn Huselstein, Kristen Jedrosko, Samantha Reed, Brittney Lee, Kelly McKeown, Helen Ventura and Lacee Pearl
   **Junior High Area All State Chorus:** Christa Nianiatus, 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 Creedon, 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.
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:

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:

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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 1st 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:

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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
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)

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.

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.

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
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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 approve the AmeriCorps Mentor Program at the Olean Middle and Olean High Schools.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

OMS – OHS
AmeriCorps Mentor Program Approved

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.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

OMS/OHS
AmeriCorp Mentors Assigned to the OMS/OHS

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.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Amanda Stromberg
To Do Unpaid School Counselor Internship

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.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Contract Between Olean City School District and Jamestown Community College

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by G. Cross upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, 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 30th preceding the commencement of the next contract year.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

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

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.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

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

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.

Ayes 7  Nays 0  Motion Carried

Superintendent Ward’s Contract Amended

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

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:
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.

Ayes __8__ Nays __0__ Motion Carried

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

Ayes __8__ Nays __0__ Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Mahar
District Clerk

November 15, 2005
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