

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

Special Meeting
April 4, 2006

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at 6:31 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 Michiko 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 Zimmerman

STAFF PRESENT: Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools
Joseph Mahar, District Clerk/Business Manager
Karen Hessney, District Teacher

OTHERS: Nick Pircio, WHDL Radio

OTA COMMENTS

OTA Comments

Karen Hessney addressed the Board of Education stating that she is excited about The District receiving the Reading First Grant.

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by M. Fay to amend the Agenda with the following changes and additions:

Amended
Agenda

1. Addition of the following under Item 11. New Business:
 - d. Internal Auditor Services.
 - e. District Foundation Renovations
 - f. District endorsement of the Olean City School District Foundation to raise funds to assist the District with the OHS front façade renovations and improvements.
2. Addition to Item 14. Executive Session to include Superintendent evaluation.

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by I. Katzenstein upon the recommendation of Mark Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:

Consent
Agenda

- a. The previous meeting minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting at the Work Session on March 15, 2006 and the Regular Meeting on March 21, 2006.

Minutes
Approved

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- b. The Olean City School District Warrant #9 for the 2005-2006 school year dated Friday, March 31, 2006:

District Warrant

General Fund \$1,641,933.35

Federal Fund \$ 265,655.99

Lunch Fund \$ 56,036.39

GRAND TOTAL: \$1,963,625.73

- c. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Treasurer's Report dated February-2006 be accepted and placed on file.

Treasurer's Report

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Communications, Commendations

Communications and Commendations

- a. Michelle Spears (OHS Senior) was chosen as the Channel 4 Scholar Athlete for February.
- b. Reading First (a three year grant) Kickoff Meeting held today with approximately 100 teachers present.
- c. District is working on Summer Star Program development.
- d. District will be conducting a telephone survey of 2004-2005 graduates.
- e. Letter from YMCA confirming the cessation of the District/YMCA contract for District swimming pool operations.
- f. Buffalo Philharmonic to be in District for 3 days in the Fall to provide music instruction/performances for our students.
- g. Olean Elementary Transition Team March/April 2006 Report presented.

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept with deep regret and appreciation, the retirement resignation of Theresia Wiltse, Typist at East View Elementary School, effective July 7, 2006.

Resignation Of Theresia Wiltse

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by M. Fay upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Emily DeFazio and Jennifer Crawford to the CPSE Committee for Annual Reviews.

Emily DeFazio and Jennifer Crawford Appointed to CPSE Committee

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. Fay, seconded by L. Branch upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Elizabeth Derx as a part-time conditional probationary substitute for Speech at the rate of \$100 per diem, effective May 15 to June 30, 2006.

Elizabeth Derx Appointed As Conditional Substitute For Speech

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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 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by I. Katzenstein upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the 2006-2007 Olean City School District Budget be adopted for presentation to district voters for approval in the amount of \$30,831.867.

2006-2007
Budget
Approved

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by G. Pancio to amend the Motion to read: Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the 2006-2007 Olean City School District Budget be adopted for presentation to district voters for approval in the amount of \$30,831.867 with the following changes: to increase Budget Code A 2110.200.00.2022-Musical Equipment by \$10,000 and to decrease Budget Code A 9060.800.00.2000- Employee Benefits Insurance Account by \$10,000.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN:

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

Ayes 6 Nays 3 Motion To Amend Carried

A vote was taken on the Amended Motion with the following results.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Amended Motion Carried

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by G. Cross upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the OMS Whale Watch Club's request to travel to Boston, MA from May 4, 2006 through May 6, 2006.

OMS Whale
Watch Club to
Travel to
Boston

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 modify the 2005-2006 school calendar as follows:

1. May 9, 2006 – ½ Day (State Required Emergency “Early Go-Home Drill” for Students ONLY)
2. (Dismissal at 11:30 a.m.)
3. June 20, 2006 – ½ Day (Elementary ONLY)
4. June 21, 2006 – ½ Day (Elementary ONLY) Last Day for Elementary Students
5. June 22 & June 23, 2006 – Staff Development

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

2005-2006
School
Calendar
Modified

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by G. Pancio upon the recommendation of the District Audit Committee that the Olean City School District accept Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro, P.C.’s proposal to provide the District with Internal Auditor Services, and to appoint Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro, P.C. as the District’s Internal Auditor for the period from May 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Internal Auditor
Service

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by S. Hamed upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Olean Board of Education approve the presented design concept to renovate the front facade, grounds and fountain area of the Olean High School building; and authorizes and instructs the Superintendent of Schools to proceed with work necessary to accomplish these renovations and improvements while continuing to cooperatively work with the Olean City School District Foundation to provide funding to offset the cost of this project.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Renovations for
OHS Grounds

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by G. Pancio upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to thank and endorse the Olean City School District Foundation in its efforts to raise the funds to assist the Olean City School District in the renovation and improvement to the front facade, grounds, and fountain of the Olean High School Building.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

District
Foundation to
Raise Funds
For Renovations

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by G. Cross to go into Executive Session at 7:23 p.m. for discussion of a personnel matter regarding a specific employee performance and discipline, CSE/CPSE recommendations and Superintendent’s evaluation.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Executive
Session

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by I. Katzenstein to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in Special Session at 7:31 p.m.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Special
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Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by G. Zimmerman to approve the following CPSE recommendations:

CPSE
Recommendations

APPROVED	ACKNOWLEDGE	APPROVED	ACKNOWLEDGE
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000000645		000000662	

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Zimmerman adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. in appreciation to Gerald Zimmerman for his years of dedicated service as a member of the Olean City School Board of Education.

Adjournment
Of Meeting

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Mahar
District Clerk

April 4, 2006
JM:dkj