The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Monday, August 29, 2005 at 12:00 noon 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 in memory of Tyler Biehler. 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  
Gordon E. Cross  
Mary K. Fay  
Steven H. Hamed  
Ira Katzenstein  
Michael Martello  
George Pancio  
Gerald Zimmerman (Arrived at 12:03 p.m.)

**STAFF PRESENT:**
Joseph Mahar, District Clerk/Business Manager  
Karen Hessney, District Teacher

**OTHERS:**
Nick Pircio, WHDL Radio

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by I. Katzenstein to adjourn from Special Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss candidate appointments at 12:03 p.m.  

Ayes **8**  
Nays **0**  
Motion Carried

G. Zimmerman arrived during Executive Session at 12:03 p.m.

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by G. Zimmerman to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in Special Session at 12:13 p.m.  

Ayes **9**  
Nays **0**  
Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Fay upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that JANEEN BERGAN is granted a conditional three year-probationary appointment in the English Language Arts (Grades 7-12) tenure area effective August 31, 2005. 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; in that event, the probationary service shall end on August 31, 2008. The appointee is certified in the English Language Arts (Grades 7-12) certification area and has submitted a signed statement for conditional
appointment as provided in Section 2503(18)(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that JANEEN BERGAN during her first year of this appointment, be paid at the annual salary as outlined in the Agreement between the Olean Teachers' Association and the Board of Education for a teacher on Step 1 or as outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement ($35,500).

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by M. Fay upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that LAURIE MARSFELDER is granted a conditional two year-probationary appointment in the Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) tenure area effective August 31, 2005. 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; in that event, the probationary service shall end on August 31, 2007. The appointee is certified in the Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) certification area and has submitted a signed statement for conditional appointment as provided in Section 2503(18)(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that LAURIE MARSFELDER during her first year of this appointment, be paid at the annual salary as outlined in the Agreement between The Olean Teachers' Association and the Board of Education for a teacher on Step 5 with a Master’s Degree and 30 graduate hours or as outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement ($40,061).

Ayes ___9___  Nays ___0___  Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Zimmerman upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that DANNY BROOKS, JR. is granted a conditional two year-probationary appointment in the Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) tenure area effective August 31, 2005. 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; in that event, the probationary service shall end on August 31, 2007. The appointee is certified in the Childhood Education (Grades 1-6) certification area and has submitted a signed statement for conditional appointment as provided in Section 2503(18)(b).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DANNY BROOKS, JR. during his first year of this appointment, be paid at the annual salary as outlined in the Agreement between The Olean Teachers' Association and the Board of Education for a teacher on Step 5 with 27 graduate hours or as outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement ($39,020).

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 CHRISTYNE GAYLOR to the position of Long-Term Substitute (Special Education Teacher) effective August 31, 2005 through June 30, 2006 at a salary of $35,500.

Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0__  Motion Carried

Christyne Gaylor
Appointed As Special Education Long-Term Substitute

Moved G. Cross, seconded by G. Zimmerman upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools that MONIKA HARRIS be appointed as a probationary part-time School Nurse effective September 1, 2005 at an annualized probationary salary of $11,834.76.

Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0__  Motion Carried

Monika Harris
Appointed as Part-Time School Nurse

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by S. Hamed upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that DOROTHY FARRINGTON be appointed a probationary part-time Teacher Aide effective August 31, 2005, at an annualized probationary salary of $5,611.47.

Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0__  Motion Carried

Dorothy Farrington
Appointed As Part-Time Teacher Aide

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by G. Zimmerman upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that RICHARD EUSTIS III be appointed as a probationary full-time Teacher Aide effective August 31, 2005, at an annualized probationary salary of $13,678.87.

Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0__  Motion Carried

Richard Eustis III
Appointed as Full Time Teacher Aide

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by L. Branch that upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve Policy #7214 – “Phase in Graduation Standard of 65 on Required Regents Examinations”.

Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0__  Motion Carried

Policy #7214 Approved

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross that upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve Policy #7223 – “Student Evaluation and Grading”.

Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0__  Motion Carried

Policy #7223 Approved

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by L. Branch upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that one (1) part-time Teacher Aide position be created effective August 31, 2005.

Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0__  Motion Carried

Creation of Part-Time Teacher Aide Position

Moved by M. Fay, seconded by L. Branch upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that one (1) Lead Nurse position be created effective August 31, 2005.

Ayes ___9__  Nays ___0__  Motion Carried

Creation of Lead Nurse Position

Tabled
Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by G. Pancio to Table The Motion.

Ayes ___9___ Nays ___0___ Motion Tabled

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by M. Fay upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the St. Mary’s School for the Deaf Transportation bid for 2005-2006 transportation services be awarded to Carrier Coach, Inc., 101 S. 19th Street, Olean, NY in the amount of $300/day for one student or $360/day for two students.

Ayes ___9___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by M. Fay upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to allow free admission charge for all Olean City School District inter-scholastic athletic events.

Ayes ___9___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Informational Items provided to the Board of Education included:

a. District Open Houses for 2005-2006 ... all begin at 6:45 p.m.
   9/19/05 OHS Orientation
   9/22/05 WW
   9/26/05 NH
   9/28/05 EV
   9/28/05 BV
   9/29/05 OMS
   10/13/05 IJN

b. Alle-Catt School Board Association ... Fall Meeting at Moonwink’s in Cuba, NY Monday, September 29, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. Speaker ... Tim Kremer, Executive Director NYSSBA. President McElfresh informed the Board that Mary Fay is the District’s Alle-Catt School Board Association’s delegate and Gerald Zimmerman is the alternate.

Moved by G. Zimmerman, seconded by I. Katzenstein to adjourn from Special Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss CPSE recommendations at 12:38 p.m.

Ayes ___9___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

G. Zimmerman left meeting at 12:42 p.m.

Moved S. Hamed, seconded by M. Fay to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in Special Session at 1:08 p.m.

Ayes ___8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried
Moved by L. Branch, seconded by S. Hamed to approve the following CPSE recommendations:

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Ayes __7__  Nays __0__  Abstained __1__  Motion Carried  (G. Pancio)

Moved by M. Martello, seconded by L. Branch to adjourn the meeting at 1:11 p.m.  

Ayes __8__  Nays __0__  Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Mahar  
District Clerk

August 29, 2005  
JM:dkj