

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

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 6:35 p.m., in person in the Board Room of the Olean High School located at 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by Julio Fuentes, President, with a moment of silent prayer or personal reflection. The Board of Education recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Julio Fuentes, President
Ricky Bee
Daniel Farnham
Mary Hirsch-Schena (arrived at 6:37 pm)
Kevin Stevens

Absent: Kelly Keller, Vice President (excused)
Lee Filbert (excused)
Ira Katzenstein (excused)
Alan Peters

Student Board Ava Smith
Members: Heartly Phipps - Excused

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Genelle Morris, Superintendent of Schools
Jenny Bilotta, Business Administrator
Dr. Michael Irizarry, Assistant Superintendent of Academic Services
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk
Mike Martel, Director of Technology
Laura Hodara, East View Principal
Jennifer Palaszynska-Mellott, OHS Assistant Principal
Katie Wolfgang, Teacher

OTHERS: Anna Wolfgang
Courtney Lasher
Simon Welka
Scott Welka
Ellie Lothridge
Austin Burdick
Tiffany Campbell
Dean Campbell
Maddison Hitchcock
Kai Bundgaard
Trevor Crouch

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Commendations

a. NYSSBA Board Excellence Recognition - Julio Fuentes - Level 1; Kelly Keller - Level 2

Communications/
Commendations

Public Comments:

None

Public Comments

Mary Hirsch-Schena arrived.

Discussion Items:

- a. 8th Grade Washington Club Trip to Washington, DC – presentation by Katie Wolfgang
- b. 2024-2025 Code of Conduct Revisions – presented by Jennifer Palaszynska-Mellott
- c. Policies - 2nd Reading
 - Policy #8240 - Instruction in Certain Subjects
 - Policy #8242 - Civility, Citizenship and Character Education
 - Policy #7512- Student Physicals
 - Policy #7514 - Student Health Records

Discussion Items

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by R. Bee, upon the recommendation of Dr. Genelle Morris, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the agenda.

Agenda Approved

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Board Report:

Thank you to the May 21st budget vote/board election voters, volunteers, workers; congratulations to the newly elected board members

Board Report

Superintendent Report:

- a. Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra performance
- b. WW & EV Spring Concerts
- c. Special Ed Prom
- d. Parade of Graduates
- e. Exceptional Track & Field Day
- f. Law Enforcement Job Fair Day
- g. Thank you to student board members Ava Smith and Heartly Phipps;

Superintendent
Report

Student Member Report:

- a. Prom Update
- b. SAC Election

Student Member
Report

Committee Reports:

Operations – May 13
Buildings and Grounds – May 14
Audit/Finance – May 16

Committee Reports

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by R. Bee, upon the recommendation of Dr. Genelle Morris, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:

Consent Agenda

The Treasurer's Reports dated April 30, 2024, be accepted and placed on file.

The Warrant Report for April 2024 be accepted and placed on file.

The Internal Claims Auditor Exception Report for the period covering month ending April 30, 2024, be accepted and placed on file.

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The April 30, 2024, Intra-fund Transfer listing in the amount of \$5866.20 be accepted/approved and placed on file.

That the CSE recommendations reviewed on May 22nd be approved.

2023-2024

908002738	908002371	908004061	908002664	908004865
908000826	908004259	908004246	908003418	908004267
908000659	908004602	908000604	908003686	908001655
908003993	908002545	908005237	908004813	908002003
908002513	908002397	908002366	908003703	908000847
900457923	908003463	908002183		

That the CPSE recommendations reviewed on May 22nd be approved.

2023-2024

908004937	908004925	908004952	908005245	908005071
908005142	908005003	908005069		

2024-2025

908004904	908005245	908005212
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That the CPSE to CSE recommendations reviewed on May 22nd be approved.

2024-2025

908004937	908004925	90800952	908005003	908005069
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Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by R. Bee, seconded by K. Stevens, upon the recommendation of Dr. Genelle Morris, Superintendent of Schools, that the following Annual Election Certification Resolution be adopted, to wit.

Budget Vote/ Board
Election Adopted

WHEREAS, the Annual City School District Election of the City School District of the City of Olean, Cattaraugus County, New York, was duly called, held and conducted on May 21, 2024, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, for the purpose of voting by voting machine for the election of Trustees and Proposition(s) set forth in the notice of such election adopted, March 12, 2024, and

WHEREAS subdivision 4 of Section 2610 of the Education Law provides that the Board of Education of a City School District shall meet at the Olean High School Board Room, 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY at 6:30 p.m. on the day following such election for the purpose of examining and tabulating the statements of the result of the election in the several election districts, to canvass the returns as contained in such statements, to determine the number of votes cast for each proposition in each election district, and to

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declare the result of such canvass; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education has duly examined the statements of the result of said annual election held May 21, 2024, as aforesaid, in each of the school election districts of said City School District,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Olean, Cattaraugus County, New York as follows:

Section 1: From a canvass of the returns as contained in such statement of the result of the annual City School District election of the city school referred to in preambles thereof, it is hereby found and determined that the number of voters casting votes submitted at such annual election in the several school district as follows:

Total No. of Voters Casting Votes:

Table 1 (A-G) 176

Table 2 (H-P) 164

Table 3 (Q-Z) 120

Total 460

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – 2024-2025 Basic Budget

YES 319

NO 127

PROPOSITION NO. 1 PASSED

BOARD OF DIRECTORS TRUSTEES -
VOTE FOR TWO

Alan J. Peters Votes: 201

Rene E. Hauser Votes: 273

Elizabeth M. Burrows Votes: 363

Write-In:

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the election of members of the Board of Education was held to fill two (2) at-large positions on the Board, created by the expiration of the terms of Ira Katzenstein and Alan Peters. The two candidates who received the most votes are elected to five (5) year terms commencing on July 1, 2024, and terminating on June 30, 2029. It is hereby determined that the duly qualified voters at said annual election have hereby elected Elizabeth M. Burrows and Rene E. Hauser to the Board of the Olean City School District for five (5) year terms.

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by R. Bee, seconded by D. Farnham, RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Olean City School District hereby nominates Ira Katzenstein of the Olean City School District Board of Education for the Everett R. Dyer Award for Distinguished School Board Service.

Ira Katzenstein
Nominated for
Everett R. Dyer
Award

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by D. Farnham, seconded by M. Hirsch-Schena, upon the recommendation of Dr. Genelle Morris, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the OESPA MOA 24-25 School Nurse Summer Stipend.

OESPA MOA
School Nurse
Summer Stipend
Approved

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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Moved by R. Bee, seconded by D. Farnham, upon the recommendation of Dr. Genelle Morris, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the professional architectural/engineering services per the attached Request for Proposal.

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Young & Wright
Architectural
Proposal for
Architectural/
Engineering
Services Accepted

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by K. Stevens, upon the recommendation of Dr. Genelle Morris, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the proposal from Campus Construction Management Group for additional construction management services for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project, not to exceed \$30,000.00.

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Campus
Construction
Management Group
Proposal for
Additional
Construction
Management
Services

Moved by D. Farnham, seconded by M. Hirsch-Schena, upon the recommendation of Dr. Genelle Morris, Superintendent of Schools, to approve Jon Hamed, Brian McClellan and Maggie Tingley as unpaid school volunteers for Olean Intermediate Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year.

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion Carried

School Volunteers
Approved

Moved by K. Stevens, seconded by M. Hirsch-Schena, upon the recommendation of Dr. Genelle Morris, Superintendent of Schools, to create one (1) Confidential Managerial Marketing, Brand, and Communications Specialist position, full-time, 12-month, 7.5 hours per day, for the 2024-2025 school year.

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Marketing, Brand,
and
Communications
Specialist Position
Created

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by R. Bee, upon the recommendation of Dr. Genelle Morris, Superintendent of Schools, to create the following clubs for the 2024-2025 school year:

Diversity Club (grades 8 - 12)
Table Top Club (grades 8 - 12)
Soap Box Derby Club (grades 8 - 12)

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Diversity Club, Table
Top Club and Soap
Box Derby Club
Created

Moved by D. Farnham, seconded by K. Stevens, upon the recommendation of Dr. Genelle Morris, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following school policies. These policies are to supersede any current School Board Policies regarding the same matter.

Policy #8240 - Instruction in Certain Subjects
Policy #8242 - Civility, Citizenship and Character Education
Policy #7512- Student Physicals
Policy #7514 - Student Health Records

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Policies Adopted

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Personnel – Item A

Personnel Items

Resignations:								
Last Name	First Name	Position	Effective				Comments	
George	Michelle	School Nurse (RN)	6/6/2024					
Abdo	Donna	Teacher Aide	7/1/2024				Purposes of Retirement	
Leave of Absence:								
Last Name	First Name	Position	Effective				Comments	
Certified/Classified Appointments:								
Last Name	First Name	Position	Effective	Hrs	Salary/Wages	Replacing	Certification Information	Building
Witter	Kathryn	Keyboard Specialist 12-month	5/15/2024	7.5	\$16.98	Misty Haynoski	Provisional	East View
Ramsey	Victoria	Keyboard Specialist 11-month	5/13/2024	7.5	\$16.98	Nancy Booth-Reed	Provisional	High School
Klimczyk	Sharon	Keyboard Specialist 12-month	5/28/2024	7.5	\$16.98	Amy Baer-Weis	Provisional	High School - Technology
Last Name	First Name	Position	Effective	Hours	Salary/Wages	Replacing	Certification Information	Tenure Area/Date
Campbell	Tiffany	Special Education Teacher	7/1/2024		Step 5	Kristen Sikora	Certification in Progress	Non-Probationary Appointment to the Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher position effective July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025. Employee shall be paid at the annual salary as outlined in the OTA

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								Collective Bargaining Agreement.
Lasher	Courtney	Special Education Teacher	7/1/2024		Step 14	New Position - EV	Certification - Students with Disabilities (Grades 1 - 6) Professional	Probationary Appointment to the Special Education Tenure Area; 7/1/24 - 6/30/27; eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on the employee receiving APPR ratings of Effective or Highly Effective in 3 of the 4 preceding years and no Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year. The teacher previously received tenure and has demonstrated that they will receive an APPR rating in their last year of service in that district.

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by D. Farnham, upon the recommendation of Dr. Genelle Morris, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education approves the Personnel Action Items listed in Personnel Item A.

Personnel Action Items Approved

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Introduction of New Staff:
Tiffany Campbell
Courtney Lasher

Informational Items:

Retiring Staff Reception - Tuesday, June 4th at 5:00 pm in the high school cafeteria
Board Meeting - Tuesday, June 4th at 6:30 pm
School Health Team - Wednesday, June 6th at 3:15 pm
Operations Committee - Monday, June 10th at 4:30 pm
Buildings and Grounds Committee - Tuesday, June 18th at 4:30 pm
Audit/Finance Committee - Thursday, June 20th at 4:00 pm

Informational Items

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Graduation - Saturday, June 22nd at 11:00 am
Board Meeting - Tuesday, June 25th at 6:30 pm
Board Meeting - Tuesday, June 25th at 6:30 pm

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by R. Bee, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and enter Executive session at 7:37 pm to discuss collective negotiations, superintendent evaluation.

Executive Session

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by K. Stevens, seconded by D. Farnham, to adjourn from Executive Session at 9:21 pm and reconvene to the Regular Meeting.

Reconvene to
Regular Meeting

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved R. Bee, seconded by K. Stevens, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting at 9:22 pm.

Adjournment

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

May 28, 2024