

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

Regular Meeting
May 1, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, May 1, 2012, at 6:55 p.m. at the Olean High School Auditorium, located at 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by Eric Garvin, President of Board, with a moment of silent prayer or a moment of personal reflection. Ira Katzenstein led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT:

Eric Garvin, President
Ira Katzenstein, Vice President
John Bartimole
Laurie Branch
Dan Harris
Paul Knieser
Michael Martello

ABSENT:

Gordon E. Cross
James Padlo

STAFF PRESENT:

Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools
Kathleen Elser, Business Administrator
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel
Gerald Trietley, OMS Principal
Tim Houseknecht, OMS Principal
Jen Mahar, District Coordinator of State and Federal Aid Programs
Cso Woodworth, Technology Administrator
Linda Nottingham, IJN Principal
Marcie Richmond, Director of Special Education
John White, BV Principal
David Olson, EV Principal
Joel Whitcher, WW Principal
Barb Lias, HS Principal
Pam Neary, District Teacher
David Lasky, District Teacher
Karen Woodring, District Teacher
Kellie O'Brien, District Teacher
Bernadette Martin, District Teacher
Sheila Jackson, District Teacher
Jan Rhody, District Teacher
Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

OTHERS:

Dee Bunk-Hatch, Olean Times Herald
Nick Pircio, WHDL
Molly Martinelli
Dennis Martinelli
Clay Titis
Bryan Bowen
Earl McElfresh
Michiko McElfresh
Kimberly LaMendola
Chris Chapman
Richard Frost
Mindy McCarthy
Jennifer Wyant
Mike Marvin
Julia McAndrew
Amy Giachetti
Denise Renaud

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Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Bartimole, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda.

Agenda
Approval

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

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Dave Lasky, 930 Crown Street, Olean, NY – as President of the Olean Teachers' Association he noted that the Olean City School District's per pupil cost for education is less than districts of similar size. Mr. Lasky stated that the fiscal responsibility of the Board of Education is commendable; however, he does not feel as though the decision in regard to "how to spend the extra funding" was not correct. Dave pointed out the programs to be cut, the positions to be lost, and feels the time to spend the money is now rather than putting it into reserve funds. The board could have opted to raise the taxes by 3.12% and remain within the tax levy limit, however, it opted to levy at 2% - it opted to cut and/or reduce programs, and lay off staff.

Eric Garvin noted that the Board could have raised taxes by 3.12%, however, the community has heard 2%, 2%, 2% - the formula used to calculate the allowable tax levy is confusing. The board could have opted to use the additional aid to save positions, however, it will only compound the 2013-2014 school year's budget deficit.

Jennifer Wyant, 326 N. 11st Street – noted that staff positions will be cut, programs will be cut, however, recommendations from the feasibility study, such as the cutting the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds and the Director of Personnel have not been done. Eliminating these two positions would save a few teacher positions. The District opted to keep Administrators positions, however, it is eliminating an RN position and keeping LPN. Who is going to deal with students that have serious and or critical issues. An RN would have to leave her position at one school to go to another school to access a bump on a child's head, etc. Administration will be reduced by 14%. RNs will be reduced by 43%, however, we still have the same number of students. She questioned whether or not staff was informed at the time contracts were being negotiated that they could make choices to help the deficit. Who turned the OCSD into the titanic? Who is to blame? It seems the blame is put on State Education, however, the deficit did not occur overnight. She sees it as fiscal responsibility – it is/was the board's responsibility as elected officials to fight for our kids. Jennifer noted that cuts could be made in the attendance office. Phone calls used to be made when a student was not in school – now the calls are being made by an automated system. Teachers are sending class notes home with students – what happened to students taking their own notes – if they did this, perhaps the graduation rate would be higher than 67%.

Eric Garvin noted that bargaining units were asked to make concessions. The Administrator unit has agreed to concessions. In regard to the RN issue, LPN can administer care under the direct supervision of an RN that is within of distance of 15 minutes. Two administrative positions will be eliminated at the end of the school year. One administrator opted to retire early.

Tim Houseknecht, 417 York Street – reported that his administrative position is one that is being eliminated. He is tired of hearing Administrators blamed for pay/waste. Administrator come in at 7 am and are usually there until 6 pm. He has had the pleasure of working with one of the best Administrators, Jerry Trietley, MS Principal. He noted that the public should be thankful for the dedicated people running the schools. He is thankful for the opportunity that has been given to him during his employment with the District.

Mike Marvin, 120 S. 8th Street – noted that he is disappointed that the board opted not to increase taxes by 3.12%. If the budget vote failed, the board could have then gone back out for a 2:5 tax increase. Mike noted that the District has some outstanding administrator. With the closing of two schools, the restructuring, the staff and student transitions, etc., it was a wise decision to keep the administrator for the upcoming school year

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Question – could the additional state aid received been used as a retirement incentive? How many teachers retired this year?

Eric Garvin noted that two teachers will be retiring at the end of the school so far. Over the past four years retirement incentives have been offered. The last retirement incentive was two year rolling and employees had to retire if they were eligible. A retirement incentive is not intended nor should it be perceived as a parting gift.

Communication, Commendations:

Commendation

- a. The following students are named April's Harold Dutton Student of the Month Award
 Recipients: Abraham Knieser nominated by Mr. Wada; Brandon Murphy and Amanda Peters nominated by Mrs. Rakus; Samantha Terhaar nominated by Mrs. Lias.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent's Report

- a. Preschoolers visit to the Quick Arts Center; Walking DBQs
 b. Application submitted to NYSSBA for OCSD students to perform at the annual convention
 c. Thank you to Mrs. Skrobacz class for military guest speaker
 d. Budget newsletter – error in Dr. Taggerty's article – the March 6th date should have been February 16th
 e. Graduation Rate – presentation/discussion – Barb Lias
 f. Changes from SED regarding APPR – Review Room
 g. NYSCOSS Task Force meeting – Albany

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:

Consent Agenda

- a. The previous meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 3, 2012, April 17, 2012, Special Meetings held on April 24, 2012 and the revised meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 3, 2012.
- b. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CPSE recommendation reviewed on May 1st be approved:

APPROVED	APPROVED	APPROVED	APPROVED
908000814	908000615	908000826	908000828
908000489	100130001	093130003	900457886
101610000	900457803	900457890	900457782

- c. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CPSE moved to CSE recommendation reviewed on May 1st be approved:

APPROVED	APPROVED	APPROVED	APPROVED
100130001	093130003	900457886	101610000
900457782			

- d. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendation reviewed on May 1st be approved:

APPROVED	APPROVED	APPROVED	APPROVED
908000525	900385546	092580003	082540002
900447849	900401163	900455907	900456444
900457875	091310000	083190000	900299709
900198139	100690000	082060002	092450004
900393590	900406566	900410326	900400605
908000798	900397867	092790012	900455341

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093450001	090650001	093130001	900455882
900453022			

- e. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the attached list Non-Conditional Substitute(s).

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by P. Knieser, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution:

SEQRA
Resolution
Adopted

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT
RESOLUTION OF THE
OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGARDING THE PROPOSED CONVEYANCE
OF DISTRICT PROPERTY

WHEREAS, Olean City School District (the "District") has allowed, through an easement, its neighboring business entity to use a portion of the District's Central Receiving building site located at 402 North Seventh Street as a driveway; and

WHEREAS, the neighboring business desires a wider, more usable driveway and wishes to purchase a rectangular area of land, approximately 25 feet by 200 feet, which includes the existing driveway as well as several additional feet in width in order to relocate the existing chain link fence and sidewalk and to widen the driveway to its business (the "property strip"); and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that the sale of the property strip which is mostly paved or concrete, and includes a fence and a sidewalk which will be relocated to the new property boundary, to a neighboring commercial entity is in the best interest of the District and will allow its neighbor better access due to a wider driveway; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA") and the policy of the New York State Education Department, the District is the lead agency to review its directly undertaken "Unlisted" action of selling the property strip, and the District has completed an Environmental Assessment Form ("EAF") regarding the proposed action; and

WHEREAS, the District has considered the sale of the property and relocation / replacement of the fence and sidewalk and reviewed the EAF and the criteria set forth in SEQRA in order to determine whether the action will have a significant adverse impact on the environment; and

NOW THEREFORE, based on such consideration and review, the Board of the District hereby resolves that the sale of a rectangular area of land, approximately 25 feet by 200 feet, which is a portion of the District's property located at 402 North Seventh Street to its commercial neighbor to allow the neighbor to have a wider, more usable driveway will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared for the reasons more particularly set forth in the Negative Declaration attached hereto and made a part hereof, and, in accordance with SEQRA, hereby adopts such Negative Declaration.

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by D. Harris, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution:

Contract of Sale
- Mazza

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RESOLVED THAT, that the Board of Education of the Olean City School District hereby (a) ratifies the approval of that certain Contract of Sale, by and between this District and Mazza Mechanical Services, Inc. (the "Contract"), for the sale of property comprised of an approximately 25 feet by 200 feet rectangular strip of property located on the northwest border of a District parcel located at 402 North Seventh Street (the "Property"), subject to the conditions set forth in such Contract and subject to such additional changes as recommended by the District's legal counsel; (b) ratifies and reaffirms the Board's resolution authorizing the sale of the Property and the placement of the proposition regarding the sale of the Property on the ballot at the annual school district vote to be held May 15, 2012; and (c) instructs the Superintendent and other appropriate District officials to proceed with the implementation of all steps reasonably necessary and appropriate to allow for the District to complete its performance of the Contract.

Mechanical
Services, Inc.
Adopted

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Abstain 1 Motion Carried
(E. Garvin)

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by P. Knieser, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to amend the permission granted to Caitlyn Mihalic to do a one-year Psychology Internship, through the University of Buffalo, under the supervision of Maura Whitcomb, School Psychologist, beginning August 28, 2012 through June 30, 2013 at an annual stipend of \$18,000.

Caitlyn Mihalic
Granted
Internship

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve Olean Middle School's Whale Watch Club's Over Night Field Trip to Boston, Massachusetts from May 9, 2012 through May 11, 2012. Approval is granted with the understanding that all school rules and regulations will be followed and the cost to the school district will be for three (3) substitute teachers. The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to make the final decision, based upon her judgment of safety concerns at the time of the scheduled field trip, whether the field trip will occur.

Whale Watch
Club's Overnight
Trip Approved

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by P. Knieser, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve Olean Middle School's Explorers Club's Over Night Field Trip to Niagara Falls, New York from May 18, 2012 through May 19, 2012. Approval is granted with the understanding that all school rules and regulations will be followed and the cost to the school district will be for six (6) or seven (7) substitute teachers. The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to make the final decision, based upon her judgment of safety concerns at the time of the scheduled field trip, whether the field trip will occur.

Explorer's Club
Overnight Trip
Approved

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation, with regret, of Evelyn Bysiek, Math Teacher, effective June 30, 2012.

Resignation of
Evelyn Bysiek
Accepted with
Regret

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by P. Knieser, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation, with regret, of Kathleen Farnham, Senior Food Service Helper at East View Elementary effective May 3, 2012..

Resignation of
Kathleen
Farnham
Accepted with

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Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Regret

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the retirement resignation, with regret, of Joyce Nudd, Typist, effective June 30, 2012.

Retirement
Resignation of
Joyce Nudd
Accepted with
Regret

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by D. Harris, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the retirement resignation, with regret, of David Olson, Elementary Principal effective June 30, 2012.

Retirement
Resignation of
David Olson
Accepted with
Regret

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

The above employees were thanked for their years of service.

Committee
Report

Committee Report:

- a. Buildings and Grounds Committee – April 17th – given by Ira Katzenstein
- b. School Health Team Committee – April 19th – given by Jerry Trietley

Executive
Session

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to go into Executive Session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss the following: contractual.

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Vicki-Zaleski-Irizarry and Kathy Elser exited at 7:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk
Dated: May 4, 2012

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Regular Meeting

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by L. Branch, to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Taggerty
Pro Tem District Clerk

Dated: May 4, 2012

Sub List:

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POSITION DESCRIPTION	EMPLOYEE NAME	CERTIFICATION	FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE
SUB ACCOUNT CLERK TYPIST	SPRING, CONNIE	Pay @\$11.53/Hour	YES