

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

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Magnano Meeting Room of Jamestown Community College located at 260 N. Union Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by Eric Garvin, President of Board. Attendees stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Attendees:

Analyst:

Laurel Tague

Superintendents:

Karen Geelan – Allegany-Limestone Central School
Judi McCarthy – Hinsdale Central School

Colleen Taggerty – Olean City School District
Thomas Simon – Portville Central School

Business Managers:

Mike Watson - Allegany-Limestone Central School
Jennifer Jaquith - Hinsdale Central School

Kathy Elser - Olean City School District
Pam Anderson - Portville Central School

Allegany Board:

Jay King
Phil Quinlan
Joe Zimmer

Maggie Nuss
Sue Schifley

Hinsdale Board:

John Fitzpatrick
Jodie Noll
Nanci Hurlburt – incoming Hinsdale board member

Jennifer Howell
Jan Bishop – District Clerk

Olean Board:

Eric Garvin
Paul Knieser
Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry – District Clerk

Ira Katzenstein
James Padlo

Portville Board:

Steve Andrianoff
Chris Kloc
James Tkacik

Brian George
George Nuffer

Others:

Brandi Williams – Portville student
Allyson Bretzin – Portville student
David Lasky – Olean
Rhonda Powell – Allegany
Bill Heaney – Sen. Young's office
Chris Chapman – Olean
Mindy McCarthy – Olean

Mia Augustini – Portville student
Mikel Pierce - Portville student
Anne Mitchell – Portville
Katie Gintery
Gail Ayers – Allegany
Dee Bunk-Hatch – Olean Times Her
David Farrell – Allegany

President Garvin welcomed attendees and introduced Superintendents from Allegany-Limestone Central School, Hinsdale Central School, Olean City School District, and Portville School District.

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Discussion Item – Connect 4

Hinsdale Central School District – Judi McCarthy

- Introduction in regard to on-going collaborative efforts between the districts
- Student college/career readiness
- Shared business functions, transportation, learning opportunities
- Challenges due to economic crisis
- Maximizing efforts and resources
- 21st Century Skills

Olean City School District – Colleen Taggerty

- Attendees at meeting consist of board members, students, staff, community members, government agency, parents
- Educational rules that districts are up against and the efforts of working with elected officials
- Technology – enhance learning, distance learning, utilization of skype and iPads – learning is instantaneous
- Transparency of collaborative efforts
- Laurel Tague – assisting with Connect 4 efforts and grant
- Roles – 1) leadership, and 2) collaboration

Allegany-Limestone Central School District – Karen Geelan

- Look at ways to strengthen
- Data driven
- Look at what we have learned about each individual district and what we have in our region
- Reviewed the following tables: Unemployment rates; Level of educational attainment; Property taxes; Budget expenditures; Cuts and lay-offs; Increase in local tax levy need to offset 12-13 budget reductions; Performance indicator from 09-10 report cards; List of electives and extra-curricular offerings
- Preserve what is important (graduation rate; program offerings)
- Global society

Portville Central School District – Tim Simon

- What do we do with the researched information?
- Districts are stronger together than apart
- Proposed solution – a central unit that coordinates resources for all districts
- Logistics – how do we make it work
- Decrease overhead and reallocate resources for core purpose – student education
- Maximizing sharing between districts
- Improve instruction
- On-line help center for students (remediation/live chat opportunities)
- Common curriculum – align with all districts
- Staff diversity – offer tuition reimbursement to staff to get additional certifications
- Middle level extra-curricular – provide intramurals between the four districts
- Students from neighboring schools attend the early morning Project Lead the Way classes offered by Olean City School District – create more opportunity for shared classes
- Allegany, Hinsdale, Olean, and Portville have worked on creating similar school calendars – continue efforts on creating common bell schedule in order to create more shared program offerings

Question and Answer Session

Judy McCarthy, Hinsdale Central School Superintendent, thanked attendees for their input.

Next meeting date will be determined.

Meeting closed at approximately 8:00 pm.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 30, 2012

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

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