

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

Regular Meeting
May 3, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. at Olean Middle School, located at 401 Wayne Sullivan Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by John Bartimole, President of Board, with a moment of silent prayer or a moment of personal reflection. Neil Shoemaker led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: John Bartimole, President
Eric Garvin, Vice President
Laurie Branch
Gordon E. Cross
Ira Katzenstein
Michael Martello
Michiko McElfresh
James Padlo

ABSENT: Daniel Harris

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools
Kathleen Elser, Business Administrator
Barb Lias, OHS Principal
Gerald Trietley, OMS Principal
Tim Houseknecht, OMS Assistant Principal
Jen Mahar, District Coordinator of State and Federal Aid Programs
Cso Woodworth, Technology Administrator
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk
John White, BMV Principal
Linda Nottingham, IJN Principal
Pamela Neary, Teacher
Theresa Heinz, Teacher
Sheila Jackson, Teacher
Pauline Stanford, Teacher
Kris Ring, Teacher
Rintaro Wada, Teacher
David Olson, EV Principal
Joel Whitcher, WW Principal
Jean Nickel, Teacher
Kellie O'Brien, Teacher
Jeanne Frisina, Guidance Counselor
Jan Rhody, Teacher
Daniel Brown, Teacher
Carl Kolasny, Teacher

OTHERS: Jeff Cole, Olean Times Herald
Amber, Kolodziejski, student
Kaleigh Anastasia, student
Kimberly Driscoll
Courtney Blackmon
Tori Swier, student
Kara Frisina, student
Brady Gaynor, student
Ellina Babar, student
Melissa Meyers
Alysa Brown, student
Matthew Gardner, student
Jamal Klute, student
Taylor Stephens, student
Jake Baer, student
Barbara Simon, student
George Harrington
Kaitlyn McKeown
Nick Pircio, WHDL
Elaine Snyder
Emily Dodge, student
Kelly Hustak, student
Kelsey Branch, student
Riley Branch, student
Nick Gengo
Katie Huselstein, student
Samantha Huselstein, student
Madison Carlson, student
Jacob Herbert, student
Andrew Liu, student
Michael and Katherine Kayes
Joe Reed, student
Krista Branch, student
Madison Ozzella, student
Taylor Bold, student
Neil Shoemaker, student

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Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following amendments – move agenda Item #7 – Superintendent's Report before agenda Item #5 – Public Comment.

Agenda Approval

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent's Report

- a. The 2011-2012 budget is complete – used \$1,600,000 in reserves to offset the deficit; concession letters sent to Teacher and Support Staff bargaining units, Administrators, Confidential Management, Business Administrator. The Superintendent of Schools, Business Administrator, Administrators and Confidential Staff are willing to make concessions; the Support Staff unit has indicated
- b. Working on a preliminary 2012-2013 budget (assumptions include: 5% BOCES increase, health insurance premium increase, contractual obligations, 3% decrease in state aid, etc.) and currently looking at a \$2,700,000 deficit which equates to approximately a 27% tax levy increase or the loss of 30+ jobs

Public Comment:

Public Comment

President Bartimole noted that an anonymous invitation was deceminated encouraging people to attend tonight's board meeting to advocate for the Art and Music programs. When advocating for one program or one teaching position, an individual is asking for another program to be lessened or another person to be laid off. When advocating, please offer up recommendations and suggestions.

Amber Kolodziejski, 209 N. 12th Street – addressed the board regarding the importance of the Elementary art and music programs. Such programs are healing, enjoyment, entertaining, self-esteem builders, discipline, ability expanders, enhances intelligence, etc. Music has opened so many doors for her and made her feel useful instead of worthless. Asked the board to reconsider its decision to eliminate the Elementary art and music programs.

Dr. Taggerty clarified that the Elementary art and music programs will not be completely eliminated.

Andrew Liu, 203 N. 4th Street – noted that Art is emotional expression. Teachers read books in classrooms – books are considered Art. Pencils are used to create Art. A triangle could be considered Art. Music is art, it is passion, it is the most beautiful part of a person's life. Please reconsider cuts.

Kara Frisina, 1530 River Road – was never denied an Art class from Kindergarten through junior year. She is currently in the advanced studio class and would hate to see younger students denied the same opportunities. Encouraged the Board to think about the repercussions of eliminating art classes at the elementary level. When cuts are being made, teachers and classes should be the last to be cut.

Taylor Bolds, 1632 Park Avenue – discussed Ways to Save the Art Program: Teacher Pay Freeze; Administrative Pay Cut; Healthcare Incentives to Retire Early; Close an Elementary School.

Riley Branch, 1840 Windfall Road – addressed the Board in regarding the proposed lab class changes. She noted that Physics has helped prepare her for college. By cutting a lab, a student would have 36 less days to review and study for regents.

Courtney Blackman, 211 E. Connell Street – graduated from Olean and has seen the importance of arts and its proven impact due to her involvement with the Arts Council. Arts provide confidence. Arts are important to development skills for young students.

Mike Kayes, 723 Garden Avenue – City resident for 60 years, feels that any reduction to any program would be a loss to the City of Olean as well as a loss of future leaders. Having worked with numerous District students through the Theatre Workshop, he can attest to their dedication and hard work. The arts and music program have made the students who they are today. Mr. Kayes asked the Board to deliberate further before reducing such programs.

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Sam Huselstein – 839 Crown Street – read a letter from Kelly McKeown, former HS student. Kelly participated in the art program from middle school through high school and is future teacher attending Edinboro University. Eliminating the education of arts could have negative effects. Arts are more than just a “lovely” program. Studies have shown that art enhances language, cognitive development, social skills, self-esteem, and reduces delinquency. Kelly further noted that she gained the most benefits from art teachers, Kellie O’Brien and Theresa Heinz. Children of today are our future for tomorrow. The board needs to do everything it can to create a prosperous tomorrow. Art education is the baseline of success – children need art in order to be successful.

Melissa Meyers, 213 N. Union Street – as a business owner, she commends the Board on decisions made last year and this year to keep the tax levy to an affordable level. She realizes the art program is not mandated, however, art is a creative way of thinking and the District has many talented art students. Local employers such as the Olean Times Herald, Zippo, Dal Tile, Blue Collar Workware, Sports Locker, ReadIPrint, Citizen’s Printing, etc. employ artists. If the art program is reduced, where will local employers find talented employees?

Victoria Sawaya – 326 N. Union Street – art and music has been a big part of her life – not sports/athletics. She grew up with art due to her father being an artist. She is concerned for the students that will not/do not have that at home. If art is not offered until a student reaches Middle School, a younger student will be denied art during their elementary years which results in missing out on six years of art or music.

Brady Gaynor, 317 N. 2nd Street – students at a young age need to be exposed to art and music. They need art and music for creativeness. Asked the Board not to cut these programs.

Mike Marvin, 120 S. 8th Street – noted that the District/Board of Education is cutting its budget the same way a family would have to cut their budget if a parent lost his/her income. Mr. Marvin thanked the Board for its efforts and assured the attendees that no one wants programs to be cut and that it would take cooperation and collaboration from everyone including the bargaining units. Unions and the Board need to put everything “out on the table” in order to keep as many programs as possible.

Communications, Commendations:

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Commendations

- a. Thank you from Karimah Rahman to Board of Education
- b. A great big OMS congratulations to sixth grader Rebecca Fox and eighth graders Jake Cihak and Alexis Sova who received Honorable Mention in the Southwestern Association Volunteer Firemen's Fire Prevention Essay Contest.
- c. IJN Academic Achievement Students – 2nd Marking Period

4th Grade-Stuff

Jessica Chastain
Aaliyah Clark
Izack Kauh
Tenaya Ramadhan
Julia Stayer
Justin Straight
Harmony Yates

4th Grade-Kallenbach

Brianna Dyal
Andrew Gadbois
Kiana Kwiatkowski
Jackson Marsfelder
Jarrett Prizel
Lauryn Washington
Michael Weber

5th Grade-Ms. Travers

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Lucas Chapman
Johanna Clement
Zachary Huff
Kayla Hurd
Olivia Ingalls
Epiphany Isaacs
Autumn Krueger
Cassidy Price
Govinda Singh
Jordyn Smith
Alison Stadtler
Dustin Wright

5th Grade-Mr. Samuelson

Madison Bonafede
Latrell Butler
Andrea Certo
Mallory Doxey
Alexys Freeman
Tori Johnston
Stone Lisek
Grace Sherburne
Jordyn Washington
Gage Weatherell
Josephine Woods
Matthew Youkers

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

- a. The previous meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 19, 2011 and Special Meeting April 26, 2011.
- b. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendations reviewed on May 3rd is approved:

APPROVED	APPROVED	APPROVED	APPROVED
900455191	900409770	900455185	900402217
900447690	900216757	082430000	900428731
900401686	900350165	082310007	091310000
900417857	900447549	900376821	900455095
083400005	900457864	900457863	900365428

- c. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the attached list of Conditional and Non-Conditional Substitutes.
- d. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Olean High School's and Olean Middle School's Student Activity Accounts Quarterly Reports for the period covering January 1, 2011 through March 31, 2011 be accepted and placed on file.

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Olean Middle School's Drug Quiz Club's Over Night Field Trip to Syracuse, NY from May 16, 2011 through May 17, 2011. Approval is granted with the

Drug Quiz Club
Field Trip
Approved

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understanding that all school rules and regulations will be followed. The cost to the school district will be approximately \$935.96 plus school vehicle, and gas card as well as two (2) 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.

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by L. Branch, 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 June 10, 2011 through June 11, 2011. 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.

Explorers Club
Field Trip
Approved

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept a \$5,000 donation from Laurie Branch, with appreciation.

Laurie Branch
Donation
Accepted

Ayes 7

Nays 0 **Abstain (1)**
L. Branch

Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the Internal Control Risk Assessment Update and Internal Control System Testing Report (Federal Programs and Medicaid) prepared by Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro, P.C.

Internal Control
System Testing
Report Accepted

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to award the Athletic Facility Mezzanine bid to Kinley Corporation for \$53,505.00.

Athletic Facility
Mezzanine Bid
Awarded to Kinley
Corporation

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Olean City School District and the County of Cattaraugus for the period of March 30, 2011 through December 31, 2011 for Southern Tier AmeriCorps Resource Team (START) Program.

County of
Cattaraugus
Southern Tier
AmeriCorps
Resource Team
Program
Memorandum of
Understanding
Approved

2010 Rate
N/A

2011 Rate
N/A

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Agreement between the Olean City School District and Discipline Associates, LLC (dba Teacher Learning Center) for the period of May 11, 2011 through May 19, 2011 for Motivating and Managing Hard to Read, Uninterested and Disruptive Students

Discipline
Associates
Agreement
Approved

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training.

2010 Rate
N/A

2011 Rate
\$12,500.00

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to rescind the July 20, 2010 approval of the Agreement between the Olean City School District and Cattaraugus County for skilled nursing for County preschool-aged handicap children.

July 20, 2010
Resolution
Rescinded

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Agreement between the Olean City School District and Cattaraugus County for the period of July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 for skilled nursing and coordination of a supplemental aide and services for County preschool-aged handicapped youth.

Cattaraugus
County Preschool-
Aged Skilled
Nursing Approved

2009-2010 Rate
\$45 per ½ hr indivl session
\$22.50 per ½ hr group session

2010-2011 Rate
\$45 per ½ hr indivl session
\$22.50 per ½ hr group session
\$9.57 per ½ hr session with
a one-on-one classroom aide

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Committee Reports:

- a. Audit Committee – April 18 - given by Eric Garvin
- b. Buildings and Grounds Committee – April 19 – given by Ira Katzenstein
- c. Finance Committee – April 21 – given by Mike Martello
- d. Health Advisory – April 21 – given by Gordon Cross
- e. Innovation Committee – April 18 – given by Laurie Branch

Committee
Reports

Moved by M. Martello, seconded by I. Katzenstein, to publicly thank the Innovation Committee and Committee Chair Laurie Branch, for their efforts.

Discussion Items

Discussion Items:

- a. Policy #7550 – Complaints and Grievances by Students – 2nd Reading
- b. Policy #7552 – Bullying: Peer Abuse in the School – 2nd reading

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policy #7550 – Complaints and Grievances by Student and Policy #7552 – Bullying: Peer Abuse in the School. These policies are to supersede any current School board Policies regarding the same matter.

Policy #7550 –
Complaints and
Grievances by
Students and
Policy #7552 –
Bullying: Peer
Abuse in the
School Approved

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Padlo, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 7:33 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: two contractual updates and litigation update.

Executive Session

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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Moved by M. Martello, seconded by L. Branch, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Regular
Meeting

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross, to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

Adjournment

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 10, 2011

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

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5/3/11 BOARD MEETING			CLEARANCE
POSITION DESCRIPTION	EMPLOYEE NAME	CERTIFICATION	
SUB CERTIFIED TEACHER	LASHER, COURTNEY	CHILDHOOD ED. 1-6; STUDENTS W/DISABILITIES 1-6	YES
SUB CERTIFIED TEACHER	PROCTOR, LAURA	CHILDHOOD ED. 1-6; STUDENTS W/DISABILITIES 1-6	YES
SUB TEACHER	NICKEL, CHLOE	ASSOCIATES	NO
SUB TEACHER	WANKEL, JAMES	ASSOCIATES	YES
SUB TEACHER AIDE	DUTTON, BRENDA		NO
SUB FOOD SERVICE	DUTTON, BRENDA		NO
SUB TEACHER AIDE	McELHENEY, DERRIC		YES
SUB TEACHER AIDE	PROCTOR, LAURA		YES
SUB CLEANER	DUTTON, BRENDA		NO
SUB CLEANER	HUND, HALLEY		NO