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

Regular Meeting
May 4, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, May 4, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafetorium of Washington West Elementary School located at 1626 Washington Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by Laurie Branch, President of Board, with a moment of silent prayer. Lynn Corder led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT:
Laurie A. Branch, President
John Bartimole, Vice President
Gordon E. Cross
Eric Garvin
Daniel Harris
Ira Katzenstein
Michael Martello
Michiko McElfresh
James Padlo (Arrived at 7:12 p.m.)

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:
Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools
Kathleen Elser, Business Administrator
Cso Woodworth, Technology Administrator
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel
Marcie Richmond, Director of Special Education
Jen Mahar, District Coordinator of State and Federal Aid Programs
Linda Nottingham, IJN Principal
Gerald Trietley, OMS Principal
Dave Olson, EV Principal
Barb Lias, OHS Principal
Joel Whitcher, WW Principal
Jeffrey Andreano, OHS Assistant Principal
John White, BMV Principal
Marie Rakus, District Teacher
Carol Shannon, District Teacher
Pamela Neary, District Teacher
Maria Brooks, District Teacher
Amy Anastasia, District Teacher
Colleen Davis, District Teacher
James Powlowski, District Teacher
Sheila Jackson, District Teacher
Brian Crawford, District Teacher
Sue Frentz. District Teacher
Christine Stavish, District Teacher
Debra Melaro, District Teacher
Michelle Acierno, District Teacher
Jeff Anastasia, District Teacher
David Lasky, District Teacher
Kathleen Grandusky, District Teacher
Katheryn Estes. District Teacher

STAFF PRESENT: Pamela Stephens, District Teacher
Lynn Mott, District Teacher Aide
Beth McIntyre, District Teacher
Cari Matejka, District Teacher
Suzanne Monroe, District Teacher
Kellie O'Brien, District Teacher
Jan Rhody, District Teacher
Bruce Silvers, District Teacher
Lindsay LaCroix, District Teacher
Timothy Kolasinski, District Teacher
Julie Faulkner, District Teacher
Melanie Napoleon, District Teacher
Lori Lewicki, District Teacher
Kathy Eggert, District Teacher
Leslie Morey, District Teacher
Amanda Bess, District Teacher
Lindsay Travers, District Teacher
Brenda Quist, District Teacher
Fred Welch, District Teacher
Kathy Welch, District Teacher
Karen Woodring, District Teacher
Kris Bates, District Teacher
Chris Proto, District Teacher
Jodi McMullen, District Teacher
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

OTHERS: Adam Vosler, Olean Times Herald
Tyler Richmond
Susanne Stitt
Dana Boser
Nancy Matejka
Steven Jackson
Alfred Eade

Moved by D. Harris, seconded by J. Bartimole, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda. Agenda Approval

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Public Comment: Public Comment

Laurie Branch, Board President, thanked everyone for coming. She expressed the Board's regret at not being able to continue certain programs and positions within the District. She stated that unfortunately revenues are down and expenses are up and taxpayers cannot be asked to cover the widening gap. She said that the Board is committed to offering the best possible programs for students within the District's financial constraints and noted that the administrators have presented the best possible budget they could design. She requested that anyone who talked about not cutting the budget also offer ideas on ways to generate equivalent savings.

David Lasky, OTA President, 930 Crown Street – spoke to the Board about the state of education in the City of Olean. He said he understands the fiscal constraints of New York State and this school district but he pointed out good things about many of the programs and teachers that will be affected by the cuts. He wonders when education will be second-class because we cannot afford to teach students in a way that can be productive. He stated he feels these cuts are taking the District in the wrong direction. He agrees that the taxpayers cannot take much more but thinks that it is the community's loss if we no longer have a strong school system. He urged the community to contact their local political leaders to let them know that educational cuts are deep and to restore funding for programs and teachers. He urged the City of Olean voters to pass this budget because it is better than the alternative and if funding is restored the District can bring back the 11 teachers.

Marie Rakus, 109 Madison Avenue – presented the Board with a handout containing an article from The National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). She asked that they read the section regarding class size and student benefits and achievements and that students have a right to a fair share of the teacher's time. She stated that by loosing an English teacher will increase classroom size and decrease the amount of time a teacher can spend with students.

Melanie Napoleon, 3835 West Branch Road, Allegany, NY – addressed the Board regarding the Foreign Language Department's concern over the cutting of the 6th grade teacher position and not starting 6th graders the opportunity to begin taking language. . She stated that students need to explore other cultures and expressed regret that they will be loosing this program.

Jeff Anastasia, 203 N. 19th Street – spoke to the Board on behalf of the Physical Education Program. He began by telling the Board he has the utmost respect for the Board of Education and Dr. Taggerty and recognizes that these are tough times. He stated that he has been a PE teacher for 27 years and loves his job. He addressed the loss of a swimming instructor's position last year and the elimination of an elementary PE position and how it will impact the PE program and the children. He noted the swimming is a life skill that saves lives. He stated the PE is unlike any other class in that students are moving and that with fewer teachers' class sizes will be larger and a safe environment is more difficult to maintain. He asked that the Board reevaluate their decision to reduce the PE staff.

Sheila Jackson, 34 East State Street, Salamanca, NY – remembered speaking to the Board a year ago speaking on behalf of colleagues who were about to lose their jobs. She said that she is now one of them. She spoke about the cutting of the 6th grade language program and the choice it takes away from the students. She asked how smaller districts can afford to offer 6th grade and sometimes 5th grade a choice in world language and we cannot? She noted that the Language department has been affected by the last 3 major cuts in staffing. She wonders whom we are shortchanging and stated it is the student.

Tyler Richmond, 119 N. 13th Street – stated he is a very proud 6th grade student. He said he realizes the cuts in Music and gym. He said in the past he has been able to play musical instruments and has been involved in sports and fears now he won't be able to because modified sports is being cut. He asked if Music and Sports Booster could fundraise to get the program back.

Alfred Eade, 230 N. 2nd Street – thanked the Board of Education for their service, hard work and dedication. He stated he came to the meeting with mixed feelings – he feels it is entirely correct to keep tax increases less than 3% however he is very disturbed by the lose of programs and teachers. He said that he taught Business courses and has been in business himself for many years and knows the value of the business course in the business world. He noted all students will not go to college and need these classes. He asked the Board to please re-establish the Business position if possible.

Gerald Trietley, OMS Principal, 548 York Street – representing the OMS, presented the Board with a petition signed by 193 students requesting the Board to restore the Modified Sports Program.

Sue Frentz, 422 Rock City St., Little Valley, NY – stated that she has been notified again this year that her position is going to be eliminated. She asked the Board to reconsider the request to reduce the business education curriculum. She noted that there are over 250 students enrolled in the business program this year and there are 150 students enrolled for next year already. She asked where these students will be placed and told the Board that there are only so many study halls that can be offered and class sizes do max out.

Christine Stavish, 804 Tracy Street, thanked the Board for their work in this difficult time. She said she was excited when she got the District newsletter and saw that the District was awarded a grant from H&R Block for software that she and Sue Frentz had applied for. She stated the Business education should be the absolute core of High School no matter what career path a person chooses. She asked why we would reduce the business education program and what is going to happen to the kids than cannot get a business education class. We are limiting choices for students and risk enrollment decreases. She wondered if the smart choice would be to offer business classes as part of out long-distance learning lab. Olean could be the leader in this area. She noted that without business education the district is ineligible for VATEA grant money which assisted the funding for the business education program and Project Lead the Way. She asked the Board of Education to carefully reconsider the reduction of the Business Education Department.

Communications, Commendations:

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a. OHS student, John Samuelson, winner of DECA State Career Conference "Clean room Contest"
b. Thank you to the Board of Education from Paula Harris

Superintendent's Report:

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a. Congratulations to Ms. Matejki - Global Virtual Classroom Worldwide Competition –Won first place
b. Employee Appreciation – Colleen extended a thank you to all District employees
c. Exit Survey- for Budget vote – if not action oriented CDEP will be doing a survey which will be action oriented
d. Capital Project Meeting – 163 cameras district-wide
e. Thank you to Lynn Corder for creating the Employee Handbook
f. New York State Counselors Association – Karen O'Dell
g. National Honor Society Dinner
h. Social Studies books

Consent Agenda Items

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following Consent Agenda item:

a. The previous meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 6, 2010 and the Special Meetings held on April 22, 2010 and April 27, 2010.

b. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Olean Middle School's and Olean High School's Student Activity Accounts Quarterly Reports for the period covering January 1, 2010 through March 31, 2010 be accepted and placed on file.

c. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CPSE recommendation reviewed on May 4th be approved:

APPROVED	APPROVED	APPROVED
100500004	100500002	100500000
100500001	092410008	092790039
090080000	083290000	900455984
900455907	900456544	900457344
090860001	082830002	900456444
900456315		

d. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendation reviewed on May 4th be approved:

APPROVED	APPROVED	APPROVED
090580000	100290000	100280000
900446857	082180003	900372568
900448496	900432123	900367691
900426204	900401224	900432958
900132778	900456319	900206469
900123536	900106852	900190775
900026780	900244016	900347729
900446854	900046401	900433291
900401287	900453143	900376457
900336273	900350447	900383978
900433453	900325180	900256817
900126355	082190000	091560001
900433313	082380013	900455877
900402680	900401253	900445517
900402690	900447074	900455876
900423599	900402633	900126752

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by G. Cross, RESOLVED THAT, pursuant to Education Law §2507, Amendment #2 to the Contract of Employment for the Superintendent of Schools be approved and the President of this Board be authorized and directed to execute same on behalf of the District.

Amendment #2 of Superintendent Employment Contract Approved

Ayes __9___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by D. Harris, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Framework for Participation between the Olean City School District, the Commission in Independent Colleges (cIcu), Alfred University, Daeman College, and D'Youville College to increase middle school students' awareness of colleges, careers, build connections, and expand opportunities for middle school educators' professional development.

Framework for Participation Between the Commission in Independent Colleges Approved

Ayes __9___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Agreement Between the Olean City School District and Paul H. Brookes Publishing, Co. Approved

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Agreement between the Olean City School District and Paul H. Brookes Publishing Co. for the period of June 9, 2010 through June 11, 2010 for professional development sessions based on the Early Language and Literacy Classroom Observation, Pre-Kindergarten.

2008-2009 Rate	2009-2010
	$5,025.00

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

School Volunteer Approved

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve Deborah Joseph as a school volunteer for the 2009-2010 school year.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Over Night Field Trip Approved for Ms. Matejka's Class

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the class of Ms. Matejka's Over Night Field Trip to Buffalo, New York from June 2, 2010 through June 3, 2010. Approval is granted with the understanding that all school rules and regulations will be followed and that there may be a cost to the school district of $375. Money from competition on to be used for expenses. 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 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Olean Middle School's Explorers Club's Over Nigh Field Trip Approved

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by D. Harris, 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 21, 2010 through May 22, 2010. 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.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Retirement Resignation of Judith Creeden Accepted with Regret

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. McElfresh, to accept the retirement resignation, with regret, of Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum &Testing/CIO, effective September 1, 2010.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Non-Conditional Substitutes Appointed

Moved by D. Harris, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the attached list of the Non-Conditional Certified Substitute Teacher, Non-Conditional Non-Certified Substitute Teacher, and Non-Conditional Substitute Teacher Aides for the 2009-2010 school year.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Conditional Substitutes Appointed

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the attached list of the Conditional Non-Certified Substitute Teacher, Non-Conditional Substitute Teacher Aide, Non-Conditional Substitute Food Service Helpers, and Non-Conditional Substitute Lifeguard for the 2009-2010 school year. In accordance with Section 503(18)(b) of the Education Law, these are conditional appointments and therefore shall not commence

until the District has received notification from the Commissioner of Education that the appointees have been conditionally cleared for employment. If the Commissioner of Education notifies the District that the appointees have been denied conditional clearance or clearance, the appointment shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointees are granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointment shall continue.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Committee Reports:

a. Buildings and Grounds Committee – April 27th - given by Ira Katzenstein — Committee Reports

Discussion Items:

a. Policy #4420 – Compensation and Related Benefits – New Policy – 2nd Reading — Discussion Items

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by I. Katzenstein, not to adopt Policy #4420 – Compensation and Related Benefits – per BOCES, this is not a required policy. — Policy #4420 – Compensation and Related Benefits Not Adopted

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by E. Gavin, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 7:27 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: Contract negotiations; litigation update; and performance of a particular individual. — Executive Session

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by E. Garvin, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 8:02 p.m. — Regular Meeting

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. Martello, seconded by I. Katzenstein, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. — Adjournment

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 10, 2010

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

5/4/10 BOARD MEETING			
POSITION DESCRIPTION	**EMPLOYEE NAME**	**CERTIFICATION**	**FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE**
SUB CERTIFIED TEACHER	McCARTHY, PATRICK	SPANISH 7-12	YES
SUB TEACHER	BENNETT, ADAM	BACHELOR'S	YES
SUB TEACHER	STEWART, BRENT	BACHELOR'S	NO
SUB TEACHER AIDE	ENGELDER, CYNTHIA		YES
SUB TEACHER AIDE	INWOOD, WANDA		NO
SUB TEACHER AIDE	ZAMBANINI, JEFFREY		YES
SUB FOOD SERVICE	HOWARD, LISA		NO
SUB FOOD SERVICE	INWOOD, WANDA		NO
SUB LIFEGUARD	COLLEY, DANITA	Wage of $12.19/Hour	NO