

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

Regular Meeting
May 18, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Olean High School located at 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by Laurie Branch, President of Board, with a moment of silent prayer. John Samuelson 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

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools
Kathleen Elser, Business Administrator
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel/Reading First Coordinator
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing
Marcie Richmond, Director of Special Education
Cso Woodworth, Technology Administrator
Jen Mahar, District Coordinator of State and Federal Aid Programs
Linda Nottingham, IJN Principal
Joel Whitcher, WW Principal
John White, BV Principal
Jerry Trietley, OMS Principal
Larry Welty, OMS Assistant Principal
Barb Lias, OHS Principal
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk
Carol Shannon, District Teacher
Marjorie Dexter, District Teacher
Lauren Stuff, District Teacher
Michelle Robinson, District Teacher
Cindy Johnson, District Teacher
Gregory Jackson, District Teacher
Michelle Acierno, District Teacher
Shannon Burns, District Teacher
Leslie DeGulier, District Teacher
Katheryn Estes, District Teacher
Christine Stavish, District Teacher
Susan Frentz, District Teacher
David Lasky, District Teacher/OTA President
Timothy Bushnell, District Teacher
Brian Crawford, District Teacher

OTHERS: Adam Vosler, Olean Times Herald
Sapphire Black
Mary Elizabeth Koch
Jackie Corder
Gina Melaro
John Samuelson
Olivia Sorokes
Emily Sorokes
Taylor Eade

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

Agenda
Approved

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Laurie Branch, Board President, thanked attendees for taking the time to attend the meeting. She expressed the Board's regret at not being able to continue certain District programs and positions. She stated that revenues are down and expenses are up and that the Board is committed to offering the best possible programs for students within the District's financial constraints.

Public Comment:

Public Comment

David Lasky – 930 Crown Street – on behalf of the Olean Teachers' Association, congratulations were extended to the teachers' receiving tenure.

John Samuelson – 226 N. 2nd Street – thanked the Board of Education for its support in regard to his DECA competition trip. Over 10,000 students competed from all the states. John made it to the finals and brought home the "gold".

Olivia Sorokes – 301 York Street – addressed the Board of Education regarding Spanish budget cuts. Olivia is taking many college credit courses this year at OHS and may not be able to take as many next year.

Emily Sorokes – 301 York Street – addressed the Board of Education regarding Spanish. She took Spanish classes while attending OHS. She was told that students from OHS that have taken Spanish as the best Spanish students at SBU. A student needs 202 level or above classes – that is what OHS is currently offering. Emily noted that Spanish is the fastest growing language. The Spanish courses taken at OHS helped her during her semester abroad. Emily encouraged the same opportunities given to her are given to future students.

Gina Melaro – 1038 Kingston Drive – attended the Board meeting on behalf of students that were not able to attend. As a Freshman at SBU, the Spanish classes she took during her years at OHS have helped her immensely.

Sue Frentz – 422 Rock City Street, Little Valley – proposed to the Board of Education that if the District asks employees that participate in the OCSD health plan to go on their spouse's health plan, the cost savings could be used to save positions. The current OTA contract has a medical buy-out clause.

Taylor Eade – 603 Putnam Street – addressed the Board of Education regarding the reduction of the Business teacher. Taylor does not feel that abolishing Mrs. Frentz's job is a good decision. Taylor would be lost without Mrs. Frentz and her guidance. Mrs. Frentz goes out of her way for all her students. Taylor asked the Board to reconsider its decision.

Communications, Commendations:

Communications
Commendations

- a. Cattaraugus County National Honor Society –Award Recipients – Outstanding Member, Tchianna McPeak; Distinguished Service, Kaitlyn Andreano; and Scholastic Excellence, Michael Liu
- b. Letter from Ms. Danielle M. Keis
- c. The OCSD band received a gold rating on a level 6 at the NYSSMA adjudication festival. The band played three selections within the most difficult level (6) for 2 judges from different regions of the state. It has been many years (at least 30) since this has been accomplished by our band and it is a very exciting achievement. Please congratulate the band students as they have worked very hard this year to perform at this level. It has been a banner year for the band including their superior rating at the Pennsylvania adjudication festival and having JD Olson selected to perform at Carnegie Hall. A special thank you to Joe Gervase and Rick Snyder

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- d. Congratulations to the OHS String Orchestra students. They participated in the NYSSMA adjudication festival May 13th and received a silver rating with the level 5 (the 2nd most challenging difficulty). It was the first time in the OHS orchestra history that the string orchestra attended with level 5

Superintendent's Report:

- a. Early Reading First Presentation in Chicago – Lynn Corder, Jen Mahar, and Nick Patrone
- b. JCC Partnership – letter of support for grant
- c. Big Picture Classroom – relocate to Elm Street for one year during Capital Project
- d. Email from Mr. Bohan thanking the Board of Education for its hard work on the budget
- e. Carrier Coach – working with the District in regard to transportation – reconfiguration of elementary schools
- f. Twin Tier Theater Festival Invitation
- g. NYS Governor's proposal to withhold state aid payments to school districts

Superintendent's Report

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

Consent Agenda Items

- a. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Treasurer's Report dated April 30, 2010 be accepted and placed on file.
- b. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Warrant Report for April 2010 be accepted and placed on file.
- c. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the April 2010 Intra-fund Transfer listing in the amount of \$1,468.15 be accepted/approved and placed on file.
- d. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Internal Claims Auditor Exception Report for the period covering month ending April 30, 2010 be accepted and placed on file.
- e. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendation reviewed on May 18th be approved:

APPROVED	APPROVED	APPROVED
900447204	900453096	900448343
900453168	900192078	900427169
900423421	900455866	900455898
900314586	900417789	900455882
900259739	900448272	900106338
900455330	900455331	900420459
900327719	900366158	900386889
900209897	082060002	900417745
091110000	100840000	900187779
900232383	900349930	090580000
900416718	900447294	900455094
900453456	900365428	

- f. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CPSE recommendation reviewed on May 18th be approved:

APPROVED	APPROVED	APPROVED
900457343	900457342	082030000
090860000	900455994	900456914

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Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Michelle Acierno who is certified in the Physical Education tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2010.

Michelle Acierno
Granted Tenure

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Amber Benjamin who is certified in the Elementary tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2010.

Amber Benjamin
Granted Tenure

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Danny Brooks who is certified in the Guidance tenure area, be granted tenure effective June 30, 2010.

Danny Brooks
Granted Tenure

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Shannon Burns who is certified in the Special Education tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2010.

Shannon Burns
Granted Tenure

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Timothy Bushnell who is certified in the Elementary tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2010.

Timothy Bushnell
Granted Tenure

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by D. Harris, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Lynn Corder, Reading First Coordinator/ Director of Personnel, who is certified in the School Administrator/Supervisor tenure area, be granted tenure effective July 1, 2010.

Lynn Corder
Granted Tenure

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Leslie DeGolier who is certified in the Math tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2010.

Leslie DeGolier
Granted Tenure

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Marjorie Dexter who is certified in the Reading tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2010.

Marjorie Dexter
Granted Tenure

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Katheryn Estes who is certified in the Reading tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2010.

Katheryn Estes
Granted Tenure

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Jason Folland who is certified in the Physical Education tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2010.

Jason Folland
Granted Tenure

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Gregory Jackson who is certified in the Physical Education tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2010.

Gregory Jackson
Granted Tenure

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Cynthia Johnson who is certified in the Elementary tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2010.

Cynthia Johnson
Granted Tenure

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by D. Harris, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Michelle Robinson who is certified in the Elementary tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2010.

Michelle Robinson
Granted Tenure

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by D. Harris, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Lauren Stuff who is certified in the Elementary tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 1, 2010.

Lauren Stuff
Granted Tenure

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept custodial supplies bid from Calico Industries for the following:

Custodial
Supplies Bid
Awarded to
Calico Industries

Quantity	Description	Price per unit	Total item cost
50 Cases	Super strength medium refuse bags	\$13.51	\$675.50

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept custodial supplies bid from CORR Distributor for the following:

Custodial
Supplies Bid
Awarded to
CORR
Distributor

Quantity	Description	Price per unit	Total item cost
80 Cases	Paper Bath Tissue	\$17.60	\$1,408.00
600 Cases	Paper Towels	\$17.45	\$10,470.00

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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Moved by M. Martello, seconded by D. Harris, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the purchase of Grade 4 Social Studies: New York State and Grade 5 Social Studies: The United States textbooks published by Harcourt.

Textbook
Purchase
Approved

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept a \$500 donation from Lana Zink to be used for the purpose of striving for academic excellence.

Donation
Accepted from
Lana Zink

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the donation of a musical instrument from Southwest Strings.

Donation from
Southwest
Strings Accepted

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Non-Residential Firm Gas Sales and Purchase Agreement between the Olean City School District and Empire Natural Gas Corporation for the period of October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011.

Non-Residential
Firm Gas Sales
and Purchase
Agreement
Between Olean
City School
District and
Empire Natural
Gas Corp.
Approved

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Computer Science Internship Agreement between the Olean City School District and Jamestown Community College for the period of June 1, 2010 through June 1, 2015.

Computer
Science
Internship
Agreement
Between Olean
City School
District and
Jamestown
Community
College
Approved

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by D. Harris, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Scott Burroughs be permitted to do a 135 hour unpaid internship through Jamestown Community College's Computer Science Program, under the supervision of Cso Woodworth, Technology Administrator, effective June 1, 2010 through August 31, 2010.

Scott Burroughs
Unpaid
Internship
Approved

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Mike Ryan be permitted to do a 135 hour unpaid internship through Jamestown Community College's Computer Science Program, under the supervision of Cso Woodworth, Technology Administrator, effective July 1, 2010 through August 31, 2010.

Mike Ryan
Unpaid
Internship
Approved

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to authorize payment of up to 80 summer days for the High School and Middle School Guidance Counselors for the purpose of 2010 summer staff development. Total days will not exceed 80 days. Counselors will be paid at the individual daily rate of pay.

<u>2009-2010</u>	<u>2010-2011</u>
82 days	80 days

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Summer Days
Approved for
High School and
Middle School
Counselors

Moved by M. Martello, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to authorize payment to Jacki Falk, for an additional 6.5 hours, at an hourly rate of \$17.25, for the purpose of supervising students under the Drug Free Workplace grant.

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Payment
Authorized to
Jacki Falk for
Supervising
Students Under
Drug Free
Workplace Grant

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by J. Padlo, that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to submit a letter of support to Jamestown Community College supporting its effort in applying for a \$300,000, two-year grant - Engaging Men in Preventing Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking.

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Superintendent
Authorized to
Submit a Letter
of Support

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Georgia Carr, Senior Food Service Helper at Ivers J. Norton Elementary School, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2010 with regret and appreciation for her years of dedicated service to the students of the Olean City School District.

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Retirement
Resignation of
Georgia Carr
Accepted With
Regret

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Rachel Davis, Senior Food Service Helper at Boardmanville Elementary School, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2010 with regret and appreciation for her years of dedicated service to the students of the Olean City School District.

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Retirement
Resignation of
Rachel Davis
Accepted with
Regret

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Roberta Mahar, Keyboard Specialist at Ivers J. Norton Elementary School, for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2010 with regret and appreciation for her years of dedicated service to the students of the Olean City School District.

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Retirement
Resignation of
Roberta Mahar
Accepted With
Regret

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Moved by M. Martello, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the attached list of the Conditional Certified Substitute Teacher, Conditional Non-Certified Substitutes Teachers, and Conditional Nurse 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.

Conditional
Certified and
Non-Certified
Substitute
Teachers, and
Conditional
Substitute Nurse
Appointed

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the attached list of the Non-Conditional Certified Substitute Counselor for the 2009-2010 school year.

Non-Conditional
Certified
Substitute
Counselor
Appointed

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Committee Reports:

- a. Operations Committee – May 3rd – given by Michiko McElfresh

Committee
Reports

Discussion Items:

- a. The Board of Education has completed its 2009-2010 school year annual building visits
b. Career and Technical Education (CTE) Presentation – Christine Stavish and Sue Frentz
c. Scholarship – Russell Greenawalt Estate

Discussion Items

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by I. Katzenstein, that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to contact the attorney, handling the estate of Russell F. Greenawalt, regarding the Olean City School District's interest in the creation of a scholarship fund, to be known as the Russell F. Greenawalt and Elizabeth Page Greenawalt Scholarship.

Russell F.
Greenawalt and
Elizabeth Page
Greenawalt
Scholarship

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by D. Harris, to accept and approve the Career and Technical certification plan as presented and authorize the Superintendent of Schools and President of the Board of Education to sign an Memorandum of Understanding/Partnership Agreement regarding such.

Career and
Technical
Certification Plan
Accepted and
Approved

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. Martello, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: Contract negotiations; litigation update; and performance of three particular individuals. Marcie Richmond and Lynn Corder invited to attend Executive Session.

Executive
Session

Marcie Richmond exited Executive Session at 7:55 p.m. Lynn Corder exited Executive Session and 8:18 p.m.

Moved by M. Martello, seconded by E. Garvin, to adjourn from Executive Session and

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reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by D. Harris, seconded by J. Padlo, to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 p.m.

Adjournment

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

Dated: May 20, 2010

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05/18/10 BOARD MEETING

POSITION DESCRIPTION	EMPLOYEE NAME	CERTIFICATION	FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE
SUB CERTIFIED COUNSELOR	SINNER, ASHLEY	SCHOOL COUNSELOR K-12	YES
SUB CERTIFIED TEACHER	SPERONI, WENDY	ELEMENTARY N-6	NO
SUB TEACHER	MILLIKEN, TIARRA	ASSOCIATES	NO
SUB TEACHER	SCORSE, LAUREN	BACHELORS	NO
SUB TEACHER	SIMPSON, AMANDA	ASSOCIATES	NO
SUB NURSE	ROBERTS, ELIZABETH	LPN	NO