

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

Regular Meeting  
May 13, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 8:22 p.m. in the LGI Room of the Olean Middle School located at 401 Wayne Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by President Martello with a moment of silent prayer. Mike Martello led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Michael Martello, President  
Ira Katzenstein, Vice President  
John Bartimole  
Steven H. Hamed  
Michiko McElfresh

ABSENT: Laurie A. Branch  
Gordon E. Cross  
Eric Garvin  
George Pancio

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Ward, Superintendent  
Ann O'Brien, Business Administrator  
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel  
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing  
Jerry Trietley, OMS Principal  
Connie Pound, IJN Principal  
Pearl Bowker, District Teacher/OTA President  
Sheila Jackson, District Teacher  
Linda Nottingham, District Teacher  
Cso Woodworth, Director of Technology  
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk  
Linda Lampack  
Donna Gustason  
Beth Orcutt

OTHERS: Jeff Shaw, Olean Times Herald  
John Eberth, Olean Times Herald  
Nick Pircio, WHDL  
James Padlo  
Dan Harris  
Amy Sherburne

Public Comments:  
None

Public  
Comments

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Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by I. Katzenstein, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: add to agenda item 14. Executive Session – one (1) specific employee performance.

Agenda  
Additions and  
Changes

Ayes   5                        Nays   0                        Motion Carried

Communications, Commendations

- a. Cattaraugus Legislature Resolution – Boys' Basketball Team
- b. Southern Tier Health Care System, Inc. Thank You
- c. DECA National Competition
- d. Band & Chorus
- e. Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Communication  
and  
Commendation

Superintendent Ward discussed the following subjects with the Board of Education:

1. Capital Project – five (5) informational meetings will be scheduled; June 17<sup>th</sup> voting date; activities planned include Glenn Colton concert, chicken BBQ – donations for the Child Advocacy Center

Superintendent  
Report

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded S. Hamed, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

Consent  
Agenda

- a. The previous meeting minutes of the Regular Meetings held on April 22, 2008.

Ayes   5                        Nays   0                        Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded S. Hamed, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to abolish one (1) full-time Adult Education Teacher position (assigned to the Family Connections Program) effective June 30, 2008 due to a reduction in the generation of EPE (Employment Preparation Education) funds.

One (1) Full-  
Time Adult  
Education  
Teacher  
Position  
Abolished

Ayes   5                        Nays   0                        Motion Carried

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to abolish three (3) Reading Teacher positions effective June 30, 2008 due to an 86% reduction in Reading First grant funding.

Three (3)  
Reading  
Teacher  
Positions  
Abolished

Ayes   5                        Nays   0                        Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to acknowledge that Donna Abdo, Teacher Aide at EV will complete her probation effective May 29, 2008.

Donna Abdo  
Completes  
Probation

Ayes   5                        Nays   0                        Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by S. Hamed, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to acknowledge that Andrew McGinnis, Teacher Aide at EV has completed his probation effective May 13, 2008.

Andrew  
McGinnis  
Completes  
Probation

Ayes   5                        Nays   0                        Motion Carried

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Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that a special meeting be held on June 18, 2008 at 12:00 noon for certification of the June 17, 2008 Capital Project Vote Results.

June 18, 2008  
Special  
Meeting

Ayes 5                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by S. Hamed, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the use of Washington West as an evacuation site for Eden Heights Adult Care Facility.

Washington  
West  
Evacuation Site  
for Eden  
Heights

Ayes 5                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by S. Hamed, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to award the computer recycling award to Regional Computer Recycling & Recovery, RCR & RT. 7318 Victor-Mendon Road, Victor, NY 14564: Total number of additional pallets: 12; cost per pallet: \$25.

Computer  
Recycling  
Awarded to  
Regional  
Computer  
Recycling &  
Recovery

Ayes 5                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Elizabeth Budzinski, Elementary Teacher at Boardmanville Elementary School, for retirement purposes, effective July 1, 2008, with regret and appreciation for her years of dedicated service to the students of the Olean City School District.

Elizabeth  
Budzinski  
Retirement  
Resignation  
Accepted

Ayes 5                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Marlene Lang, Adult Education Teacher (assigned to the Family Connections Program), for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2008, with regret and appreciation.

Marlene Lang  
Retirement  
Resignation  
Accepted

Ayes 5                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve a Leave of Absence for Patti Metler, Special Education Teacher, Boardmanville Elementary School for the period of four (4) weeks effective May 5, 2008 through June 2, 2008.

Patti Metler  
Granted Leave  
of Absence

Ayes 5                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, the leave of absence with pay and benefits requested by Angela Jordan in a letter dated May 2, 2008 be denied and that the District Clerk be instructed to advise Ms. Jordan accordingly.

Angela Jordan  
Leave of  
Absence  
Denied

Ayes 5                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Jenelle Scanlon who is certified in the Elementary tenure area, be granted tenure effective May 30, 2008.

Jenelle Scanlon  
Granted Tenure

Ayes 5                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by S. Hamed, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the part-time appointment of Douglas Bushnell assigned to Olean High School through the AmeriCorps Program sponsored by West Seneca AmeriCorps.

Douglas Bushnell  
Appointed to AmeriCorps

Ayes 5                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Keishia Blake, Jaclyn Kick, and Katie Ralston as a NON-CONDITIONAL CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS for the 2007-2008 school year.

Keishia Blake,  
Jaclyn Kick,  
and Katie Ralston  
Appointed Non-Conditional Certified Substitute Teachers

Ayes 5                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Stephanie Herzig and Megan Marzec as a NON-CONDITIONAL NON-CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS for the 2007-2008 school year.

Stephanie Herzig and Megan Marzec  
Appointed Non-Conditional Non-Certified Substitute Teachers

Ayes 5                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Bridget Fraize, Chelsea Heinz, Rachel Johnson, Scotte Morris, Hope Phillips, and Matthew Retchless as CONDITIONAL NON-CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS for the 2007-2008 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 appointments shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointees are granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointments shall continue.

Bridget Fraize,  
Chelsea Heinz,  
Rachel Johnson,  
Scotte Morris,  
Hope Phillips,  
and Matthew Retchless  
Appointed Conditional Non-Certified Substitute Teachers

Ayes 5                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

The Board of Education discussed the following items:

- a. Technology Presentation – Cso Woodworth – to be presented May 27th
- b. Policy # 5640 – Smoking/Tobacco Use – Second Reading
- c. Policy # 7131 - Non-Resident Students – Second Reading - to be presented May 27th

Discussion  
Items

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policy #5640 – SMOKING/TOBACCO USE as presented. This policy is to supersede any current School board Policy regarding the same matter.

Adoption of  
Policy #5640

Ayes   5                        Nays   0                        Motion Carried

The following Committee Reports were presented to the Board of Education:

- a. Audit – April 21, 2008 - to be presented May 27th
- b. Finance – April 21, 2008 - to be presented May 27th
- c. Operations – April 22, 2008 – presented by Michiko McElfresh

Committee  
Reports

The Board of Education discussed the following informational items:

- a. Superintendent Evaluation
- b. The Board of Education has completed its 2007-2008 school year annual building visits

Informational  
Items

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Bartimole, to adjourn from Regular Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss CSE Recommendations and one (1) specific employee performance issue at 8:38 p.m. Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel was invited to attend the Executive Session.

Regular  
Session

Ayes   5                        Nays   0                        Motion Carried

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by J. Bartimole, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in Regular Session at 9:03 p.m.

Executive  
Session

Ayes   5                        Nays   0                        Motion Carried

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Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve following the CSE recommendation reviewed on May 13<sup>th</sup> be approved:

CSE  
Recommendations

APPROVED	APPROVED
900123537	900347731
900388367	900316431
900336408	900442510
900190923	900332022
900344168	900120463
900367928	900315695
900416718	900447251
900191214	900199024
900123536	900453143
900447714	900354995
900433163	900126355
900123534	900190776
900354144	900126752
900410354	900121445

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by I. Katzenstein, to adjourn from the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Adjournment  
of Meeting

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry  
District Clerk

May 19, 2008