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

Regular Meeting
December 16, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 6:35 p.m. in the Board Room of the Olean High School located at 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by President Katzenstein with a moment of silent prayer. Ann O'Brien led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools
Ann O'Brien, Business Administrator
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel
Linda Nottingham, IJN Principal
Jerry Trietley, OMS Principal
Jeff Andreano, OHS Assistant Principal
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

OTHERS: Jeff Shaw, Olean Times Herald
Brian Grosso, Portville Central School Student

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by M. Martello, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Agenda Additions and Changes

Public Comments:

a. Jeff Shaw, 122 Whitney Avenue, Olean – noted that tonight's board meeting would be his last due to his relocation to New Orleans. The Board of Education thanked Jeff for his coverage and wished him well.

Public Comments

Communications, Commendations

a. **Senior soccer player Michael Witte and senior swimmer Annie Skrobacz have been named as OHS Scholar-Athletes for the Fall 2008 Season**
b. OHS All-Sportsmanship Team - Fall 2008: JV BOYS SOCCER – Taylor Bold; V. GIRLS SWIM & DIVE – Samantha Huselstein; V. BOYS SOCCER – John Samuelson; V. GIRLS SOCCER – Kelsey Pleakis; and JV GIRLS SOCCER – Taylor Stephens
c. The following students have received The Harold Dutton Student Spotlight Award for December:
Kiera Rodriguez (11) - nominated by Mrs. Ventura for her self-discipline, honesty, integrity, and contribution to class; Shelby Gadsden (12) - nominated by Mrs. Clawson for her consideration and kindness towards another student; Julia Himes (11) - nominated by Mrs. Ventura because she is so welcoming & helpful to her classmates; Brianna Martin (11) - nominated by Mrs. Ventura for her thoughtfulness towards her peers; Jillisa Bey (12) - nominated by Mrs. Ventura for her improved effort and responsibility; Olivia Sorokes (10) - nominated by Mr. Nawrot for her positive influence among her peers and participation in

Communication and Commendation

The Great American Smoke out Campaign; Jared Hamer (Lifeskills) - nominated by Mrs. Mason-Varner for his genuine caring & helpfulness towards his fellow students; Zach Gerhard (11) & Andrew Mehmel (12) - nominated by Mrs. Stavish for their valuable knowledge and willingness to help their fellow classmates.

d. Cattaraugus County Resolution Congratulating Olean Lady Huskies Swim Team for Winning the 2008 Section 6 Class B 200-Yard Medley Relay Title

Superintendent Report

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

- CDEP December 10th Meeting Update (1/2 day meeting in January)
- BWB Auditors – Meeting with Staff
- Construction Management December 17th
- Music Department has done a wonderful job on the holiday concerts
- Governor's 2009-2010 Executive Budget

Consent Agenda

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

a. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Treasurer's Report dated November 30, 2008 be accepted and placed on file.

b. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Warrant Report for November 2008 be accepted and placed on file.

c. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the November 2008 Intra-fund Transfer listing in the amount of $283.39 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 November 30, 2008 be accepted and placed on file.

CPSE Recommendations

e. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CPSE recommendation reviewed on December 16th be approved:

APPROVED	APPROVED
082830000	082830002
082830003	082960007
082960006	082520007
082980000	082470018
900455853	

CSE Recommendations

f. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendation reviewed on December 16th be approved:

APPROVED	APPROVED
082290001	900434139
900123537	900332965
900106404	900049204
900118578	900395854
900403822	900370081
900042416	900192466
900363894	900126032
900455978	900400119
900337231	900358979
900404585	900456086
900358433	900354144

900122112	900122659
900190933	900126040
900386647	900395836
082900000	900390154
900376747	082450001
900315695	900191214
900427164	900046400
900191146	900455281
900385287	900433291
900441201	082430004
082530001	

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to grant permission for the French Club's out of country field trip requested to travel to France during Spring Recess 2010. Approval is granted with the understanding that all school rules and regulations will be followed and that there will not be any cost to the school district other than for substitute teachers, if needed. 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.

French Club's Out of Country Field Trip to France Approved

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept a $1000 donation from Wal-Mart for the Washington West Elementary School's Enrichment Class activities.

Wal-Mart Donation Accepted

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept a $1000 donation from the Medical Group to be used for the future purchase of a school sign for Boardmanville Elementary School.

Olean Medical Group Donation Accepted

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept a $100 donation from Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro, PC for district-wide art supplies.

Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro Donation Accepted

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to extend the unpaid Medical Leave of Absence for Shirley Wigent, Teacher Aide, OMS, for a period of ten (10) days beginning January 5, 2009 through January 16, 2009.

Shirley Wigent Granted Medical Leave Extension

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Richard Snyder, Jr. High All-County Chorus, for the 2008-2009 school year.

Richard Snyder Resignation as Jr. High All-County Chorus Accepted

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Jackie Thomas-Eustis Appointed Jr. High All-County Chorus

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following Extra Curricular recommendation for the 2008-2009 school year.

Jackie Thomas-Eustis, Jr. High All-County Chorus, Index .020, Stipend $620

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Non-Conditional Certified and Non-Certified Substitute Teachers, Non-Conditional Teacher Aide, and Non-Conditional Cleaner Appointed

Moved by D. Harris, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Meghan Sisson as a Non-Conditional Certified Teacher, Gregory Giermek as a Non-Conditional Non-Certified Substitute Teacher, and Faith Dombrowski as a Non-Conditional Cleaner for the 2008-2009 school year.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Conditional Certified and Non-Certified Substitute Teachers, Conditional Teacher Aide, and Conditional Cleaner Appointed

Moved by D. Harris, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Nicole Ewings as a Conditional Certified Substitute Teacher, Creg Drake as a Conditional Non-Certified Substitute Teacher and James Peterson as a Conditional Cleaner for the 2008-2009 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 has been conditionally cleared for employment. If the Commissioner of Education notifies the District that the appointee has been denied conditional clearance or clearance, the appointment shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointee is granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointment shall continue.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Committee Reports

The following Committee Reports were presented to the Board of Education:
a. Operations Committee – December 1st – presented by Michiko McElfresh

District to Pay for Volunteer Coaches Fingerprinting Fees

Moved by D. Harris, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the District be authorized to pay the fingerprinting fees of volunteer coaches effective December 17, 2008 for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Discussion Items

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a. US Today – Toxic Air Article

Information Items

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a. Lean Six Sigma
b. Leadership Secrets of Santa Claus

Regular Meeting

Moved by J. Bartimole , seconded by M. Martello, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 7:11 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: Litigation Update; two (2) personnel performance issues; one contractual issue.

Lynn Corder was extended an invitation to attend the Executive Session to discuss the Contractual Issues

Executive Session

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Adjournment of Meeting

Moved by D. Harris, seconded by J. Bartimole, to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. in appreciation of Jeff Shaw, Olean Times Herald reporter for Olean City School District.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Dated: December 18, 2008