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

Regular Meeting
January 6, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, January 6, 2009 at 6:32 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. Colleen Taggerty 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 (arrived at 6:33 p.m.)
Michiko McElfresh
James Padlo

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools
Ann O'Brien, Business Administrator
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel
Linda Nottingham, IJN Principal
Jerry Trietley, OMS Principal
Barb Lias, OHS Principal
John White, BV Principal
Dave Olson, EV Principal
Julie Scull, District Typist
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

OTHERS: Brian Lothridge, Olean Times Herald

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by L. Branch, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda. — Agenda Additions and Changes

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Public Comments:
None — Public Comments

Communications, Commendations — Communication and Commendation

a. Buffamante Whipple Buttafaro Holiday Card Contest Winners - Mackenzie Pfeffer, WW; Alexis Gergel, BV; and Shannon McNamee, BV.
b. NYSSBA Conference

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

- OMS Air Quality – January 6th meeting with Mayor and Industry Leaders
- Construction Management meeting January 21st-
- CDEP January 21st Meeting – Focus groups will define goals
- 09-10 Budget
- Spring Drill
- Probationary Teachers – Colleen will be conducting pre-observations and classroom observations
- Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry will be off January 14th through January 21st
- Thank you to administrators for covering for Judy Creeden during her absence

Consent Agenda

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

a. The previous meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 2, 2008 and December 16, 2008.

Contract Between Olean City School District and Cattaraugus County for Youth Placement Prevention Programming Approved

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Contract between the Olean City School District and Cattaraugus County for Youth Placement Prevention Programming beginning July 1, 2008 and terminating on June 30, 2009.

2007-2008 Amount: $87,250.00 2008-2009 Amount: $87,250.00

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Non-Financial Collaborative Agreement Between Olean City School District and Cattaraugus and Wyoming Counties Project Head Start Tabled

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, to table the Non-Financial Collaborative Agreement between the Olean City School District and Cattaraugus and Wyoming Counties Project Head Start to promote collaborative working relationships between major providers of preschool education.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Carrie Peters Granted Tenure

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Carrie Peters who is certified in the Mathematics 7 - 12 tenure area, be granted tenure effective January 18, 2009.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

HUNT Architects Hired for NYSERDA Funding and Energy Savings Exploration

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to hire Hunt Architect to apply for NYSERDA funding for the Olean Middle School automatic pool cover for energy savings and explore inclusion in Phase II of the Capital Project for a fee of $3,500.00.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Orchestra's Over Night Field Trip to Houghton College Approved

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Orchestra's Over Night Field Trip to Houghton College for the Spring String Festival from May 22, 2009 through May 23, 2009. 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.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Olean Middle School's Washington Club's Over Night Field Trip to Washington, DC from March 25, 2009 through March 27, 2009. 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.

OMS Washington Club's Over Night Field Trip to Washington, DC Approved

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve David Renaud as an IT Department school volunteer effective January 5, 2009.

David Renaud Approved as IT Department School Volunteer

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the 2008-2009 School Calendar be amended to provide for no school for all high students on January 30, 2009 for the purpose of scoring regents.

2008-2009 School Calendar Amended

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve a Leave of Absence for Sally Ventura, Girls' Varsity Soccer Coach, for the 2009-2010 school year.

Sally Ventura Granted Leave of Absence as Girls' Varsity Soccer Coach

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 the resignation of Thomas Wesley, Cleaner, Olean High School/Olean Middle School, effective January 1, 2009.

Resignation of Thomas Wesley Accepted

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Paul Grekalski as a Conditional Certified Substitute Teacher, Rachel Burrows as a Conditional Substitute Teacher Aide and James Peterson (grandfathered at $12.21 per hour) as a Conditional Substitute 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.

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

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. Martello, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Melissa Corcimiglia and Travis Happoldt as a Non-Conditional Certified Substitute Teachers for the 2008-2009 school year.

Conditional Certified and Non-Certified Substitute Teachers Appointed

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Kristin Schuman Appointed in the Speech Pathologist Tenure Area

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Kristin Schuman as a non-conditional three year-probationary appointment in the Speech Pathologist tenure area effective October 1, 2007. The probationary service shall end on April 23, 2010. The appointee is certified in the Speech and Language Disabilities certification area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kristin Schuman, during her second year of this appointment, be paid at the annual salary as outlined in the Agreement between the Olean Teachers' Association and the Board of Education for a teacher on Step 2, with a Masters Degree and 63 graduate hours, and Speech Pathologist Stipend or as outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement ($43,565) (Step 2, Masters Degree, 63 graduate hours, $875 Speech Pathologist stipend).

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Marlana Finch Appointed in the Speech Pathologist Tenure Area

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by D. Harris, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Marlana Finch as a non-conditional three year-probationary appointment in the Speech Pathologist tenure area effective September 2, 2008. The probationary service shall end on October 25, 2010. The appointee is certified in the Speech and Language Disabilities certification area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Marlana Finch, during her first year of this appointment, be paid at the annual salary as outlined in the Agreement between the Olean Teachers' Association and the Board of Education for a teacher on Step 2, with a Masters Degree and 63 graduate hours, and Speech Pathologist Stipend or as outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement ($43,461) (Step 2, Masters Degree, 61 graduate hours, $875 Speech Pathologist stipend).

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Cheri Frame Appointed Program Specialist

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the appointment of Cheri Frame as a non-conditional Program Specialist at the rate of $23 per hour for the 2008-2009 school yea.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Chris Rosel Appointed Program Specialist

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the appointment of Chris Rosel as a non-conditional Program Specialist at the rate of $23 per hour for the 2008-2009 school yea.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Committee Reports

The following Committee Reports were presented to the Board of Education:
a. Audit Committee – December 15th – presented by Eric Garvin
b. Finance Committee – December 15th – presented by Mike Martello

Discussion Items

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a. The Leadership Secrets of Santa Claus

Information Items

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a. USA Today Article

Moved by J. Bartimole , seconded by J. Padlo, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 6:52 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: Litigation updates, contractual issue, and Investigation update. — Regular Meeting

Lynn Corder was extended an invitation to attend the Executive Session to discuss the contractual issue.

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Padlo, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 8:05 p.m. — Executive Session

Ayes __9___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross, to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. in appreciation of Jeff Shaw, Olean Times Herald reporter for the Olean City School District. — Adjournment of Meeting

Ayes __9___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Dated: January 13, 2009