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

Regular Meeting
May 5, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, May 5, 2009 at 6:32 p.m. in the Cafetorium of Washington West Elementary School located at 1626 Washington Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by President Katzenstein with a moment of silent prayer. Students in the audience 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
Michael Martello
Michiko McElfresh
James Padlo

ABSENT: Daniel Harris

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools
Ann O'Brien, Business Administrator
Barb Lias, OHS Principal
Jeff Andreano, OHS Assistant Principal
Dave Olson, EV Principal
John White, BV Principal
Cheryl Vecchio, WW Principal
Linda Nottingham, IJN Principal
Jerry Trietley, OMS Principal
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk
Theresa Heinz, District Teacher
Amy Anastasia, District Teacher
Kellie O'Brien, District Teacher
Sheila Jackson, District Teacher
Sue Frentz, District Teacher
Christine Stavish, District Teacher
Bob Phillips, District Teacher
Julie Kane, District Teacher Aide
Susan Grosso, District Teacher Aide
Leah Allen, District Counselor
Kris Ring, District Teacher
Lissa Mulherin, District Teacher
Cari Matejka, District Teacher
Pam Stephens, District Teacher
Nancy Sullivan, District Teacher
Lyn Dempsey, District Teacher
Jen Carls, District Teacher
Colleen Larson-Deibler, District Teacher
Kelley Whitney, District Teacher
Marlana Finch, District Speech Pathologist
Karen Woodring, District Teacher
Michelle Henning, District Teacher Aide
Bonnie Miller, District Teacher Aide
Lori Lewicki, District Teacher
Molly Scott, District Teacher
Kris Bates, District Teacher
Julie Faulkner, District Teacher

Christine Proto, District Teacher
Ellie Hoffman, District Speech Pathologist
Jeff Anastasia, District Teacher
Michelle Acierno, District Teacher
Laurie Murray, District Teacher
Kelly Gumtow, District Counselor
Michelle Robinson, District Teacher
Emily Chamberlain, District Teacher
Lisa Brooks, District Teacher
Tara Frederick, District Teacher
Bill Hughey, District Teacher
Pam Stephens, District Teacher
Marie Rakus, District Teacher
Mary Lynn Domboski, District Teacher
Jean Nickel, District Teacher
Chris Rose, District Teacher
Bernadette Martin, District Teacher
Suzanne Kallenbach, District Teacher
Pamela Neary, District Teacher
Jackie Thomas-Eustis, District Teacher
Nicole Nirchi, District Teacher
Joseph Gervase, District Teacher
Jennifer Rhody, District Teacher
Kathy Eggert, District Teacher
Tobi Snyder, District Teacher
Rintaro Wada, District Teacher
Brian Crawford, District Teacher
Helen Button, District Typist
Amanda Bess, District Teacher
Linda Bess, District Typist
Chuck Bauer, District Teacher
Steve Anastasia, District Teacher
Matt Perry, District Teacher
Ed Bush, District Teacher
Tammy Martin, District Teacher
Dan Anger, District Teacher
Kathy Welch, District Teacher
Dan Brown, District Teacher

OTHERS:

Chris Champman, Olean Times Herald
Adam Moses
Madison Forrest
McKenzie Forrest
Steven Jackson
Josh Sahr
Amanda Weigel
April Stuckey
Kristin Johnson
Richard Curtin
Nancy Matejka
Kim Bihler
Ron Dyal
Brianna Dyal
Matt Gumtow
Alexandra Rakus
Kasey Boutwell

Nick Pircio, WHDL
Saad Mirza
Danae Forrest
Theresa Heinz
Martha Hennessy
Travis Satterfield
Josh Benjamin
Joy Sova
Ty Johnson
Kris Curtin
Dana Boser
Shawn Bihler
Dylan Dyal
Sukie Dyal
Gil Witte
Tchianna McPeak
Margaret Phillips

Beth Sanders
Ashley Jerge
Olivia MacWilliams
Michael Dombowski
Amy Sherburne
Nicholas Martel
Carol MacWilliams
Andrew Klice
Colby Becker
Courtney Hendrix
Keisha Givan
Andy Carlson
Karla Bright
Kaitlyn Anastasia
Barbara Simon
Karalyn Anastasia
Michael Liu
Faith Bain-Zucey
Will Allen
Emily Allen
Kelsey Gengo
Joyce Melfi
Miles Marvin
Donald Powell
Teresa Donovan
Julianna Fuentes
Ashley Gengo
Zoe Jurenko
Taylor Tobin
Marcia Pancio
Zafar Mirza
Alfred Eade
George Moses
Dillon Niles
Riley Branch
Sandy Patrick
Kelly McKeown
Tom Quinlan
Chris Powell
Shelby Gadsden
Paul Lewis
Michael Witte
Jocelyn Huselstein
Wang Lui
Jamole Klute
Mia Klute
Elaine Snyder
Emily Sova
Alexa Sova
Holly Stiemlinger
Kristin Johnson
Pat Rhinehart
Brianna Curtin

Nicholas Sanders
Emily Lasky
Miranda Salaka
Lillian Lechner, BOCES Teacher
Kathleen Martel
Michael Martel
Kenneth Boser, II
Brandon Middaugh
Ahmad Burney, Jr.
Kaitlyn Duffy
Anne Carlson
Liz Whipple
Jackson Bright
Michael Powell
Rebecca Lasky
Kaitlin Harvey
Brandon Jones
Kristen Roth Allen
Katie Allen
Carol Gengo
William Allen
Dustin Manwarren
Cody Weber
Richard Donovan
Skye Donovan
Maddy Terhaar
Ivy Cammarata
Kayla Cihak
William Garner
George Pancio
Shazia Siddiqi
Adam Moses
Ron Niles
John Capitani
Chris Rhinehart
Jackson Bright
Cameron Kane
Kristina Derx
Dan Boutwell
Karen Bellamy
Heather Treaster
Taylor Carney
Denise Gagliardo-Renaud
Andrew Lui
Darryl Klute
Sierra Donovan
Nicole Sova
Beth Harvey
Maggie Stanford
Chelse Hall
Josh Sallie
Chad Satterfield
Kisha Gibbon

Agenda Additions and Changes

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: Move agenda item # 7. Superintendent's Report after agenda item #4. Add Litigation Update to Executive Session.

Ayes __8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Communication and Commendation

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a. Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Olean Public Library's Annual Short Story Contest and will be receiving awards on Thursday, May 7th, at 7 p.m.: John Forrest - 1st place; Kimberly Seaward - 2nd Place; Ashley Murphy - Honorable Mention; Michelle Wang - Honorable Mention; and James Dombrowski - Honorable Mention.
b. Board of Education Invitation to the May 20th Ivers J. Norton Elementary School's 100th Year Celebration and OHS Academic Recognition Dinner on May 26th.

Superintendent Report

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

- Detailed explanation of the 2009-2010 Budget
- NYS DEC Rep. was on site at the Olean Middle School today to determine placement of the two testing stations. Testing equipment should arrive between May 15th and May 30th
- CDEP Meeting – May 6th – 3:15 pm
- May 8th – WNY Education Service Council – Ellicottville
- May 13th Chancellor Bennett Luncheon

Public Comments

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Zafar Mirza, 1604 Gemini Drive – noted that he is in support of the Enrichment Program. He is disappointed the program is scheduled to be eliminated. At the last board meeting Ms. Matejka spoke about the Enrichment program and how well the students are doing. He asked what could be done to save the program? How much will the District be saving by cutting the program? What can parents do to help – can they pay a tuition fee, conduct fundraisers? Noted that numerous individuals have signed a petition supporting the program.

Dr. **Shazia** Siddiqi, 1604 Gemini Drive – she is the mother of an Enrichment Program student. Gifted children may not always advance in other areas (socially, developmentally). These students need to find creative ways to entertain self while waiting for other students to finish their work. Gifted students tend to drop out of school due to boredom. Gifted students are often neglected in regular classes and not challenged enough. They are often diagnosed with ADHD. What about NCLB? Students will not be receiving a superior education if the program is cut. It is the gifted students that will become doctors, laywers, etc.

Alfred Eade, 230 N. 2nd Street – the OCSD is becoming the third choice for parents who wish to located to the area. He understands the difficult position the District is in due to what was presented by Ann O'Brien. We are loosing the STAR rebate, the City of Olean has recently reassessed property. If 9 teachers are being cut for the 2009-2010 school year, will 10 teachers be cut next year? What will we be educating if the Enrichment Program and the Integrated Kindergarten Programs are being cut?

George Moses, 611 Front Street – he emailed a letter last week to the Board of Education regarding the Enrichment Program. Dr. Taggerty did respond to his email and noted that she makes the budget recommendations to the Board. His hope is that the voice of the individuals that signed the petition that Mr. Mirza reference is heard.

Adam Moses, 611 Front Street – he is a student of the Enrichment Program. He realizes how bad the budget is. He asked the Board of Education to please keep the program.

Renald Dyal, 121 S. Barry Street – when his son, Dylan, was given the opportunity to go into the Enrichment Program, he was told it would be for two years. He moved here from New York City and owns a lot of property. He pays a lot of taxes. He is willing to pay more if it means saving the Enrichment Program. Please keep the program for one more year.

Dylan Dyal, 121 S. Barry Street – he is a student of the Enrichment Program. He asked, "how will the elimination of the Enrichment Program affect the kids in 4th Grade"?

Addie Rakus, 109 Madison Avenue – Ms. Nirchi is her teacher, please don't cut her position. Don't cut the Music program, the Orchestra program will suffer. Ms. Nirchi puts time and effort ion the program. She answers questions. Kids have fun in her class. This is Ms. Nirchi's first year, why cut her? Music is a way of expressing yourself. Cutting Ms. Nirchi's position will sadden the students, parents, and other teachers.

Emily Allen, 1613 Stardust Lane – Please save the Enrichment Program. If the program is cut her classmates will miss out on learning opportunities. Kids like her have an easy time learning, they need to have an alternative option like horizontal learning. Never doubt that a small group of citizens can change the world. They go above and beyond, and they think outside the box.

Katie Allen, 1613 Stardust Lane – she is in the 3rd grade. The Enrichment Program is important to her older sister. It is a great program for smart 4th and 5th graders. The kids will miss each other if they are split up. The program is important and the board members are the only ones that can save if. If Ms. Matejka leaves, which class will she teach? Ms. Matejka really wants to teach the Enrichment class.

Richard Donovan, 206 Grossman Avenue – asked the board of education to look ahead to next year and the following year. Mention was made of contractual obligations, retirements, health insurance premium increases which would result in a large tax increase. A $1,000,000+ deficit does equate to lay-offs and cuts. The board needs to look at contracts. Please consider staffing the Enrichment Program. Cari was named Teacher of the Year two years in a row.

Mike Domboski, 1612 Stardust Lane – he has researched the American Recovery Act and how much is allocated to education to help reduce the number of lay-offs. Eric Massa noted that the OCSD would get $1.6M. Is this money to be used to preserve and create jobs? If the District is getting this money, couldn't it be used to save programs and prevent lay-offs?

Matt Powers, 125 N. 5th Street – was a student in Mrs. Welch's class. She helped him with his ELA scores and Regents.

Courtney Hendrix, 318 King Street – having a lot of kids will be bad for students and teachers. Her teacher, Mrs. Perry is a great teacher and lots of fun. Mr. Perry is doing a great job too. He goes to all the baseball games. Mr. Perry is going to loose his job – don't split them up. If he has to leave to get another job, Mrs. Perry will go too.

John Capitani, 231 Carolina Street – he is a proud band student. He has been playing the sax since 6th grade. He values Ms. Nirchi's lessons. She has formed a quartette, she goes places, and does new things. She is not only a good teacher, but a good friend. Please reconsider not cutting Ms. Nirchi's position.

Jackie Thomas-Eustis, Cuba, NY – do you remember the first time you saw your kid standing on stage? May not see that next year due to the cuts of Ms. Nirchi's position? Please reconsider.

Ann Carlson, 1002 W. Henley Street – her daughter was the student that "just couldn't get it". As parents, they helped her, got her tested. When she entered Kathy Welch's AIS class, her daughter flourished. For the first time, her daughter made the honor roll. Please reconsider not eliminating the AIS and Business Department Program cuts.

Michael Powell, 404 Irving Street – he is a Senior at Olean High School. Everyone has an experience or a story to tell about how they have been touched by the school. He was a student of the Enrichment Program. He went to Washington West and was transported to Boardmanville so he could attend. It is because of the Enrichment program that he got on the honor roll. He received a $15,000 Presidential Scholarship. It is things like the Enrichment Program that colleges look at. He has also been involved in the music program and has been singing since he was 5 years old. Jan Rhody, Joe Gervase, and Rin Wada are great teachers. Chorus is a way for him to express himself. It is a stress reliever.

Jackson Bright, 1210 Brook Street – he heard that Ms. Nirchi is loosing her job and is pretty mad. She is a very good teacher.

Rebecca Lasky, 930 Crown Street – she was in the Enrichment Program. Students in the program are allowed to learn at his/her own pace. They are motivated to do things. It was a great experience and she was always encouraged to reach for the stars. If she was in a normal class, she would not have excelled. Please do not cut the Enrichment Program.

Riley Branch, 1841 Windfall Road – was also a student in the Enrichment Program. She was able to learn at her own pace, was given mentorship opportunities. She was able to grown in ways that a normal class does not allow.

Rev. Allen, 1613 Stardust Lane – advocating for the Enrichment Program. Her daughter has been in the program for two years. The Enrichment Program is what people look for when moving to a new area. It would be devastating to loose the program.

Rev. William Allen, 1613 Stardust Lane – Rev. Allen has seen his daughter, Emily, thrive in the Enrichment Program. Ms. Matejka has taken Emily to a whole different level. Cutting the program would only save the salary of the teacher. Putting the Enrichment students back into the regular classrooms will only increase classroom sizes.

Brandon Jones, 511 W. Sullivan Street – Mr. Snyder, music teacher at the Middle School is a retired teacher that decided to come back to teaching. Why not cut Mr. Snyder's position instead of Ms. Nirchi's?

Mike Lui, 203 N. 4th Street – cutting the Music Program would be devastating. The students don't support any of the educational cuts. He stated, "remember, we are your future".

Katlyn Harvey, 121 S. 8th Street – musicians are a huge family where a strong bond is created. The music family wants to stick together, that is why so many people signed the petition. Mr. Gervase will be forced to have 10 additional students which means larger lesson groups. The Music Dept. has done well in competitions and the proposed cuts in the Music Program will affect this.

Chris Rhinehart, 1546 Olean-Portville Road – Ms. Frentz in the Business Dept. has helped him a great deal. She encourages him to push himself and helped him write his college paper. Mr. Perry, the SAC Advisor, encourage him to get involved in the community.

Sandi Patrick, 118 S. 6th Street – moved to the area from Harrisburg, PA. Her son Noah is in the Enrichment Program and feels it would be a shame that other students won't be given the opportunity to experience what the program offers.

Matt Johnston, 402 Arland Avenue – was in the Enrichment Program for two years. He is now taking calculus. He is not in band, rather, plays soccer and track. The competition that sports afford a student is good. Students need these memories. Mr. Perry, the SAC advisor, is not just a "History teacher".

Jason Kohl, 525 Third Avenue – Mr. Perry is needed as a coach. He is also a good teacher. Ms. Sisson is also a good Spanish teacher.

Miles Marvin, 120 S. 8th Street - Mr. Anger, OHS English teacher, has a certain style of teaching. Miles will be going into advanced English next year. Without literacy, what does one have? Please save this young and gifted teacher.

Kelly McKeown, 209 N. 4th Street – Enrichment Program is helpful when trying to get into a college. Students deserve to have the Enrichment Program opportunity.

Brady Danner, 109 N. 14th Street – he does not know much about the budget, but asked why not eliminate the Slushy machine in the cafeteria and take out the Smart Boards. Cut back on luxuries and not teachers.

Tom Quinlan, 720 Maple Street – he has been in the Business Program for several years and is now eligible for CTE which is a big deal to him and he is very proud of it. There are over 200 students in the Business Program and cutting it in half would be a bad idea. Ms. Frentz is a great teacher and has helped him out a lot. Mr. Perry is a great teacher as well.

Ashley Gengo, 1253 Camery Road – Requested the Board – please do not get rid of modified sports and band.

Maddie Terrhar, 2 Red Oak Drive – Requested the Board – please do not get rid of the programs.

Ivy Kamerada, 120 N. 7th Street – Requested the Board – please do not eliminate programs.

Chuck Bauer, 709 W. Green Street – asked that his speaking time be given to Bob Phillips, OTA President.

Bob Phillips, Allegany, OTA President – Bob noted that he is nearing the end of his teaching career as he will be retiring at the end of this school year. OLEAN IS SECOND TO NONE! Well over 30 students are in attendance tonight. – that speaks volume. There is a Reading teacher in every elementary school. Why is the Reading teacher at the OHS being cut when there are ESL and 504 students in need of help. Nine teachers will be retiring at the end of the school year which will save the district $660,000. The district is slated to get $1.6M in stimulus money. Why is the District going to lay-off nine additional teachers?

Kristina Derx, 201 N. 13th Street – she never excelled in school until in HS and that is because of the Business Program. She plans on going to college for Sports Management. She is not CTE eligible. She stated that Ms. Frentz has helped her in many ways.

Chris Powell, 404 Irving Street – her children were in Ms. Geller's Enrichment class several years ago. She cannot imagine what will happen to the Enrichment students if the program is cut. Image what would happen to Special Education if cuts were made. The District needs to pay as much attention to the gifted students as it does to the special education/special needs children.

Dan Boutwell, 132 N. 15th Street – he is an OHS Senior and will be attending Houghton college and plans to make music his career. Please do not cut the band program. Music brings happiness. Music starts here – at an early age– at the elementary level.

Shelby Gadsden, 129 S. 13th Street – is an OHS student that plans to become a business major. She is not in favor of cuts in the language department. Mr. Perry is a wonderful teacher and stepped up to the plate when Mrs. Abdo became ill. Mr. Perry is also the SAC Advisor and a coach. Indoor track and bowling are being eliminated. The OMS band will see a serious decline it its program. It would be better to raise taxes then to cut programs and teachers.

Keriann Bellamy, 310 N. 18th Street – sacrifices need to be made. Cutting programs is like cutting someone's life. Music students' work very hard, they don't have other things to do. She noted her good friend has benefited from music. Music got her into college.

Paul Lewis, 531 Second Avenue – we cannot always get what we want. At home we have to cut our budgets – entertainment, eating out, etc. The primary objective of the OCSD is ACADEMICS. Increasing class sizes and cutting an English teacher position goes against the objective.

Heather Treaster, 406 N. 8th Street – decided to come to tonight's meeting because her favorite teacher, Mr. Anger, will be loosing his job. Mr. Anger has made a huge impact on how she lives her life. Academics should be the school's number one priority. If you don't think that one person can make a difference – think of what having one pebble in your shoe does.

Michael Witte, 1802 Stardust Lane – he was in the Enrichment Program under the direction of Ms. Geller. He was a gifted child who was not challenged enough. He would finish his class work quickly and would program computers while the other kids were still working. His younger brother went to the program as well and he is now two years ahead in Math. Michael has taken advanced classes since he started High School. What is the motivation for students to go to school without programs such as Enrichment and Band that engage students. Reconsider the cuts and look at the school's policy on budget cuts.

Taylor Carney, 618 Grandview Avenue – in Middle School she was never given a chance for the modified sports program and this hindered her. She never got to play along side her friends. Please do not take this opportunity away.

Jocelyn Huselstein, 839 Crown Street – the Music Program teaches leadership and responsibility. Ms. Nirchi works very hard. Taking away the program will hurt students. Both the Valedictorian and Salutatorian are in band and orchestra.

Mike Marvin, 120 S. 8th Street – he had a sense of pride when he saw his son, Miles, walk up the aisle and speak. He will be the first to admit that he has not always felt that way. Mr. Dan Anger helped Miles so much his Freshman year. He asked that parents and students be given the opportunity to get involved in the budget process. To what extent has the union come to the table? Are they willing to make sacrifices?

Denise Gagliardo-Ranaud, 107 N. 13th Street – attended the meeting to speak on behalf of the Washington West teachers. Denise attended a Catholic school and it was a big decision regarding public school. She has had great experiences with Washington West. Ms. Gumtow is great with children. Having smaller classroom sizes is good for small children. Ms. Gumtow will be missed. Her daughter, Sofia, is in Ms. Scott's class and has flourished so much. Denise hates to see teachers, teacher aides, and program cuts.

Wang Lui, 203 N. 4th Street – moved to Olean a few years ago. Her sons have benefited from the Enrichment Program as well as the Music Program. Please don't cut these.

Andrew Lui, 203 N. 4th Street – he participated in the Enrichment Program for two years and really enjoyed it. He is now in double advanced Math because of the Enrichment Program. He was excited to discover another French horn player. Please keep the Band Program.

Dan Anger, Portville – he is a teacher slated to be eliminated. Getting rid of teachers is not just a way of saving money – how will this affect the graduation rate. Nine less senior teachers are going to loose their jobs included Matt Perry (history teacher), Megan Sisson (Spanish teacher), Sue Frentz (Business teacher). Come to their class, see how they engage their students.

Jamone Klute, 712 Washington Street – if students have to attend class for 180 days, there are 186 days on the school calendar, reducing the number of days teachers have to report will save $378,000. Reduce this way instead of cutting teachers.

Kathy Welch, 111 S. 9th Street – she was hired 18 years ago as a Reading teacher for the district. She has developed the AIS program at the HS. Her concern is for the students that are struggling, are on probations, need ELA help, are a 504 student, are ADHD, or having difficulty focusing. She

does not want to make anyone feel bad, just to speak on behalf of her students. The OMS has three Reading teachers. Each elementary school has a reading teacher. She was very surprised to learn the AIS position was going to be eliminated at the HS. This is the last change for some of these students. Having a reading problem at the HS level is not going to go away without help.

Maija Klute, 712 Washington Street – Ms. Nirchi does so much for the Music Program and is going to get laid off. Ms. Lechner , the Art teacher at the Middle School is going to be let go. Students look forward to Art and Music. She was a student of Ms. Matejka's for two years and would not be as successful as she is today without the Enrichment Program.

Sierra Donovan, 206 Grossman Avenue – participates in the Band Program. She does not think Ms. Nirchi should get laid off. She state she was a student of the Enrichment Program for two years and Ms. Matejka taught her so much.

Gil Witte, 1802 Stardust Lane – the Board of Education is not saying that the programs and teachers being eliminated are not essential. We need to recognize the financial cost. People need to make sacrifices. We all need to share in this. If programs and teachers are to be saved let's ALL come together to fix the problem.

Karalyn Anastasia, 123 N. 14th Street – Mr. Perry is her teacher. He teaches History as if it is a story. Because of his style of teaching, she has become more interested. Mr. Perry is the SAC Advisor and involved in other activities such as Homeless Huskies.

Elaine Snyder, 712 Washington Street – thanked the Board of Education for its time. She comes out in support of the teaching staff as she is a teacher as well. Both of her children were in the Enrichment Program. She suggested that money can be saved by turning computers off, turning lights off. Gifted students are think tanks, use them as a resource go come up with creative solutions for the budget problems.

Darryl Klute, 712 Washington Street – "WOW, that was amazing". This is what he hears and experiences when he attends an Enrichment Program event. There is a misconception regarding the Enrichment students. These are kids with special needs – they need specialized education. Two of his children have attended the program and they struggled in the mainstream setting. Dr. Taggerty made a comment about not devastating any one program – well, she did just that by eliminating the Enrichment Program.

Matt Perry, 515 W. Sullivan Street – thanked everyone for the kind words tonight. In the 1930's the nation was faced with the great depression. Sacrifices were made during that time. There was a 26% unemployment rate. We are not there yet. What other cost cutting measure are there? Has anyone explored "Going Green"? Ideas suggested: Paper retriever/recycling partnership with surrounding schools; solar energy.

Nicole Sova, 2064 Hillcrest Avenue – is an alumni of the Enrichment Program. She is involved in the Community School board, Select Chorus, Olean Theater Workshop, the Thanksgiving Dinner. She owes this to the Enrichment Program. She realizes the funding problem.

Emily Sova, 2064 Hillcrest Avenue – her older sister when to the Enrichment Program. She really wants to go too.

Beth Harvey, 121 S. 8th Street – is there anyway to squeeze $200,000 more from the fund balance to save positions?

Alexa Sova, 2064 Hillcrest Avenue – there are many opportunities and challenges in the Enrichment Program. The Band Program fills her with pride and joy. Save the Enrichment and Band Program.

Maggie Stanford, 222 N. 3rd Street – she is sad to see so many jobs and programs cut. Sad to see the Foreign Language cuts. She was excited to play modified sports in 6th Grade. She has enjoyed Mrs. Perry as a teacher and a coach. Mr. Perry is amazing and she was looking forward to having him as a teacher. "Would you be willing to give up 10% of your paycheck to save these positions"?

Samantha Froebel, 224 N. 4th Street – she did not realize that Ms. Matejka was going to be cut. She is amazed at how much the Enrichment kids know. She is in advanced French because if she is not in advanced classes, she gets bored. Mrs. Perry is a great Social Studies teacher and it is hard for her considering what is happening in her life knowing her husband, Mr. Perry, is going to loose his job.

Holly Stiemlinger, 419 N. 7th Street – she is very sad about the Foreign Language being cut. Ms. Sisson is a very good teacher. Ms. Lechner was her art teacher and she was really good too. Having larger classes will not be easy on kids because some don't comprehend very well. Mr. Perry coaches, Ms. Sisson Coaches. Mr. Perry helps Mrs. Perry with Ski Club.

Chelsea Hall, 911 Buffalo Street – She is not happy to hear about the bigger classrooms.

Cari Matejka, 117 N. 13th Street – again, thank you for the opportunity to speak. She contacted the NYS Advocacy Group for Gifted and Talented regarding the District cutting the Enrichment program. She has a commitment to the children. She believes in the Enrichment program. Her curriculum is compacted, she has small math groups, reading comprehension is above grade level, has numerous projects (Bright IDEA), took students on a trip to Albany, vocabulary of her students is off the GREs and SATs, best achievement is when students are grouped together in a safe environment to learn on the same level. Please reconsider cutting the Enrichment Program.

Kris Curtin, 1191 Route 16 South – she respect the difficult position the Board of Education is in. She hopes the BOE will visit the classroom. What is the savings in cutting the Enrichment Program? Is there grant money available to pay for the Program? If the District can keep the Reading 1st Program, why can't it keep the Enrichment Program? Parents were told the program is for two years. You have an obligation to these students. Where will you send them? Look at eliminating Administrators, not the Enrichment Program.

Kristin Johnson, 1233 Route 16 South – her son is an Enrichment student. He has benefited from the program tremendously. He used to hate school until he began the program. Agreeing to allow him to participate in the Enrichment Program meant he would be taken out of his neighborhood school for two years.

Ty Johnson, 1233 Route 16 South – the Enrichment Program is a great opportunity for everyone. The teacher is great. She works one-on-one. She gets the kids involved in the community and does big projects.

Pat Rhinehart, 1546 Olean-Portville Road – her children attended the OCSD. Now her grandchildren are attending the OCSD. Instead of looking at negative cuts, work together positively to keep programs.

Dan Brown, 111 N. Clark Street – is a parent of five children. Look at what the District has to offer: the Enrichment Program, college credit programs at the high school. Reexamine the proposed tax increase rate. Look at what can be restored. Claims the District has a bad image in surrounding area. If we want to strive for excellence start from the top and work your way to the bottom.

Ellie Sova, 2064 Hillcrest Avenue – would really like to go to the Enrichment Program like her sisters.

Julie Kane, 643 Main Street – the common goal is to focus on the students. Children are our future. We need to give them the tools to be successful. Her son is in the Enrichment Program. She would never have agreed to his participation if she would have know n it would be for only one year.

Monti Hennessy, 105 Terrace – as an educator and OBI and JCC she is in support of the Business Program. We are not a society of privileged youth. 1/3 go to college, 1/3 go to a business school, and 1/3 to into the military or get a job. OBI and JCC rely heavily on students from Business Programs. These students are more capable of handling the college level programs. We all have to make cuts personally. As the saying goes, "Pruning the tree doesn't begin at the trunk".

Cameron Kane, 643 Main Street – the Enrichment Program has really benefited him. It has improved his social and intellectual skills. He credited the Enrichment Program for his being able to speak tonight.

Josh Sallie, 111 S. 14th Street – he is an OHS Senior. Mr. Perry and Mr. Anger helped him when he broke his leg. They cared enough about him to ask if needed help getting to class.

Chad Satterfield, 1324 N. Union Street – He stated his favorite teacher, Mr. Anger is on the cutting block. Mr. Anger is a great man. Ms. Sisson is a great Spanish teacher too. He would not have passed without the help of Ms. Frentz. All are fantastic teachers, please don't cut their positions. It takes all Huskies to pull the sled and the school needs these teachers.

Andrew Klice, 129 N. 10th Street – Ms. Frentz and the Business Program motivate him. He has not done well in school until he began the program. He was going to go to BOCES but e decided to stay and take the Business Program. He is glad he did.

Leah Allen, 1559 Daniels Gate – read a letter from one of her student's, Todd Hanson, who was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Todd is enrolled in three business classes and has future plans to attend JCC. He plans to pursue a career in the Business Communication field. Expects to get an advanced regent's diploma with the CTE certification. Please reconsider eliminating a business teacher at the high school.

Chris Stavish, 804 Tracy Street – she is so proud of the high school students who spoke tonight. Four years ago she was hired to begin a Business Department. The program flourished and the hope was to have a second business teacher. The Board was in favor of the in 2004-2005 and many of the board members sitting at the table now were board members back then. She is sad to loose half of her department. She presented the "Did You Know?" List. An Alternative Ed program is coming to Olean. Out of district students attend Olean's Project Lead the Way classes. Please make the Business Department a priority.

Sue Frentz, Little Valley – her position as Business teacher is going to be eliminated. In March 3 DECA students competed in Rochester. They would not have had this opportunity if not enrolled in the Business program. Employable skills are needed in today's society whether college bound or employment bound. Her students get involved in helping with Elementary concerts, Child Advocacy Center fundraisers. She has 128 students enrolled next year – please reconsider cuts to the Business Program.

Sheila Jackson, Salamanca – she is the OTA Vice President, a District teacher. She lives in Salamanca, however, she sends her son to Olean. The District's mission is to educate children. Keep all programs alive.

Theresa Heinz, Cuba – District teacher read a letter from Jean Johnson, Interim Dean, JCC Campus. The letter was a plea to reconsider the proposed elimination of a high school business teacher. OHS and JCC entered into a dual enrollment program which must be taught by an approved instructor. Sue Frentz was approved to teach Accounting Fundamentals. Students receive three college credits after successful completion of the course. Any plans for future College Connection courses would have to be abolished if a faculty position were to be eliminated.

George Pancio, One Pancio Lane – he spent his entire career in education. He retired as Assistant Superintendent. He thanked the board for giving so many people the opportunity to speak at the meeting. When he began his teaching career his pay was $3800. Look at what teachers make today which is a result of the 1964 Taylor's Act which increased teacher pay. He is not in favor of getting rid of the Enrichment Program or making cuts to the Business Department which he supported in 2004. If health insurance premiums are rising and State aid is be frozen perhaps teachers need to agree to a pay freeze. He asked what teachers are willing to do to help save positions?

Marcia Pancio, One Pancio Lane – Don't give up – fight for what you believe in. The Business Program and the Enrichment Program are outstanding.

Mackenzie Forrest, 416 Genesee Street – her little sister Maddie goes to the Enrichment Program and is very excited about it. The students do a lot of competitions and Maddie is very competitive. They participate in fundraisers for the community. It would be a shame if the Enrichment Program is cut.

Maddie Forrest, 416 Genesee Street – is a student in the Enrichment Program. Some day, her goals is to become President. The class benefits her and will other generations to come. The program forces students to think outside the box. The Enrichment students work together as a team - it is hands on learning.

Saad Mirza, 1604 Gemini Drive – the Enrichment Program is an excellent program as it fulfills a student's needs. The teacher and the students are hopeful the program will be saved.

Brian Curtin, 1191 Rt. 16 South – the Enrichment students write their own newsletter. He realizes that the financial crisis may cause the Enrichment Program to end. Students learn in the Enrichment class because they are challenged. Remember – a small group of students can change the world. Ms. Matejka's class does several projects and gets the students involved in the community. A recycling program was started at Washington West.

Kisha Gibbons, 115 S. 16th Street – Ms. Perry told her class that Mr. Perry was going to loose his job. It is making Ms. Perry sad.

Cheryl Vecchio, 1728 Haskell Parkway – Dr. Craig Zuckerman noted in a letter that he strongly endorses the Enrichment Program. He evaluates and provides educational recommendations for children. Children who fall on either end of the spectrum of ability present a special challenge. Exceptional children should be afforded programs that meet their needs as well. The Enrichment Program appears to have effectively met exceptional children's needs.

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

a. The previous meeting minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 21, 2009 and the Special Meeting held on April 28, 2009.

b. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendation reviewed on May 5th be approved:

APPROVED	APPROVED	APPROVED
900456319	900456328	900447714
900454940	900370636	900231205
900433453	900455855	900049196
900338852	900455854	900338036
900315695	900455329	900427172
900397867	900453143	900116727
900102780	900046401	900454255

900206469	900350447	900455876
900455095	082610002	900332965
900410354	900402199	

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Project Lead the Way Career and Technical Education Certification Plan.

Project Lead the Way Career and Technical Education Certification Plan Approved

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the part-time ten-week appointment of Douglas Bushnell, assigned to Olean High School through the AmeriCorps Program sponsored by West Seneca AmeriCorps effective June 1, 2009 through August 21, 2009. Appointee is paid a $2,134 living stipend and a $1,000 education award by AmeriCorps.

Douglas Bushnell Appointed to AmeriCorps Program

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the part-time ten-week appointment of Katie Ralston, assigned to Olean High School through the AmeriCorps Program sponsored by West Seneca AmeriCorps effective June 1, 2009 through August 21, 2009. Appointee is paid a $2,134 living stipend and a $1,000 education award by AmeriCorps.

Katie Ralston Appointed to AmeriCorps Program

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, **to approve the Custodial Paper and Garbage Bag bid awards to:**

Custodial Paper and Garbage Bag Bids Awarded

Company	**Product**	**Bid Award**
Corr Distributors, Inc. 89 Pearce Tonawanda, NY 14150	**Paper Bath Tissue**	**$1,798.00**
Interboro Packaging Corp. 1000 Young St., Ste 150 Tonawanda, NY 14150	**Garbage Bags**	**$1,298.00**
Central Poly Corp. 18 Donaldson Place Linden, NJ 07036	**Paper Towels**	**$7,495.00**
	Total Recommended Bid:	**$10,591.00**.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Olean City School District Board of Education be and hereby establishes the following as a *standard* workday for employees *for the purpose of determining days worked reportable to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System as follows:*

Standard Workday for Employees Determined

Five day work week, 6 hour day
Food Service Helper, Senior Food Service Helper, Monitor, Teacher Aide

Five day work week, 7 hour day
Nurse, Cook

Five day work week, 7.5 hours day
Typist (Keyboard Specialist), Account Clerk Typist, Senior Account Clerk Typist, Confidential Secretary to Superintendent, Computer Technician, Cook Manager

Five day work week, 8 hour day
Building/Grounds Maintainer, Cleaner, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, Stenographer, Stock Clerk

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to designate the City of Olean as the Lead Agency for the Safe Routes to School grant contingent upon the City of Olean Common Council's acceptance as Lead Agency status.

City of Olean Designated as Lead Agency for Safe Routes to School Grant

Ayes 6 Nays 2 Motion Carried
E. Garvin, M. McElfresh

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Practicum Agreement between the Olean City School District and Canisius College for the 2009-2010 school year.

Practicum Agreement Between the Olean City School District and Canisius College Approved

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. Martello, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation, with regret, of Lisa Snyder, IJN Teacher Aide, effective May 11, 2009.

Resignation of Lisa Snyder Accepted

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation, with regret, of Mark Demski, OMS Secondary Science Teacher, effective June 30, 2009**.**

Resignation of Mark Demski Accepted

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the attached list of the Non-Conditional Certified Substitute Teacher and Non-Conditional Non-Certified Substitute Teachers for the 2008-2009 school year.

Non-Conditional Certified Substitute Teacher and Non-Conditional Non-Certified Substitute Teacher Appointed

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the attached list of the Conditional Substitute Teacher Aide and 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 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

Conditional Substitute Teacher Aide and Conditional Substitute Cleaner Appointed

appointees are granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointment shall continue.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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

a. Audit Committee – April 20th – given by Eric Garvin
b. Buildings and Grounds Committee – April 21st – given by Laurie Branch
c. CDEP – April 28th – given by Ira Katzenstein
c. Finance Committee – April 20th – given by Mike Martello

Discussion Items Discussion Items

a. Policy #7240 - Students Records: Access and Challenge – Second Reading
c. Policy #7242 - Student Directory Information – Second Reading

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policy #7240 – STUDENT RECORDS: ACCESS AND CHALLENGE as presented. This policy is to supersede any current School board Policy regarding the same matter. Policy #7240 Adopted

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policy #7242 – STUDENT DIRECTORY INFORMATION as presented. This policy is to supersede any current School board Policy regarding the same matter. Policy #7242 Adopted

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by E. Garvin, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 10:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: the employment history of a particular individual; contractual issue; contract negotiations; and litigation update. Regular Meeting

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 11:27p.m. Executive Session

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by L. Branch, to adjourn the meeting at 11:27 p.m. Adjournment of Meeting

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

May 12, 2009

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5/5/09 BOARD MEETING

POSITION DESCRIPTION	EMPLOYEE NAME	CERTIFICATION	FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE
SUB CERTIFIED TEACHER	GIANNI, MARIESA	Elementary Ed. 1-6; Special Education 1-6	YES
SUB TEACHER	PEER, AUDREY	ASSOCIATES	YES
SUB TEACHER	ALESIO, BETHANY	ASSOCIATES	YES
SUB TEACHER AIDE	ZAMBANINI, JEFFREY		NO
SUB CLEANER	ZAMBANINI, JEFFREY		NO