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

Regular Meeting
May 19, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 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 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
Michiko McElfresh
James Padlo

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools
Ann O'Brien, Business Administrator
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
Ryan Talbot, District Teacher
Jennifer Rodman, District Teacher
Amy Anastasia, District Teacher
Leslie Morey, District Teacher
Sheila Jackson, District Teacher
Sue Frentz, District Teacher
Christine Stavish, District Teacher
Timothy Kolasinski, District Teacher
Jennifer Carls, District Teacher
Kathleen Grandusky, District Teacher
Katheryn Estes, District Teacher
Arthur Wentz, District Teacher
Cari Matejka, District Teacher
Laurie Murray, District Teacher
Marie Rakus, District Teacher
Dave Lasky, District Teacher
Kathy Welch, District Teacher
Fred Welch, District Teacher
Joseph Gervase, District Teacher
Jennifer Rhody, District Teacher
Ron Shoup, District Teacher
Sue Monroe, District Teacher
Amanda Bess, District Teacher
Linda Bess, District Typist
Nicole Nirchi, District Teacher
Joelle Perry, District Teacher
Matt Perry, District Teacher
Meghan Sisson, District Teacher

OTHERS:	Chris Champman, Olean Times Herald	Nick Pircio, WHDL
	Colleen Stayer	Jeffrey Herner
	Ellen Herner	Mike Marvin
	Darrell Klute	Michael Martel
	Kathleen Martel	Kris Curtin
	Kristin Johnson	Dana Boser
	Nancy Matejka	Zafar Mirza
	Shazia Siddiqi	Jil Scott
	Freido Scott	Ronald Dyal
	Dylan Dyal	

Agenda Additions and Changes

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by L. Branch, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: Move agenda item # 5. Public Comments after agenda item #9. New Business; add item x. to agenda item #9; and add Litigation Update to agenda item #14. Executive Session.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Communication and Commendation

Communications, Commendations

a. Congratulations to: Valedictorian - Michael Witte; Salutatorian - Ann Skrobacz
b. The following students have been named for the May Harold Dutton Spotlight Award: Scott Maine Gr. 12- nominated by Mrs. Lias for volunteering without hesitation to assist her in the hallway and on the BOCES bus with a situation; Tomesha Hall and Stephanie Devling – Gr. 9 - nominated by Mrs. Skrobacz for all of their hard work, volunteerism, and eagerness to help; Michele Wang – Gr. 9 - Nominated by Mr. Kolasny for her exceptional effort and attitude; Max Koski – Gr. 11- nominated by Mrs. Heinz for extending himself to a new student on his own and assisting with a class project; Maria Skrobacz, Lauren Stevens, Ashley Mallery, Alicia Henning – Gr. 9 - nominated by Mr. Perry for succeeding despite a difficult situation. They have performed exceptionally well this year; Angelica Carlson and Jocelyn Huselstien – Gr. 12 - nominated by Mr. Wada for being excellent treasurers for orchestra. They are always reliable and willing to help; Sarah Colarusso – Gr. 10, Elizabeth Colarusso and Bridget Cooney – Gr. 12- nominated by Mr. Warren because they gave up an afternoon to clean part of the bike trail for Earth Day; Michael Witte – Gr. 12- nominated by Mrs. Kopec for his incredible work ethic and attention to detail; Destiny Ayala - nominated by Mrs. Mason-Varner for doing exceptionally well in the Culinary Arts program despite her obstacles; and Katalina Weber - nominated by Mrs. Mason-Varner for doing very well in her General Education Art Class and her improved attitude.
c. Congratulate to the band students and band teacher, Joe Gervase, as they received a gold rating on their level 5 adjudication at Genesee Valley High School May 12th

Superintendent Report

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

- HS Golf Tournament at Cornell University – May 29th – June 1st – shared transportation
- Science Test Scores
- ELA Test Scores
- Budget Vote/Board Election Update – 513 voters as of 6:00 p.m.

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. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Treasurer's Report dated April 30, 2009 be accepted and placed on file.

b. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Warrant Report for April 2009 be accepted and placed on file.

c. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the April 2009 Intra-fund Transfer listing in the amount of $7,131.69 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, 2009 be accepted and placed on file.

e. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CPSE recommendation reviewed on May 19th be approved:

APPROVED	APPROVED
090680000	090650002
090780000	900455875
900456315	900456544
900456444	900456913
900455857	900455984
900455985	

f. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendation reviewed on May 19th be approved:

APPROVED	APPROVED
900314586	082060002
900325261	900347729
900106852	900026780
900446854	900426204
900402680	900401287
900447086	900244016
900423421	090650000
900456319	90047413
900440596	900445517
900451266	900447294
900190775	900417789
900455890	900401224
900365428	900402690
900455866	900434139

Special End-of-School Year Meeting

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that a Special End-of-School Year Meeting of the Olean Board of Education be held on June 30, 2009 at 12:00 Noon in the Board Room at Olean High School.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Jacob Fintak Approved for Counseling Practicum

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Jacob Fintak be permitted to do an unpaid 20 hour "Counseling Practicum" through St. Bonaventure University, at Boardmanville Elementary School under the supervision of Carla Strong, Counselor, from May 20, 2009 through June 15, 2009.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Amy Anastasia who is certified in the English tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 3, 2009. — Amy Anastasia Granted Tenure

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Amanda Bess who is certified in the Elementary tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 3, 2009. — Amanda Bess Granted Tenure

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Heather Billings who is certified in the English tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 3, 2009. — Heather Billings Granted Tenure

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Jennifer Crawford who is certified in the Elementary tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 3, 2009. — Jennifer Crawford Granted Tenure

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Susan Frentz who is certified in the Business and Distributive tenure area, be granted tenure effective June 30, 2009. — Susan Frentz Granted Tenure

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by D. Harris, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Christine Gaylor who is certified in the Elementary tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 3, 2009. — Christine Gaylor Granted Tenure

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by D. Harris, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Suzanne Kallenbach who is certified in the Elementary tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 3, 2009. — Suzanne Kallenbach 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 Timothy Kolasinski who is certified in the Physical Education tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 3, 2009. — Timothy Kolasinski Granted Tenure

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Mary Magro who is certified in the Reading tenure area, be granted tenure retroactive to September 1, 2004. — Mary Magro Granted Tenure

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Mary Magro who is certified in the Elementary tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 3, 2009.

Mary Magro
Granted Tenure

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Leslie Morey who is certified in the Physical Education tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 3, 2009.

Leslie Morey
Granted Tenure

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by D. Harris, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Laurie Murray who is certified in the Elementary tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 3, 2009.

Laurie Murray
Granted Tenure

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Ryan Nawrot who is certified in the Health Education tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 3, 2009.

Ryan Nawrot
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 Joelle Perry who is certified in the Social Studies tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 3, 2009.

Joelle Perry
Granted Tenure

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Matthew Perry who is certified in the Social Studies tenure area, be granted tenure effective June 30, 2009.

Matthew Perry
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 Marie Rakus who is certified in the English tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 3, 2009.

Marie Rakus
Granted Tenure

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by D. Harris, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Jennifer Rodman who is certified in the Elementary tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 3, 2009.

Jennifer Rodman
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 Ryan Talbot who is certified in the Elementary tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 3, 2009.

Ryan Talbot
Granted Tenure

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Arthur Wentz Granted Tenure

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Arthur Wentz who is certified in the Special Education tenure area, be granted tenure effective September 3, 2009.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

St. Bonaventure University Donation Accepted

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept a $100 donation from St. Bonaventure University to pay for the transportation of Boardmanville 5th Grade students to St. Bonaventure University for the Toymania competition.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Explorer's Club Trip to Buffalo/ Niagara Falls, NY Approved

Moved by M. Martello, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that permission be granted for the 6th Grade Explorer's Club at the Olean Middle School to travel to Buffalo/Niagara Falls, NY from June 12 – June 13, 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. The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to make the final decision, based upon his judgment of safety concerns at the time of the scheduled field trip, whether the field trip will occur. Should the trip be cancelled, the Superintendent is to meet with parent, students, advisors and administrators to notify them of such matter.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Gold Coach and Golf Students Transportation Approved

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Olean City School District Golf Coach, and Student golfers, be transported to the High School State Golf Tournament at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, by the Salamanca Golf Coach, an approved occasional driver for students, in a Salamanca school vehicle be approved.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Public Comments

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Dave Lasky, 930 Crown Street – at a meeting of the Olean Teacher's Association, it was decided the OTA is willing to meet with the District to discuss ways to save programs and teachers. In advance of a meeting, please answer the following questions: what is the total savings in salaries and benefits of the eight retiring teachers; amount of administrators concessions compared to teacher concessions with regard to retirees; what was the strategic cost cutting savings plan; what happens to the grant money that may be lost by cuts; how is stimulus money earmarked for saving jobs and program being used?

Christine Stavish, 804 Tracy Street – asked the administrators, Dr. Taggerty, and the Board of Education to reconsider the cuts to the Business Program. At the May 5th board meeting a Did You Know list was read. She knows the importance of investing in a child. We are currently able to offer students college courses, employability skills, and work experiences. Be creative when budgeting. Don't trim the budget in ways that will negatively affect the child. She is concerned about 21st Century skills that students must have. Our children are our future. Working together today ensures their successes for tomorrow.

Kathy Welch, 111 S. 9th Street – the OHS AIS program has received no press regarding how important it is. She was hired many years ago as the Gr. 9-12 Reading teacher of students with deficiencies. She is serving students with IEPs, 504s, and helps students pass their regents exams. Several students have scored a Level 1 on their ELA test. The AIS program is a student's last chance. She has been able to create a program this is both valid and successful. The program keeps kids coming to school to succeed and graduate. A diploma is the cornerstone of their future. Reading programs exist in all elementary schools as well as the Middle School. Her hope is that there will be enough money to bring back this program.

Cari Matejka, 117 N. 13th Street – discussed the definition of "giftedness". Did you know there are 143 times more students in Special Education than in the gifted program? Discussed her letter to the editor. She stands united with her fellow teachers.

Colleen Stayer, 516 York Street – discussed the vision for the K-12 Enrichment Program. She was told that the Enrichment Program would be a two-year program. Do you want the best education for these students? Former teachers recommended these students for the Enrichment Program. This is where these kids need to be.

Kristin Johnson, 1233 Rt. 16 South – her son Ty attends the Enrichment Program. She spoke to his 3rd Grade teacher and was told that the general education classroom does not meet Ty's needs. If he has to go back to a regular classroom it is going to be devastating.

Kris Curtin, 1191 Rt. 16 South – thanked Dr. Taggerty for visiting the students of the Enrichment Program last week. She encouraged the board members to visit the classroom as well. She realizes the Enrichment Program is not a mandated program. Is the district doing everything it can to save the Enrichment Program? Has it exhausted every effort for grants? Seven children could be sent back to regular classrooms. Our children deserve a great education.

Ellen Kerner – 210 N. 12th Street – spoke out in regarding the Mrs. Welch's reading/literacy program. Her daughter, Cheyenne transferred to OHS after Christmas. Cheyenne did not like attending class, did not complete assignments. Getting her up in the morning. Two weeks after Cheyenne began attending Mrs. Welch's class, they noticed a tremendous change in Cheyenne. She was eager to get up to go to school, she began completing her assignments, and when the first progress report came home, her grades were better. Mrs. Welch and the AIS program is a resource we cannot afford to loose.

Joe Gervase, 240 ½ N. 2nd Street – discussed the importance of music (Boston Conservatory). Music leads the military, is sung around firehouses, is played at concerts. Music is not something you fund with left over money. Music is like medical school – it needs to be taken very seriously. It is your responsibility to educate and service each child. Make a child healthy and happy not broken hearted and lost. Ms. Nirchi has used music to reach out to so many students. The music program has received numerous awards. Joe asks himself, "what type of school does he want to work for?" A school of excellence. Eliminating nine teachers is no way to lay a foundation.

Mike Marvin, 120 S. 8th Street – he is happy to hear that the OTA is willing to make concessions. He questioned whether or not the District would accept money if funds were raised for the Enrichment Program. He is in favor of a K-12 Enrichment Program. In what ways can students and parents help with the financial crisis?

Renald Dyal, 121 S. Barry Street – Please save the Enrichment Program. Parents were promised two years and he asks that the Board of Education honor that promise.

Dylan Dyal, 121 S. Barry Street – he is a student of the Enrichment Program. The program has helped him think more thoroughly. Please save the Enrichment Program.

Jim Scott, 350Queen Street – thanked the Board of Education for paying attention to tonight's attendees. He is not in favor of cutting the Business Program which has 273 students. Why is the District top heavy administratively like General Motors?

Zafar Mirza, 1604 Gemini Drive – noted that he is in favor of the Enrichment Program and has attended board meetings to speak out publicly regarding his support of the program. How can we save the program? It appears the reduction of staff is occurring at the teacher level and not the administrative level. He has been disappointed with the lack of answers to the question, "what can be done to save the Enrichment Program"? How can parents help save the Enrichment Program? Parents were promised that their children would be in the program for two years.

Dr. **Shazia** Siddiqi, 1604 Gemini Drive – she is the mother of an Enrichment Program student and is also in favor of the program. Eliminating the program would be a set back for the students. Her son has had disruptive behavior as per his previous teachers. He needs to be challenged in a setting where his needs can be met.

Jan Rhody, 120 S. 8th Street – she is hopeful that a creative solution can be found without cutting off the limbs of school programs. The proposed cutbacks are not just a flesh wound, they will hurt deeply. How can we make cuts without hurting students? Entice teachers to retire over the next few years.

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the retirement resignation, with regret, of Helen Procacci, IJN Teacher Aide, effective June 30, 2009.

Resignation of Helen Procacci 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 Christine Crawford as a non-conditional part-time Food Service Helper retroactive to November 27, 2007 at an hourly rate of $8.15.

Christine Crawford Appointed Non-Conditional Part-Time Food Service Helper

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. Martello, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the attached list of the Non-Conditional Certified Substitute Teacher and the Non-Conditional Non-Certified Substitute Teacher for the 2008-2009 school year.

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

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 the attached list of the Conditional Non-Certified Substitute Teacher, Conditional Substitute Cleaners, and Conditional Substitute Teacher Aide 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 appointees are granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointment shall continue.

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

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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

Committee Report

a. CDEP – May 6th – given by Colleen Taggerty
b. Operations Committee – May 11th – given by Michiko McElfresh
c. Safety Committee – May 4th – given by Ira Katzenstein

Discussion Items

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a. Policy #5640 – Smoking/Tobacco Use – First Reading
b. Policy 7312 – Class Rank – First Reading

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, 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. — Policy #5640 Adopted

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policy #7312 – CLASS RANK with revisions. This policy is to supersede any current School board Policy regarding the same matter. — Policy #7312 Adopted

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by M. McElfresh, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: contract negotiations and litigation update. — Regular Meeting

Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry departed from Executive Session at 8:37 p.m.

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by L. Branch, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 8:45 p.m. — Executive Session

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the concession Memorandum of Agreement between the Olean City School District and the Olean Administrators/Supervisory Association (OASA) for the 2009-2010 school year. — Memorandum of Agreement Between the Olean City School District and the Olean Administrators/ Supervisory Association Approved

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross, to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m. — Adjournment of Meeting

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

May 26, 2009

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5/19/09 BOARD MEETING

POSITION DESCRIPTION	EMPLOYEE NAME	CERTIFICATION	FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE
SUB CERTIFIED TEACHER	GEORGIAN, SARAH	Childhood Ed. 1-6; Students w/Disabilities 1-6	YES
SUB TEACHER	BOSER, BETHANN	BACHELOR	NO
SUB TEACHER	WANGELIN, TRACY	ASSOCIATES	YES
SUB CLEANER	GARDNER, DENISE		NO
SUB CLEANER	WEIS, THOMAS		NO
SUB TEACHER AIDE	BOSER, BETHANN		NO