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

Regular Meeting
June 2, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria of the Olean High School located at 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Branch with a moment of silent prayer. Lori Lewicki led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

ABSENT: Ira Katzenstein, President

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools
Ann O'Brien, Business Administrator
Cso Woodworth, Technology Administrator
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing
Dave Olson, EV Principal
Cheryl Vecchio, WW Principal
Linda Nottingham, IJN Principal
Jerry Trietley, OMS Principal
Joel Whitcher, OMS Assistant Principal
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk
Christine Proto, District Teacher
Sheila Jackson, District Teacher
Karen Woodring, District Teacher
Lori Lewicki, District Teacher
Kris Bates, District Teacher
Kelly Gumtow, District Counselor
Dave Lasky, District Teacher
Kathy Welch, District Teacher
Fred Welch, District Teacher
Joseph Gervase, District Teacher
Jennifer Rhody, District Teacher
Michelle Robinson, District Teacher
Sue Monroe, District Teacher
Jennifer Hendrickson, District Nurse
Julie Kane, District Teacher Aide
Maureen DiPietro, District Teacher Aide
Nicole Nirchi, District Teacher
Kathleen Grandusky, District Teacher
Laurie Bushnell, District Teacher

OTHERS:

Chris Champman, Olean Times Herald	Nick Pircio, WHDL
Colleen Stayer	Jocelyn Huselstein
Matt Allen	Brandon Jones
Brianne Curtin	Michael Martel
Mathew Gumtow	Kris Curtin
Kris Johnson	Zafar Mirza
Shazia Siddiqi	

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by D. Harris, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda. Agenda Additions and Changes

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Communications, Commendations

a. On May 20th the Select Choir earned Gold with Distinction for the second year in a row at the NYSSMA Major Organization Festival in Plattsburgh, NY. This is the first time the OHS Choir has earned this distinction two consecutive years. Congratulations to Select Choir members and teacher, Jan Rhody, for their hard work. Communication and Commendation

b. The BCANY (Basketball Coaches Association of New York) recently announced that OHS Boys Varsity Basketball Coach Jeff Anastasia and OHS Girls Varsity Basketball Coach Don Scholla have been recognized as the 2009 Section 6 Class B Boys & Girls High School "Coach of the Year". Congratulations Coach Anastasia and Coach Scholla on being recognized as Section 6 "Coaches of the Year".

c. Over 250 students from Western New York attended the "Houghton String Festival" May 22-23. Congratulations to Mr. Wada and Mrs. Snyder for a great job preparing our students for this intensive weekend of playing their instruments.

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

- Board Room Decorations – thank you to the Olean Middle School
- OMS Art Show – June 1st
- Music Banquet – June 1st
- IJN Vandalism
- Section VI Golf Tournament – OHS student placed in the top 20

Public Comments: Public Comments

Brandon Jones, 511 West Sullivan – addressed the Board of Education regarding the PT position of his the elimination of his step mother, Amy Jones.

Julie Kane, 643 Main Street – addressed the Board of Education regarding the Enrichment Program. She received a letter indicating the Enrichment Program would be continued for the 2009-2010 school year. She is not happy with the structure of next year's program.

Kelly Gumtow, 1812 W. State Street – thanked the Board of Education for two wonderful years at Washington West. Kelly services students, staff, parents. She helps with IEPs, students in crisis, motivation of students, and channeling of their negative emotions. Kelly loves her job and feels as though it has been her dream job and would appreciate to be able to continue as a counselor for the District. Kelly's job is slated to be abolished at the end of the school year.

Richard Curtin, 1191 Rt. 16 S – addressed the Board of Education regarding the Enrichment Program and the letter that was received regarding the continuation of the program for the 2009-2010 school year. He is not in favor of the plan.

Jennifer Hendrickson, Cuba – she is a school nurse as well as a parent of two students. Jennifer read a letter regarding the elimination of the Washington West School Counselor, Kelly Gumtow. She deals with children that have experienced trauma, students that have been physically and sexually abused, parents that are addicted to drugs, have psychiatric issues, students that have been neglected, etc. The students that Kelly services have grown to trust her, connect with her, love and have bonded with her. The trust a child places in a school counselor cannot be compared to any other relations. Please reconsider abolishing this position.

Kathy Welch, 111 S. 9th Street – thanked the Board of Education for giving her the opportunity to explain the AIS Program at the High School. She services students on probations, need ELA help, are a 504 student, students that are ADHD, or having difficulty focusing. The OMS has three Reading teachers. Each elementary school has a reading teacher. Can you imagine the High School not having a Reading program?

Brianna Curtin, 1191 Rt. 16 South – asked the Board of Education to keep the Enrichment Program for future students. Don't force Ms. Matejka teach regular curriculum. Enrichment students need specific education at a higher level.

Colleen Stayer, 516 York Street – Colleen was very encouraged when she was notified the Enrichment Program was being reinstated, however, she was disappointed to learn that Ms. Matejka would be teaching Enrichment and regular education. How can one teacher teach both curriculums?

Dr. **Shazia** Siddiqi, 1604 Gemini Drive – the current restructuring of the Enrichment Program is not acceptable and will not meet the needs of the students. The current 4th grade Enrichment students are at a higher level than regular ed students. It is not possible for Ms. Matejka to teach the layered Enrichment curriculum and regular class curriculum.

Kris Curtin, 1191 Route 16 South – encourages the Board of Education to reconsider cutting the Enrichment Program. Numerous parents of Enrichment students have attended meetings to voice their opinions regarding the elimination of the program. Parents were told that they have been heard and that the Enrichment Program is on the priority list. The District should be proud to offer such a program. Please look at other areas to cut and save the Enrichment Program.

Dr. Saad Mirza, 1604 Gemini Drive – he is very disappointed with the Board's decision to continue the Enrichment Program for only one more year by allowing current 4th grade Enrichment students to remain with Ms. Matejka. Ms. Matejka would also be teaching 5th grade regular ed students. How can one teacher teach two curriculums? Restore the Enrichment Program to the true sense.

Dave Lasky, 930 Crown Street – his daughter was a student in the Enrichment Program and will be graduating this year. The program broadened her thinking, made her a better learner. This year's valedictorian is a product of the Enrichment class. Enrichment Program students rank within the top ten.

Joe Gervase, 204 ½ N. 2nd Street – he believes that change is good. Change is not good in the band world. Nichole Nirchi has done a great job. In the first year, Nichole increase student participation from 28 students to 56 students. Asked the Board of Education to please find the money to restore this position.

Brandon Jones, 511 W. Sullivan Street – Ms. Nirchi has done so much for the Music Program. Last week, for the first time ever, the music fest was hosted at Olean. Ms. Nirchi is always exploring new opportunities for the program. Asked the Board of Education to please keep Ms. Nirchi's position.

Laurie Bushnell, 1359 Goodrich Avenue – thanked the Board of Education for restoring positions. No one program is more important than the other. The District needs all positions restored.

Sheila Jackson, 34 E. State Street, Salamanca – Sheila was an Enrichment student many years ago. Such a program gave her confidence, maturity, etc. The 6th grade Foreign Language Program is very important. The later a student learns to speak a foreign language, the harder it is. The District needs to teach students about multi-culture and multi-diversity.

Moved by M. Martello, seconded J. Bartimole, 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 May 5, 2009, May 19, 2009 and Special Meeting held on May 20, 2009.

b. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CPSE recommendation reviewed on June 2nd be approved:

APPROVED	APPROVED
090860001	090860000
090780001	900455907
900455407	900455882
900447895	900456445
900456914	

Moved by D. Harris, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the District Code of Conduct, with recommended changes, for the 2009-2010 school year.

District Code of Conduct Approved

Ayes __8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that a Special Meeting of the Olean Board of Education be held on June 16, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room at Olean High School.

June 16, 2009 Special Meeting

Ayes __8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Agreement between the Olean City School District and the County of Cattaraugus Youth Bureau for the period of September 1, 2008 through August 31, 2012 for the identification of eligible families under current Even Start guidelines and recruitment of said families to participate in the program at a rate of $12,500 quarterly.

Agreement Between the Olean City School District and County of Cattaraugus Youth Bureau Approved

Ayes __8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that permission be granted for the Enrichment Class at the Washington West Elementary School to travel to Allegany State Park from June 10 – June 12, 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 her 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.

Enrichment Class Overnight Trip to Allegany State Park Approved

Ayes __8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to allow Cara Smith, graduate student of Alfred University, to conduct a research study to examine the mathematics skills in preschool students.

Cara Smith Granted Permission to Conduct Pre-K Mathematic Skills Research Study

Ayes __8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by D. Harris, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve an eight day unpaid Leave of Absence for Diane Cousins from June 8, 2009 through June 17, 2009.

Diane Cousins Granted Unpaid Leave of Absence

Ayes __8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation, with regret, of Catherine Wesley, IJN Monitor, effective May 29, 2009.

Catherine Wesley Resignation Accepted with Regret

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation, with regret, of Jennifer Knight, BV Teacher Aide, effective June 5, 2009.

Jennifer Knight Resignation Accepted with Regret

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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

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

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the attached list of Conditional Non-Certified Substitute Teachers and Conditional Substitute Food Service Helper 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 Teachers and Conditional Substitute Food Service Helper Appointed

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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

Committee Report

a. Audit Committee – May 18th – given by Eric Garvin
b. CDEP – May 11th – given by Colleen Taggerty
c. Finance Committee – given by Mike Martello
d. Health Advisory Committee – May 27th – given by Colleen Taggerty

Discussion Items

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a. Technology Presentation – Cso Woodworth
b. Kaleidoscope Readings in Education

Information Items

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a. Reception Honoring Retiring Staff, OHS Band Room, June 16th at 5:45 p.m.
b. Olean City School District Art Show, Olean Center Mall, May 27th – June 5th

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by J. Bartimole, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 8:07 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: the Employment History of a Particular Individual and Collective Negotiations.

Regular Meeting

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. Martello, seconded by G. Cross, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 8:21 p.m. Executive Session

Ayes __8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by G. Cross, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Adjournment of Meeting

Ayes __8___ Nays ___0___ Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

June 8, 2009

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6/2/09 BOARD MEETING

POSITION DESCRIPTION	EMPLOYEE NAME	CERTIFICATION	FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE
SUB CERTIFIED TEACHER	OLDANI, GINA	Childhood Education; Children with Disabilities	YES
SUB TEACHER	FORNEY, MICHAEL	BACHELORS	YES
SUB TEACHER	McPHERSON, REBECCA	ASSOCIATES	NO
SUB TEACHER	MULCAHY, CHELSEA	BACHELORS	NO
SUB TEACHER AIDE	PEER, AUDREY		YES
SUB FOOD SERVICE	LIJEWSKI, JANICE		NO