

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

Regular Meeting
September 11, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 7:31 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 Martello with a moment of silent prayer and a moment of silence in honor of September 11th. Gordon Cross led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Michael Martello, President
Ira Katzenstein, Vice President
John Bartimole
Laurie A. Branch
Gordon E. Cross
Eric Garvin
Steven H. Hamed
Michiko McElfresh
George Pancio

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Ward, Superintendent
Ann O'Brien, Business Administrator
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing
Marcie Richmond, Director of Special Education
Jerry Trietley, OMS Principal
Barb Lias, OHS Principal
Connie Pound, IJN Principal
John White, BV Principal
Dave Olson, EV Principal
Cso Woodworth, Director of Technology
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk
Eileen Skrobacz
Ray Valeri
Amy Anastasia
Linda Nottingham

OTHERS: Dan LeBlanc, Olean Times Herald
Nick Pircio, WHDL

Public Comments:
None

Public
Comments

Birdie Skrobacz, Yearbook Advisor, Beth LeRoy and Megan Guild, yearbook staff thanked the board of education for its yearbook support.

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by L. Branch, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda.

Agenda
Additions and
Changes

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Communications, Commendations

- a. Thank you to the BOE from Lauren Stuff, 4th Grade Teacher, IJN
- b. Thank you to the BOE from Gregory Jackson, Physical Education Teacher, EV
- c. Thank you to the BOE from Marjorie Dexter, 7th Grade Teacher, OMS
- d. Brian Martin, WW Teacher, will be returning from Iraq
- e. EV Inclusion (Dave Olson)

Communication
and
Commendation

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

1. Capital Project Vote in December
2. Meeting with NUSED Facility Planning Dept. October 10th
3. Annual Fire Inspection Reports are available for inspection
4. Board to arrive 15 minutes early on September 25th to tour CSE, Guidance, Nurse Office, and Library

Superintendent
Report

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

Consent
Agenda

- a. The previous meeting minutes of the Special Meetings held on Tuesday, Wednesday, August 1st and August 8th, the Regular Meetings held on August 14th and August 28th.
- b. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Warrant Reports for August 2007 be accepted and placed on file.
- c. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the August 2007 Intra-fund Transfer listing in the amount of \$41,149.68.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Pancio, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Agreement between the Olean City School District and the Cattaraugus and Wyoming Counties Project Head Start, for the Even Start Program – UPK – Family Forward, 1. Services to be Provided – Pre-kindergarten Program, Item c) Head Start – Elm Street Site contingent upon the teacher working towards certification, during the 2007-2008 school year.

Agreement
Between the
Olean City
School District
and the
Cattaraugus
and Wyoming
Counties
Project Head
Start for Even
Start Program

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Abstained 1 Motion Carried
(I. Katzenstein)

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to donate the following 1988 copyright Elementary Music Books "Music and You" to Southern Tier Catholic School:

Music Books
 Donated to
 Southern Tier
 Catholic School

	Text Books	Teacher Handbook	CD's	Flip Chart
Grade K	0	1	6	0
Grade 1	0	1	6	1
Grade 2	40	1	5	0
Grade 3	37	1	7	0
Grade 4	34	1	6	0
Grade 5	15	1	7	0
Misc. Soft Cover Teacher's Books	15			

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Lease Agreement for Special Education Classroom Space between the Olean City School District and Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming Counties BOCES for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Lease
 Agreement
 Between the
 Olean City
 School District
 and
 Cattaraugus
 Allegany Erie
 Wyoming
 BOCES for
 Special
 Education
 Classroom
 Space

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Support Services Contract between the Olean City School District and the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Wyoming Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services for the period of September 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Support
 Services
 Contract
 Between the
 Olean City
 School District
 and
 Cattaraugus
 Allegany Erie
 Wyoming
 BOCES

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve Cattaraugus County's Senior Citizen Tax Exemption Income Limit to \$18,500 which will be effective January 1, 2008.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Cattaraugus
County's
Senior Citizen
Tax Exemption
Income Limit

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross, Whereas, the Board of Education within its fiduciary responsibilities is dedicated to the continuous improvement of district educational and financial economies of scale, efficiencies and effectiveness, BE IT RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education does hereby authorize the superintendent, business administrator, architect, construction manager and financial consultant to meet with officials of the State Education Department to ascertain estimates of state financial support and possible aid limitations with regard to Building and EXCEL aids for a capital project which includes renovations and additions to the High School, and three (3) Pre-K through 5 Elementary buildings (Boardmanville, East View, and Washington West).

Ayes 7 Nays 2 Motion Carried
(J. Bartimole, I. Katzenstein)

Building and
EXCEL Aid
Meeting with
SED for Capital
Project

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution:

SEQRA

WHEREAS, the voters of the Olean City School District (the "School District") will be asked to approve a proposition or propositions authorizing general obligation serial bonds (and bond anticipation notes in anticipation thereof) to finance a capital construction project consisting of the additions to, and reconstruction and equipping of existing school buildings and facilities in the School District; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF EDUCATION AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Olean City School District intends to act as lead agency for the proposed action and therefore be responsible for determining whether an environmental impact statement is required under the State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations of the Department of Environmental Conservation of the State of New York (6 NYCRR Part 617, as amended) promulgated thereunder ("SEQRA") and otherwise complying with the procedural and substantive requirements of SEQRA.
2. Based upon the review by the Board of Education of the proposed project, and using the information available including a duly completed Part 1 of a full environmental assessment form, the Board hereby finds that the proposed action does not appear to constitute a "type I action" and appears to be an "unlisted action" as such quoted terms are defined in SEQRA. A listing of such type I and type II actions is attached hereto. Actions that are neither type I nor type II are classified as "unlisted actions." The Board shall notify, or request the School District's architect to notify, all other involved and interested agencies in accordance with the requirements of SEQRA so as to establish the Board's lead agency status prior to undertaking coordinated review of the unlisted action and making a determination of significance in accordance with SEQRA.

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3. A copy of this resolution shall be placed on file in the office of the District Clerk where the same shall be available for public inspection during business hours.

This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The motion having been duly seconded, it was adopted and the following votes were cast:

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to grant permission to Kristin Brunetto to do an unpaid Counseling Internship, through St. Bonaventure University, under the supervision of Matt Threehouse, OHS Counselor, for the fall semester of 2007.

Kristin Brunetto
Approved for
Counseling
Internship

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to acknowledge that Kim Ramarge, Teacher Aide, has completed her probation effective September 2, 2007.

Kim Ramarge
Completes
Probation

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to acknowledge that Roberta Mahar, Typist at IJN has completed her probation effective September 2, 2007.

Roberta Mahar
Completes
Probation

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to rescind the August 28, 2007 resolution to create one (1) full-time Administrative Assistant position for the school meal program

Rescind
Creation of
One Full-Time
School Meal
Program
Administrative
Assistant
Position

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to create one (1) part-time, 5.75 hours per day, Administrative Assistant position.

Creation of
One Part-Time
School Meal
Administrative
Assistant
Position

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Margaret Gilroy, Teacher Aide, Olean Middle School, with regret, effective August 28, 2007.

Margaret Gilroy
Resignation
Accepted

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Maura Whitcomb as OMS IST Chair, for the 2007-2008 school year.

Maura Whitcomb Resignation Accepted

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following extra-curricular appointments for the 2007-2008 school year:

Extra-Curricular Appointments

Position	Location	L-Name	F-Name	Salary
Department Chair – Business	District	Stavish	Christine	\$700
CPSE Chair	District	Andreano	Kelly	\$4000
Music – All County – Middle School Band	OMS	Garbay	Meaghan	\$600
Music – All County – Elementary Band	Elementary	Garbay	Meaghan	\$600
Music – NYSSMA Solo Fest – County – Instrumental	OMS	Garbay	Meaghan	\$300
Music – NYSSMA Solo Fest – State – Instrumental	OMS	Garbay	Meaghan	\$300
IST Chair	WW	Ullman	Maureen	\$850
IST Chair (Shared)	OMS	Crosson	Carolyn	\$425
IST Chair (Shared)	OMS	Whitcomb	Maureen	\$425
Learning Team Leader (Shared)	OMS	Soplop	Carmen	\$750
Learning Team Leader (Shared)	OMS	Welch	Fred	\$750

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the list of Conditional and Non-Conditional, Certified and Non-Certified Substitute Teachers and Teacher Aides.

Conditional and Non-Conditional, Certified and Non-Certified Substitute Teachers and Teacher Aides Appointed

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Mary Ann Kahm as a full-time conditional probationary Teacher Aide for the 2007-2008 school year at an hourly rate of \$16.19, Step 4, effective September 17, 2007.

Mary Ann Kahm Appointed Teacher Aide

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to authorize the Superintendent of Schools to approve the "Memorandum of Understanding" with the Olean Educational Support Personnel Association (OESPA) regarding Mary Ann Kahm.

MOU Between the Olean City School District and the OESPA

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt Policy #7670 – IMPARTIAL HEARINGS/SELECTION OF IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER as presented. This policy is to supersede any current School Board Policy regarding the same matter.

Adoption of Board Policy #7670

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt Policy #7671 – IMPARTIAL HEARING OFFICER COMPENSATION RATE as presented. This policy is to supersede any current School Board Policy regarding the same matter.

Adoption of Board Policy #7671

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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

Committee Reports

- Committee Reports to be given at the September 25th meeting.

The Board of Education discussed the following informational items:

Informational Items

- Paperless BOE meetings beginning in October
- Conflict of Interest Forms
- Building and Grounds Committee Meeting – September 19th at noon
- BOE sign up for district-wide events

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by J. Bartimole, to adjourn from Regular Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss CSE/CPSE Recommendations, at 8:10 p.m. Marcie Richmond was invited to attend the Executive Session

Regular Session

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in Regular Session at 8:17 p.m.

Executive Session

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve following CSE CPSE recommendation reviewed on September 11th be approved:

CSE and CPSE Recommendations

CSE

APPROVED	APPROVED
900016969	900400872
900385287	900453801

CPSE

APPROVED	APPROVED
900448272	900453109
900447070	000000755
000000756	000000757
000000670	

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by E. Garvin, to adjourn from the meeting at 9:33 p.m.

Adjournment
of Meeting

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

September 17, 2007