

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

Regular Meeting  
September 25, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at 7:37 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 Vice President Katzenstein with a moment of silent prayer and a moment of silence. Laurie Branch led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Ira Katzenstein, Vice President  
Laurie A. Branch  
Gordon E. Cross  
Eric Garvin  
Steven H. Hamed  
George Pancio

ABSENT: Michael Martello, President  
John Bartimole

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Ward, Superintendent  
Ann O'Brien, Business Administrator  
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing  
Jerry Trietley, OMS Principal  
Barb Lias, OHS Principal  
Connie Pound, IJN Principal  
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel/Reading First Coordinator  
Cso Woodworth, Director of Technology  
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

OTHERS: Dan LeBlanc, Olean Times Herald  
Nick Pircio, WHDL  
SBU Students (2)

Public Comments:  
None

Public  
Comments

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by G. Pancio, to approve the proposed Meeting  
Agenda.

Agenda  
Additions and  
Changes

Ayes 7                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Communications, Commendations  
None

Communication  
and  
Commendation

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

1. Indoor Track – Allegany-Limestone
2. Academic Wall of Fame – September 29<sup>th</sup>, Old Library Restaurant
3. Board Recognition Dinner – October 15<sup>th</sup>
4. October 10<sup>th</sup> Capital Project Meeting – NYSED in Albany
5. District-wide Open Houses
6. Paperless Board of Education Meetings

Superintendent  
Report

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Moved by L. Branch, seconded E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to acknowledge that Alice Moser, Teacher Aide, has completed her probation effective September 22, 2007.

Alice Moser  
Completes  
Probation

Ayes 7                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to grant permission to Ashley Deuble to do unpaid Psychology Fieldwork, through St. Bonaventure University, under the supervision of Amy Jones, School Psychologist, for the fall semester of 2007.

Ashley Deuble  
Approved for  
Psychology  
Fieldwork

Ayes 7                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to authorize combining Hinsdale Central School District's wrestling program with the Olean

District  
Wrestling  
Program

Ayes 7                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Pancio, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept and place on file the Olean City School District Annual Fire Inspection Report filed by the Olean Fire Department on all structures owned by the District. Be it also resolved that the appropriate legal notice on the completion and public availability of these reports be published in the Times Herald.

Annual Fire  
Inspection  
Report

Ayes 7                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by G. Cross, 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 – English	District	Ventura	Sally	\$2000
IST Chair	IJN	Neary	Pamela	\$850
IST Chair	BV	Spears	Tracey	\$850
Teacher-In-Charge	BV	Strong	Carla	\$850
Teacher-In-Charge (Shared)	IJN	Hirliman	Julie	\$425

Ayes 7                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Kristin Schuman a conditional three year-probationary appointment in the Speech Pathologist tenure area effective October 1, 2007. In accordance with Section 2503(18)(b) of the Education Law, this is a conditional appointment and therefore shall not commence until the District has received notification from the Commissioner of Education that the appointee has been conditionally cleared for employment. If the Commissioner of Education notifies the District that the appointee has been denied conditional clearance or clearance, this appointment shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointee is granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointment shall continue and the conditional status shall be removed; in that event, the probationary service shall end on October 1, 2010. The appointee is certified in the Speech and Language Disabilities certification area and has submitted a signed statement for conditional appointment as provided in Section 2503(18)(b).

Kristin Schuman  
Appointed in  
Speech  
Pathologist  
Tenure Area

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kristin Schuman, during her first year of this appointment, be paid at the annual salary as outlined in the Agreement between the Olean Teachers' Association and the Board of Education for a teacher on Step 1, with a Masters Degree and 63 graduate hours, and Speech Pathologist Stipend or as outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement (\$41,751) (Step 1, Masters Degree, 63 graduate hours, \$825 Speech Pathologist stipend).

Ayes 7                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Marlana Finch as a certified non-conditional long-term substitute Speech Pathologist effective October 17, 2007 for the remainder of the 2007-2008 school year, per the OTA Contract. In accordance with Section 2503(18)(b) of the Education Law, this is a conditional appointment and therefore shall not commence until the District has received notification from the Commissioner of Education that the appointee has been conditionally cleared for employment. If the Commissioner of Education notifies the District that the appointee has been denied conditional clearance or clearance, this appointment shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointee is granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointment shall continue and the conditional status shall be removed. The appointee is certified in the Speech and Language Disabilities certification area and has submitted a signed statement for conditional appointment as provided in Section 2503(18)(b).

Marlana Finch  
Appointed  
Long-Term  
Substitute  
Speech  
Pathologist

Ayes 7                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

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

Ayes 7                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

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

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Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Virginia Sgro as a certified non-conditional substitute teacher retro-active to September 19, 2007.

Virginia Sgro  
Appointed  
Substitute  
Teacher

Ayes 7                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Jessica Raineri as a certified non-conditional substitute teacher retro-active to September 19, 2007.

Jessica Raineri  
Appointed  
Substitute  
Teacher

Ayes 7                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

The Board of Education discussed the following discussion items:

- a. Judy Creeden – Presentation; Meeting the Challenge
- b. Bradner Stadium – not to be included in the Capital Project

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by L. Branch, to authorize Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to discuss with NYSED, the possibility of incorporating a football and soccer field near the Olean Middle School in the capital project.

Superintendent  
Authorized to  
Explore  
Possible Sports  
Field Near  
Olean Middle  
School

Ayes 7                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

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

- a. Audit Committee – report presented by Laurie Branch
- b. Buildings and Grounds Committee – report presented by Steve Hamed
- c. Finance Committee – report presented by Laurie Branch
- d. Operations Committee – reported presented by Michiko McElfresh
- e. Outreach Committee – Ira Katzenstein noted the September meeting was cancelled

Committee  
Reports

The Board of Education discussed the following informational items:

- Alleg./Catt. School Board Association Meeting – September 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at Moonwink's
- BOE Tour of High School renovated offices

Informational  
Items

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, to adjourn from Regular Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss CSE/CPSE Recommendations, a specific employee's performance, a specific employee's compensation, and contract negotiations, at 8:45 p.m. Lynn Corder was invited to attend the Executive Session during personnel discussions.

Regular  
Session

Ayes 7                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in Regular Session at 10:35 p.m.

Executive  
Session

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Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve following CSE recommendation reviewed on September 25<sup>th</sup> be approved:

CSE  
Recommendations

APPROVED	APPROVED
900396544	900385533
900376457	900401686
900405690	900348216
900450986	900417745
900205635	

Ayes 7                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by S. Hamed, to adjourn from the meeting at 10:35 p.m.

Adjournment  
of Meeting

Ayes 7                      Nays 0                      Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry  
District Clerk

September 27, 2007