

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

Regular Meeting
October 23, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, October 23, 2007 at 7:34 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. 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
Connie Pound, IJN Principal
Gerald Trietley, OMS Principal
Barb Lias, OHS Principal
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

OTHERS: Dan LeBlanc, Olean Times Herald
Nick Pircio, WHDL
Kathy Kellogg, Buffalo News
Richard Frost, WONS
Amy Sherburne
(3) Students

Public Comments:

Amy Sherburne, 805 Irving Street, Olean – President of IJN PTO – addressed the board regarding the capital project. Amy agreed that changes need to occur, people need to have an open mind, and the district needs to move forward. Amy noted the current proposal is to close IJN, however, Boardmanville will remain open. She questioned why more money is being put in the Boardmanville money pit? The current capital project plan is flawed as the three elementary schools (EV, BV, and WW) will not be equal. Closing IJN sends the message to the community that IJN is not as privileged as BV. IJN students will be affected by being relocated to either EV or WW whereas BV students will not be affected at all.

Public
Comments

Agenda
Additions and
Changes

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Pancio, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: remove agenda, item 9. a., add agenda item 11 b. Bradner Stadium.

Communication
and
Commendation

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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Communications, Commendations

- a. NYSSBA Leadership Development Recognition – George Pancio

Superintendent Report

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

1. NYSED Special Education Focus Review
2. Entrepreneur Competition - BOCES
3. Alternative School – Bronx Guild – November 27th – Premiere Banquet Center

Consent Agenda

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

- a. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Treasurer's Reports dated July 31, 2007 and August 31, 2007 be accepted and placed on file.
- b. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept/approve the Final 2006-2007 Intra-fund Transfer listing in the amount of \$2,479,106.
- c. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept and place on file the 1st Quarter Student Activity Reports from the Olean High School and Olean Middle School.

Dug Out Donation Accepted

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by E. Garvin, to upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept a donation from the Olean Sports Boosters and to grant permission for the installation of dug outs at the Olean Middle School.

Contract Between Olean City School District and Cattaraugus County for Youth Placement Prevention Programming Approved

Ayes 9 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 Contract between the Olean City School District and the County of Cattaraugus for Youth Placement Prevention Programming for the period of July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve a Leave of Absence for Juanita Olson from November 27, 2007 through January 4, 2008.

Juanita Olson Granted Leave of Absence

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 approve an unpaid Leave of Absence for Melanie Meyers from November 5, 2007 through January 3, 2008.

Melanie Meyers Granted Leave of Absence

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, that Karen O'Dell who is certified in the Guidance (K-12) tenure area, be granted tenure effective October 23, 2007.

Karen O'Dell
Granted
Tenure

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 appointment of Angela Pezzimenti, Christine Carson, Nicolette Hallock, and Carrie Pearsall be assigned to Olean High School through the West Seneca AmeriCorp Program.

Angela
Pezzimenti,
Christine
Carson,
Nicolette
Hallock and
Carrie Pearsall
Appointed to
AmeriCorp
Program

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the list of current NON-CONDITIONAL CERTIFIED AND NON-CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS for the 2007-2008 school year.

Non-
Conditional
Certified and
Non-Certified
Substitute
Teachers
Appointed

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the list of CONDITIONAL NON-CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE TEACHER for the 2007-2008 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 appointments shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointees are granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointments shall continue.

Conditional
Non-Certified
Substitute
Teacher
Appointed

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 appoint the list of current NON-CONDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDES for the 2007-2008 school year.

Non-
Conditional
Substitute
Teacher Aides
Appointed

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the list of **CONDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE** for the 2007-2008 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 appointments shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointees are granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointments shall continue.

Conditional
Substitute
Teach Aide
Appointed

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following appointments to the Technology Committee:

Technology
Committee
Appointed

Benjamin, Amber	IJN Elementary Teacher
Bush, Timothy	Parent
Capitani, Jeffrey	Parent
Crawford, Brian	EV Elementary Teacher
Crawford, Jennifer	IJN Elementary Teacher
Creeden, Judith	Curriculum/Testing Director
Mathieson, Jennifer	OMS English Teacher
Katzenstein, Ira	Board Member
Lasky, David	OHS Technology/Math Teacher
Martin, Tammy	WW Elementary Teacher
McElfresh, Michiko	Board Member (Alternate)
Pound, Connie	IJN Principal
Samuelson, Randall	IJN Elementary Teacher
Soplop, Carmen	OMS Library Media
Valeri, Raymond	OMS Social Studies Teacher
Wentz, Arthur	BV Special Education Teacher
White, John	BV Principal
Woodworth, Cso	Technology Administrator

11. Discussion Items:

- a. Lynn Corder – Presentation; Reading First
- b. Bradner Stadium

Discussion
Items

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 – report presented by Michiko McElfresh
- e. Outreach Committee – report presented by Ira Katzenstein

Committee
Reports

The Board of Education discussed the following informational items:

- None

Informational
Items

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Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, to adjourn from Regular Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss CSE Recommendations and two specific employees performance, at 8:36 p.m. Ann O'Brien, Mark Ward, and Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry exited the meeting.

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 9:27 p.m.

Executive Session

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve following CSE recommendation reviewed on October 23rd be approved:

CSE Recommendations

CSE

APPROVED	APPROVED
000000764	900417745
900366148	900400143
900432913	900426948
900427952	900106828
900047685	900403766
900126506	900198679
900017677	900322858
900454347	900190512
900189010	

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Bartimole, to adjourn from the meeting at 9:43 p.m.

Adjournment of Meeting

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

November 5, 2007

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