

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

Regular Meeting
November 27, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, November 27, 2007 at 7:32 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. Steve Hamed led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

ABSENT: John Bartimole
Gordon E. Cross

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Ward, Superintendent
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing
Connie Pound, IJN Principal
Gerald Trietley, OMS Principal
Barb Lias, OHS Principal
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

OTHERS: Jeff Shaw, Olean Times Herald
(3) SBU Students

Public Comments:
None

Public
Comments

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by I. Katzenstein, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: add agenda items 8. g.

Agenda
Additions and
Changes

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Communications, Commendations

- a. Thank You to the Board of Education from the family of Bill Yates.
- b. Student Recognition – NYS Swimming Participants – Rachel Bantelman (100 yard backstroke – 21st place at the states); Rachel Bantelman, Grace Williamson, Beth Leroy, and Emilee Close (200 medley relay – 15th place at the states).

Communication
and
Commendation

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

1. Mid-year testing
2. Safe Routes to School Program Workshop – Little Valley – December 10th
3. Polycom – November 29th – Alternative Education
4. Bronx Guild Seminar – November 27th – Premier Banquet Center
5. Capital Project – STAR breakdown, presentation schedule for next week
6. Capital Project Brochure – thank you to Lisa Nianatus and Tammy Crawford – BOCES; thank you to the Olean Postmaster for ensuring deliver to all OCSD households by November 28th

Superintendent Report

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to create one (1) part time, 5.5 hours per day, Cook position.

Part-Time Cook Position Created

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 create one (1) part time, 4 hours per day, Food Server position.

Part-Time Food Server Position Created

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to abolish one (1) part time Administrative Assistant position, 5.75 hours per day, for the school meal program.

Part-Time Administrative Assistant for School Meal Program Abolished

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by G. Pancio, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that a Special Meeting be held on December 19, 2007 at 12:00 noon for certification of the December 18, 2007 Capital Project Voting results.

Special Meeting

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the 2007-2008 Olean City School District calendar be amended to provide for early dismissal (11:08 AM) for Olean High School students on Friday, January 25, 2008, for the purpose of scoring regents exams.

2007-2008 School Calendar Amendment

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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

Irene Malick
Appointed
Election
Inspector

RESOLUTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION INSPECTORS ...

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the requirements of Section 2607 of the Education Law that the following named individuals be appointed as inspectors of election to serve in the following district polling places of the Olean City School District in connection with the Special Meeting of Voters of the Olean City School District to be held on the 18th day of December, 2007 for the purpose of voting by voting machine on the capital project proposition #1 and the athletic complex project proposition #2.

POLLING PLACE – OLEAN MIDDLE SCHOOL, 401 Wayne Street

1. Irene Malick 1001 Queen Street, Olean, NY

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of the above appointed Inspectors of Election be compensated at that rate paid at the last general election the City of Olean, New York, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the Board of Education notify each of the aforementioned appointees in writing of their appointment as inspectors of election and notify them of their duties as provided in Section 2606 of the Education Law and elicit from each of the appointees their acceptance or refusal of their appointment all to the end that if any appointee refuses to accept the appointment as Inspector of Election, the Board of Education may appoint a qualified voter of the school district to fill the vacancy.

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by S. Hamed, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Olean City School District and Olean Teacher's Association establishing two (2) National Honor Society Advisors. Each Advisor will receive a \$627 annual stipend for the 2007-2008 school year; a \$648 annual stipend for the 2008-2009 school year; and a \$648 annual stipend for the 2009-2010 school year.

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Olean City
School District
and Olean
Teacher's
Association
Approved

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Olean City School District's 2007 Tax Collector's Report on Unpaid Taxes, as prepared by District Tax Collector, Deborah Joseph, be accepted and placed on file.

2007 Tax
Collector's
Report on
Unpaid Taxes
Approved

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve a Leave of Absence for Maureen DiPietro, Teacher Aide for a period of four (4) weeks beginning December 6, 2007 through January 3, 2008.

Maureen DiPietro
Granted a Leave of Absence

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 approve a Leave of Absence for Kari Wilton, Language Teacher, Olean Middle School, for a period of eight (8) weeks beginning February 11, 2008 through April 7, 2008.

Kari Wilton
Granted a Leave of Absence

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded S. Hamed, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Carolyn Thomas as a NON-CONDITIONAL NON-CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE TEACHER for the 2007-2008 school year.

Carolyn Thomas
Appointed Non-Condition Non-Certified Substitute Teacher

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Kasi Maleski as a 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.

Kasi Maleski
Appointed Conditional Non-Certified Substitute Teacher

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Donna Abdo as a part-time conditional probationary Teacher Aide, 5.75 hours per day, for the 2007-2008 school year, effective November 29, 2007.

Donna Abdo
Appointed Part-Time Teacher Aide

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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

Committee Reports

- a. Buildings and Grounds Committee – report presented by Steve Hamed
- b. Operations Committee – report presented by Michiko McElfresh
- c. Outreach Committee – report presented by Ira Katzenstein

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Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, to adjourn from Regular Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss legal update, a specific employee performance, contract negotiate update, two (2) specific employee performance issues, litigation update, CPSE Recommendations and CSE Recommendations, at 7:50 p.m. Laurie Branch exited Executive Session at 8:10 p.m. Mark and Vicki exited Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

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 8:43 p.m.

Executive Session

Ayes 6 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve following CPSE recommendation reviewed on November 13th be approved:

CPSE Recommendations

CPSE

APPROVED	APPROVED
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000000775	000000780

Ayes 6 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve following CSE recommendation reviewed on November 13th be approved:

CSE Recommendations

CSE

APPROVED	APPROVED
900191309	900190923
900447086	900142216
900420083	900417747
900417935	900388367
900350287	900369520
900126355	900453143
900350165	900400605
900366964	900121559
900113507	900191193
900122115	900333125
900185816	900393590
900346169	900102207
900315695	900131302
900026755	900142054
900048887	900347729
900348053	

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Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by E. Garvin, to cancel the Special Meeting scheduled for December 4, 2007 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 Motion Carried

December
4,2007 Special
Meeting
Cancelled

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by I. Katzenstein, to adjourn from the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Ayes 6 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Adjournment
of Meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

November 29, 2007

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