

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

Regular Meeting
January 8, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, January 8, 2008 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. Gordon Cross led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

ABSENT: John Bartimole
George Pancio

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

OTHERS: Jeff Shaw, Olean Times Herald
Robert Sherburne
Amy Sherburne
Mark Barta
Kathy Martell

Public Comments:
None

Public
Comments

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by S. Hamed, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: remove from the agenda item 6. b; add legal update and two (2) contractual issues to agenda item 11.

Agenda
Additions and
Changes

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Communications, Commendations

- a. Washington West playground fundraiser/district contribution of \$5,000 to each school every five (5) years for playgrounds

Communication
and
Commendation

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

1. \$50,000 scholarship
2. Capital Project vote and exit poll results

Superintendent Report

Moved by L. Branch, seconded E. Garvin, 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 Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, and the Special Meeting held on Tuesday, December 19, 2007.

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 adopt the 2008-2009 Budget Development Calendar as proposed.

2008-2009 Budget Development Calendar Adopted

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the 2007-2008 annualized salary for Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel/Reading First Coordinator/Special Projects, be adjusted to \$75,813.75 effective June 30, 2007.

Lynn Corder Salary Adjustment

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, to table Agenda Item 6 d. regarding the 2007-2008 Contract of Employment of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of School until after executive session.

Contract of Employment Tabled

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Joyce Suchora, Food Service Helper, Boardmanville Elementary, effective January 14, 2008.

Joyce Suchora Resignation Accepted

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve a Leave of Absence for Marlana Finch, long-term Speech Pathologist substitute, for a period of six (6) weeks effective April 21, 2008 through May 30, 2008.

Marlana Finch Granted Leave of Absence

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve a Leave of Absence for Jennifer Kless, Reading Coach, Washington West, for a period of eight (8) weeks effective February 11, 2008 through April 4, 2008.

Jennifer Kless Granted Leave of Absence

Ayes 7 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 approve the part-time appointment of Sarah Martin assigned to Olean High School through the AmeriCorp Program sponsored by West Seneca AmeriCorp.

Sarah Martin
Assigned to
AmeriCorp
Program

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 Timothy Lemon as a part-time Monitor, 2 hours per day, for the 2007-2008 school year, effective January 9, 2008. 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.

Timothy Lemon
Appointed Part-
Time Monitor

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Alex Peck as a NON-CONDITIONAL CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE TEACHER for the 2007-2008 school year.

Alex Peck
Appointed Non-
Conditional
Certified
Substitute
Teacher

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Kellie Halgas, Alexis Storch, and David Ruskowski as CONDITIONAL NON-CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS 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.

Kellie Halgas,
Alexis Storch
and David
Kuskowski
Appointed
Conditional
Non-Certified
Substitute
Teachers

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Dennis Farnham as CONDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE FOOD SERVICE HELPER 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.

Dennis
Farnham
Appointed
Conditional
Substitute
Food Service
Helper

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, and upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Board Policy #7530 – CHILD ABUSE AND MALTREATMENT as presented. This policy is to supersede any current School Board Policy regarding the same matter.

Adoption of Board Policy #7530

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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

- a. Steve Hamed presented the Buildings and Grounds Committee Report
- b. Michiko McElfresh presented the Operations Committee Report
- c. Ira Katzenstein presented the Outreach Committee Report

Committee Reports

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by S. Hamed, to adjourn from Regular Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss CSE/CPSE Recommendations, legal updates, and two (2) contractual issues, at 7:50 p.m. Lynn Corder was invited to attend the Executive Session. Ann O'Brien, and Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry exited the meeting at 8:05.

Regular Session

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by L. Branch, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in Regular Session at 9:08 p.m.

Executive Session

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve following the CPSE recommendation reviewed on January 8th be approved:

CPSE Recommendations

CPSE	
APPROVED	APPROVED
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Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve following the CSE recommendation reviewed on January 8th be approved:

CSE
Recommendations

CSE	
APPROVED	APPROVED
900118578	900403822
900395854	900358433
900337231	900122112
900404585	900385728
900191540	900370081
900331418	900354144
900433859	900433164
900126046	900106404
900358979	900455648
900331213	900328548
900415693	900393017
900131788	900405261
900189086	900349930
900426948	900315695
900389448	900042416
900363919	000000788
900122713	900315692
900384319	900045771
900191576	900377251
900337132	900342986
900371094	900370636
900433291	900218123
900191222	900026860
900417745	900453456
900327719	900422719
900448346	

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, to adjourn from the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

Adjournment
of Meeting

Ayes 7 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk