

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

Regular Meeting
April 22, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 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. Mike Martello 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

ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Mark Ward, Superintendent
Ann O'Brien, Business Administrator
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel
Judith Creeden, Director of Curriculum/Testing
Jerry Trietley, OMS Principal
Connie Pound, IJN Principal
Marcie Richmond, Director of Special Education
Millie Jedrosko, CSE Chair
Kim Ackerman, District Teacher
Amy Martin, District Teacher
Pearl Bowker, District Teacher/OTA President
Linda Nottingham, District Teacher
Joanne Hurlburt, District Teacher Aide
Susan Baglione, District Teacher Aide
Barb Volz, District Teacher Aide
Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

OTHERS: Jeff Shaw, Olean Times Herald

Public Comments:

Susan Baglione – 2256 Sheldron Drive, Allegany – commented regarding the abolishment of her full-time teacher aide positions. She noted she has worked for the district for many years loves her position. Susan noted she does not feel she is qualified for the other part-time aide positions that she could bump. She also needs the health insurance.

Barbara Volz – 1103 W. Henley Street, Olean - commented regarding the abolishment of her full-time teacher aide positions. She noted she has worked for the district for 19+ years. She also enjoys her position. Barbara also needs the health insurance.

Public
Comments

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. McElfresh, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following revisions: add agenda item o. to agenda item 9. New Business and add (1) Specific Employee Performance Issue to agenda item 14. Executive Session.

Agenda
Additions and
Changes

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Communications, Commendations

- a. Cattaraugus County Legislature Resolution – Girls’ Basketball Team
- b. Good News Award Recipients – Christine Bartimole, Youth Award (OHS Student); Olean High School Students’ Activity Council, Youth Award; Project Lead the Way, Culture Award

Communication
and
Commendation

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

- 1. Reading First Program Funding Reduction (86%)
- 2. Prom Breathalyzer
- 3. High School Restoration Project Update
- 4. Removal of Decayed Trees – Replacement of Trees
- 5. Capital Project – June 17th Vote – May and June Public Meetings
- 6. BOCES IPA - Technology

Superintendent
Report

Moved by M. McElfresh, 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 Meetings held on March 11th and March 25th be accepted and placed on file.
- b. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Treasurer’s Report dated March 31, 2008 be accepted and placed on file.
- c. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Warrant Report for February 29, 2008 through March 28, 2008 be accepted and placed on file.
- d. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the March 2008 Intra-fund Transfer listing in the amount of \$578.15 be accepted/approved and placed on file.
- e. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Internal Claims Auditor Exception Report for the period covering month ending March 31, 2008 be accepted and placed on file.
- f. Upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Olean High School’s Student Activity Accounts Quarterly Reports for the period covering January 1, 2008 through March 31, 2008 be accepted and placed on file.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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Moved by L. Branch, seconded M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the OMS Whale Watch Club's request to travel to Boston, MA from May 29, 2008 through May 31, 2008.

Whale Watch Club's Trip to Boston, MA
Approved

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 OMS and OHS participation in the Houghton Spring String Festival from May 23, 2008 through May 26, 2008.

Houghton Spring String Festival Participation
Approved

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that a special meeting be held on May 21, 2008 at 12:00 noon for certification of the May 20, 2008 Olean Board of Education Election Results.

May 21, 2008 Special Meeting
Approved

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the 2008-2009 School Calendar be approved as presented.

2008-2009 School Calendar

Ayes 8 Nays 1 Motion Carried
(S. Hamed)

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the refund awarded to Win Olean Property Associates by the State of New York Supreme Court, Index # 72822, 72824, and 72825 & 71419, on April 2, 2008, in the amount of \$3,472.15 for school taxes, on tax map # 94.065-3-32, 94.065-3-17, 94.065-3-18 be transferred from the General Fund Refund of Real Property Tax Account to the Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund.

Win Olean Real Property Tax Refund
Approved

Ayes 7 Nays 2 Motion Carried
(I. Katzenstein, G. Pancio)

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to sell the District's two obsolete Randall pottery wheels to the Cattaraugus County Arts Council for \$50 each.

Sale of Randall Pottery Wheels
Approved

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Abstained 1 Motion Carried
(I. Katzenstein – on Art's Council Board)

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the 2008-09 Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES Administrative Budget.

2008-2009 Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES Administrative Budget
Approved

Ayes 7 Nays 2 Motion Carried
(M. McElfresh, G. Pancio)

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by G. Pancio, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that the Olean City School District Board of Education cast its votes in the Annual Election of Members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services of the Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES for the following:

BOCES Annual Election of Members

CAST ONE (1) VOTE FOR EACH VACANCY ...

Area 3 (Belfast, Cuba-Rushford, Fillmore) Vacancy – 3 Year Term

_____ Gilbert Green, 4328 State Route 305, Cuba, NY 14727

Area 7 (Franklinville, Hinsdale & West Valley) Vacancy – 3 Year Term

_____ Robert Keenan, 5112 Steward Road, Hinsdale, NY 14743

Area 6 (Salamanca & Ellicottville) Vacancy – 3 Year Term

_____ Maxine Dowler, 253 State Park Avenue, Salamanca, NY 14779

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the \$50,000 Phyllis G. Cridler Family Trust Scholarship.

Phyllis G. Cridler Family Scholarship Accepted

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 abolish two (2) full-time Teacher Aide positions effective June 27, 2008.

Abolishment of Two (2) Full-Time Teacher Aide Positions

Moved by G. Pancio, seconded by J. Bartimole, to Table this Motion.

Vote to Table Motion

John Bartimole	VOTING	YES
Laurie Branch	VOTING	YES
Gordon Cross	VOTING	YES
Eric Garvin	VOTING	YES
Steven H. Hamed	VOTING	YES
Ira Katzenstein	VOTING	YES
Michael Martello	VOTING	YES
Michiko McElfresh	VOTING	YES
George Pancio	VOTING	YES

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

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Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the Olean City School District's Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) Plan.

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) Plan Accepted

Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Agreement between the Olean City School District and P&A Administrative Services, Inc. to provide technical and administrative services with respect to the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) Plan for the 2008-2009 school year at the rate outlined in Schedule A.

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Agreement Between Olean City School District and P&A Administrative Services, Inc. Approved

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that due to the enacted NYS Budget and resulting increase in projected state aid for the 2008-2009 fiscal year that the proposed general fund estimated revenues be increased by \$90,000 to reduce the District's 2008 estimated tax levy increase from 4.73% to 3.94%.

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Reduction of District's Estimated 2008 Tax Levy Approved

Moved by S. Hamed, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to authorize the expenditure of \$3,000 for the Bradner Stadium Feasibility Study.

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Bradner Stadium Feasibility Study Expenditure Approved

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation, with regret, of Michael Howden, Cook at the Olean High School, effective April 18, 2008.

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Resignation of Michael Howden Accepted

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by S. Hamed, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to extend the unpaid Leave of Absence for Melanie L. Meyers, Grade 3 Teacher, East View Elementary School, from April 21, 2008 through June 27, 2008.

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Melanie Meyers Unpaid Leave of Absence Extended

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by S. Hamed, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, that Jennifer Crawford be granted a non-conditional three-year probationary appointment in the Elementary tenure area retroactive to August 29, 2007. The probationary service shall end on August 29, 2010. The appointee is certified in the Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten & Grades 1-6 certification area and has submitted a signed statement for conditional appointment as provided in Section 2503(18)(b).

Jennifer Crawford Appointed in the Elementary Tenure Area

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Jennifer Crawford, during the first year of this appointment, will 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 7₁ with a Master's Degree and 36 graduate hours or outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement (\$45,860).

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 Caroline Woodhead as a NON-CONDITIONAL CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE TEACHER for the 2007-2008 school year.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Caroline Woodhead
Appointed Non-Conditional Certified Substitute Teacher

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Kristina Cashimere as a NON-CONDITIONAL NON-CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTE TEACHER for the 2007-2008 school year.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Kristina Cashimere
Appointed Non-Conditional Non-Certified Substitute Teacher

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Jacqueline Elliott and Daryl Johnson 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.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Jacqueline Elliott and Daryl Johnson
Appointed Conditional Non-Certified Substitute Teachers

Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by E. Garvin, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Michael Buchanan, Daniel Cuddy, Alton Eaton, Jeffrey Losinger, and Seth Palmer as CONDITIONAL SUBSTITUTE CLEANERS 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.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Michael Buchanan, Daniel Cuddy, Alton Eaton, Jeffrey Losinger, and Seth Palmer
Appointed Conditional Substitute Cleaners

The Board of Education discussed the following items:

- a. Presentation – NYSED Focus Review Update – Marcie Richmond
- b. Policy # 5640 – Smoking/Tobacco Use – First Reading
- c. Policy # 7131 - Non-Resident Students – Second Reading

Discussion
Items

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

- a. Laurie Branch presented the Audit Committee Report
- b. Steve Hamed presented the Building and Grounds Committee Report
- c. Laurie Branch presented the Finance Committee Report
- d. Ira Katzenstein presented the Outreach Committee Report

Committee
Reports

The Board of Education discussed the following items:

- a. State Aid

Informational
Items

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. McEflresh, to adjourn from Regular Session and convene in Executive Session to discuss CSE/CPSE Recommendations and one (1) specific employee performance issue at 9:00 p.m. Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel was invited to attend the Executive Session.

Regular
Session

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by G. Cross, seconded by L. Branch, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene in Regular Session at 9:39 p.m.

Executive
Session

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Mark J. Ward, Superintendent of Schools, to approve following the CSE recommendation reviewed on April 22nd be approved:

CPSE
Recommendations

APPROVED	APPROVED
900456180	900456129
900456183	900455854
900455855	900454701
900455995	900455868

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 approve following the CSE recommendation reviewed on April 22nd be approved:

CSE
Recommendations

APPROVED	APPROVED
900454981	900369829
900199024	900402633
900016753	900026755
900405431	900404261
900378482	900445098
900390309	900117698
900326151	900426968
900453175	900373167
900332965	900455913
900245990	900422733
900361924	900435176
900045771	900191146
900441340	900417752
900385575	900106852
900206458	900403766
900451816	900358835
900455898	900435921
900365912	900325180
900198992	900046400
900047413	900202042
900410326	900107564
900455978	900410324
900417358	900131202
900047466	900448337
900026860	900441608
900218046	900113795
900453010	900450085
900448346	900046148
900326147	900433163
900450986	900453177
900427172	900455927
900369520	900427169
900431156	

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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Moved by E. Garvin, seconded by G. Cross, to adjourn from the meeting at 9:39
p.m.

Adjournment
of Meeting

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

April 29, 2008