OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 29, 2025 – 4:30 p.m.
Holiday Valley, Ellicottville, New York
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1. ATTENDANCE
Members present: Elizabeth Burrows, Alex Calbi, Julio Fuentes, Rene' Garrison, Mary Hirsch-Schena, Aubree Malick, Kevin Stevens, Catharine Young
Members absent: Lee Filberts
Others present: Dr. Genelle Morris, Superintendent

2. OPENING ITEMS
A. Call to Orderb4:38 p.m.
B. Pledge of Allegiance Led by Rene' Garrison
C. Silent Prayer or Moment of Personal Reflection
D. Approve the Agenda
Upon the recommendation of Dr. Genelle Morris, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the agenda and waive notice of the meeting as per School Law 40th Edition Section 4:12, waiving notice requirements (waiver attached to minutes).
Motion by Kevin Stevens, second by Rene' Garrison.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Aye: Elizabeth Burrows, Alex Calbi, Julio Fuentes, Rene' Garrison, Mary Hirsch-Schena, Aubree Malick, Kevin Stevens, Catharine Young

3. NEW BUSINESS

A. Adopt the Distraction Free Schools Policy
RESOLVED: The Board of Education adopts a "Distraction Free Schools" policy, regarding Cell Phones in schools, and authorized the Superintendent to use the existing language contained in the district's Code of Conduct, approved June 24, 2025:
"The Olean City School District expects all students to conduct themselves appropriately and civilly with proper regard for the rights and welfare of other students, district personnel and other members of the school community and the care of school facilities and equipment.
The best discipline is self-imposed, and students must learn to assume and accept responsibility for their behavior, as well as the consequences of their misbehavior. District personnel who interact with students are expected to use disciplinary action only when necessary and to place emphasis on the students' ability to grow in self-discipline.
The district recognizes the need to make its expectations for student conduct while on school property or engaged in a school function specific and clear. The rules of conduct listed below are intended to do that and focus on safety and respect for the rights and property of others. Students who will not accept responsibility for their own behavior and who violate these school rules will be required to accept the penalties for their conduct, as outlined in the appropriate discipline matrix.
With the increased use and availability of personal technical devices such as cell phones, laptops and iPads the District recognizes that these devices can be a distraction and interfere with the educational environment during school hours. Therefore, the District has the following expectations for all students during school hours:
1. 2. At OIMS and OHS, cell phones will be turned off and placed in the student's locker at the beginning of each school day. It will remain there for the entire school day.
Students will not bring in other personal devices such as, but not limited to, personal laptops, iPads and electronic tablets. Students will only use their school-supplied laptop or iPad during the school day."

Motion by Rene' Garrison, second by Kevin Stevens.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Aye: Elizabeth Burrows, Alex Calbi, Julio Fuentes, Rene' Garrison, Mary Hirsch-Schena, Aubree Malick, Kevin Stevens, Catharine Young

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION
A. Exit meeting to go into Executive Session
Upon the recommendation of Dr. Genelle Morris, Superintendent of Schools, to exit the regular session at 4:39 to enter Executive Session for the purposes of Item # 6.
Motion by Kevin Stevens, second by Rene' Garrison.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Aye: Elizabeth Burrows, Alex Calbi, Julio Fuentes, Rene' Garrison, Mary Hirsch-Schena, Aubree Malick, Kevin Stevens, Catharine Young

B. Exit executive session to reconvene to board meeting.
Motion to adjourn from executive session at 4:52 p.m. and resume Special meeting.

Motion by Rene' Garrison, second by Kevin Stevens.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Aye: Elizabeth Burrows, Alex Calbi, Julio Fuentes, Rene' Garrison, Mary Hirsch-Schena, Aubree Malick, Kevin Stevens, Catharine Young

5. ADJOURNMENT
A. Motion to adjourn from Special meeting at 4:52 p.m.
Motion by Rene' Garrison, second by Kevin Stevens.
Final Resolution: Motion Carried
Aye: Elizabeth Burrows, Alex Calbi, Julio Fuentes, Rene' Garrison, Mary Hirsch-Schena, Aubree Malick, Kevin Stevens, Catharine Young

6. NEXT MEETING
The next Regular BOE meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the BOE Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,



Jacqueline Reed
District Clerk

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TWENTY-FOUR HOUR WAIVER OF NOTICE

As a member of the Board of Education of the Olean City School District, I waive the requirement for twenty-four (24) hours' notice of the special meeting of the Board of Education held on July 29, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. start, and fully consent to the Board's conduct of business at that meeting.

Signature: Catharine M. Young	Catharine Young, President	08/11/25 Date
Signature: Julio Fuentes	Julio Fuentes, Vice President	8/12/2025 Date
Signature: Elizabeth Burrows	Elizabeth Burrows	8/11/25 Date
Signature: Alex Calbi	Alex Calbi	8/12/25 Date
Signature: Lee Filbert	Lee Filbert	8/14/25 Date
Signature: Rene' Garrison	Rene' Garrison	8/11/25 Date
Signature: Mary Hirsch-Schena	Mary Hirsch-Schena	8/12/25 Date
Signature: Aubree Malick	Aubree Malick	8/12/25 Date
Signature: Kevin Stevens	Kevin Stevens	08/11/25 Date
Signature: Genelle Morris	Genelle Morris, Superintendent	8-11-25 Date
Attest: Jacqueline Quick	District Clerk	8-12-25