OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

410 West Sullivan Street

Olean, NY 14760

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at 6:30 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 John Bartimole, President of Board, with a moment of silent prayer or personal reflection asking attendees to keep the Dan Shembeda family in their thoughts. Laurie Branch led the Board of Education in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Videoconferencing: Grand Cayman Marriott Beach Resort Lobby, 389 West Bay Road Seven Mile Beach, Grand Cayman KY1-1202 Cayman Islands and Olean High School Board Room, 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY 14760. The public was invited to attend.

PRESENT: John Bartimole, President

Laurie Branch (via Skype)

Paul Hessney

Ira Katzenstein

Michael Martello

Michiko McElfresh

James Padlo

ABSENT: Paul Knieser, Vice President (excused)

Frank Steffen, Jr.

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools

Kathleen Elser, Business Administrator

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

Brian Crawford, EV Principal

Linda Nottingham, WW Principal

Jerry Trietley, OIMS Principal (grades 6 & 7)

Joel Whitcher, OIMS Principal (grades 4 & 5)

Jen Mahar, District Coordinator of State and Federal Aid Programs

Mia O’Brien, Director of Human Services

Barb Lias, HS Principal

Jeff Andreano, OHS Assistant Principal

Dave Lasky, Teacher

Eileen Skrobacz, Teacher

OTHERS: Kelsey Boudin, OTH

Maria Skrobacz

Robert Farr

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| Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by P. Hessney, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda.  Ayes \_\_\_7\_\_ Nays \_\_\_0\_\_\_ Motion Carried  Public Comment:  Eileen Skrobacz, 231 N. 4th Street – noted that her daughter, Maria, a graduate of Olean, was able to complete college in five semesters due to the classes that were afforded to Maria. The classes offered at OHS saved the family approximately $70,000 in college tuition.  Maria Skrobacz, 231 N. 4th Street – also thanked the board for the specialized business classes (hospitality) and participatory government classes. Maria will be relocating to Hawaii.  Committee Reports:   1. Buildings and Grounds – December 16 2. Finance – December 18 3. Operations – January 6   Communications, Commendations:   1. Congratulations to the following students for their awards in the Friends of the Library poetry contest. The students read their poems and receive prizes on December 30th at the Olean Public Library: Sophomore Natalie Sova was the contest winner for the poem "Shipwreck."; 12th grade prize: Sabrina Moricca for her poem "An Important Hour"; 12th grade honorable mentions: Tristan Davis for "He Who Paraded" and Sabrina Moricca for "My Mind."; 11th grade prize: Kaylee Tascone for her poem "Intrusion of a Pen" and Nicholas Sanders for his poem "Valentine."’ 11th grade honorable mentions: Phoenix Reisner for "The Speaker"; Kylea Andreano for "Vague Image of Who I Used to Be"; Kaylee Tascone for "Japanese Flower"; and Peighton Ray for "Football Is Life"; Yve Tejera for "It Would be Quiet” 2. Congratulations to Frank Steffen, Jr., Board Trustee, for completing the mandatory Fiscal Oversight Fundamentals and Essentials of School Board Governance training 3. Congratulations to Sally Ventura who was appointed as a member of the New York State Council of English Teachers' executive board 4. Congratulations to the following December’s Harold Dutton Student of the Month Award Recipients: Dottie Maynard; Keefer Williams; Shane Pancio, Derek Schmidt; Zachary Ethan Kelley; and Whitney Fye 5. Thank you to the 6th and 7th grade ELA students from Mrs. Skrobacz's room that made placemats for Eden Heights, The Pines, and Olean General Hospital   Superintendent’s Report   1. The 15-16 proposed budget is approximately 95% complete 2. Neighbor complaint regarding WW noise 3. Congratulations to board member Frank Steffen on the completion of his mandatory training and Sally Ventura for her appointment to the executive board of the English Teachers’   Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:   1. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the previous meeting minutes of the special meeting held on December 1, 2014 and regular meeting held on December 16, 2014. 2. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Treasurer’s Report dated December 31, 2014, be accepted and placed on file. 3. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Warrant Report for December 2014 be accepted and placed on file. 4. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Internal Claims Auditor Exception Report for the period covering month ending December 31, 2014, be accepted and placed on file. 5. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Olean Middle School’s and Olean High School’s Student Activity Accounts Quarterly Reports for the period October 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014, be accepted and placed on file. 6. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendations reviewed on January 13th be approved:      |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | APPROVED | APPROVED | APPROVED | APPROVED | APPROVED | | 900401686 | 900434096 | 900457441 | 900427164 | 082530003 | | 900455203 | 900441608 | 908001481 | 900406427 | 900457097 | | 908000927 | 900455341 | 00981082 | 908001215 | 908001136 | | 900455866 | 900447690 | 900400605 | 083010001 | 900402217 | | 091380000 | 900447906 | 900435921 | 900457609 | 900457922 | | 900457723 | 900457685 | 083190000 | 908000688 | 082830000 | | 100190001 | 908001998 |  |  |  |  1. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CPSE recommendations reviewed on January 13th be approved:      |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | APPROVED | APPROVED | APPROVED | APPROVED | APPROVED | | 908001995 | 908002003 | 908001999 | 908001839 | 908001350 | | 908001281 | 908001680 |  |  |  |  1. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint the attached list of Conditional and Non-Conditional Substitutes.   Ayes \_\_7\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_0\_\_\_ Motion Carried    Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following list of volunteers for the 2014-2015 school year:   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Spears | Brianna |  | Whiteman | Scott |   Ayes \_\_7\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_0\_\_\_ Motion Carried    Moved by M. Martello, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution to wit regarding Facilities Use Request for Religious Worship Services from Fresh Fire Worship Center:    WHEREAS, on November 13, 2014, the Fresh Fire Worship Center submitted a facilities use application seeking to use the "Olean High School", including use of its "sound, lighting, projector and screen" every Saturday from 7 PM to 9 PM and Sunday from 8 AM to 1 PM for the purpose of holding "Church Services"; and    WHEREAS, on November 17, 2014, the application was initially denied; and    WHEREAS, the Fresh Fire Worship Center was dissatisfied with that denial, causing the Superintendent of Schools to refer the said application to this Board; and    WHEREAS, this Board has fully considered the said application in light of its policies, its practices and the applicable law;    NOW, THEREFORE, out of a strong concern that if said application were granted, this District could potentially be found liable for a violation of the "Establishment Clause" contained in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution, the application be and hereby is denied; AND THAT the District Clerk be and hereby is authorized and directed to notify the Fresh Fire Worship Center of this decision by providing it with a copy of this Resolution.  .  Ayes \_\_7\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_0\_\_\_ Motion Carried  Moved by M. Martello, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Contract between the Olean City School District and Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming BOCES for "Home to School Transportation" of a student to Randolph Academy for the remainder of the 2014-2015 school year.  2013-14 2014-15  N/A $34,650  Ayes \_\_7\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_0\_\_\_ Motion Carried  Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Olean High School’s Girls’ Varsity Softball Team Over Night Trip to Myrtle Beach, SC from March 27, 2015, through April 3, 2015. Approval is granted with the understanding that all school rules and regulations will be followed. The cost to the school district will be a school van and gas. The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to make the final decision, based upon her judgment of safety concerns at the time of the scheduled field trip, whether the field trip will occur.    Ayes \_\_7\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_0\_\_\_ Motion Carried    Moved by M. Martello, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the donation from Daniel Martin of school furniture valued at $10,000.  Ayes \_\_7\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_0\_\_\_ Motion Carried    Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by M. McElfresh, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the following Extra-Curricular recommendations for the 2014-2015 school year effective January 14, 2015:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Activity | Staff Member | Stipend | | IST (RTI) Co-Coordinators | Ellie Hoffman & Karen Woodring | $ 233.75 each |   Ayes \_\_7\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_0\_\_\_ Motion Carried  Informational Items:   1. The Board of Education has completed its annual building tours 2. BOCES Budget Adjustments 3. Operations Committee Meeting – February 3 at noon 4. Safety Committee Meeting – February 4 at 3:30 5. Technology Committee Meeting – February 5 at 3:30 6. Audit Committee Meeting – February 9 t noon 7. Budget Presentation – February 10 at 6:30 8. CDEP Committee Meeting – February 12 at 3:30 9. Finance Committee Meeting – February 19 at noon 10. Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting – February 24 at 5:30 11. BOE Meeting – February 24 at 6:30   Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: disposal and possible acquisition of real property and the employment history of two particular individuals. Kathy Elser and Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry invited to attend.  Ayes \_\_7\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_0\_\_\_ Motion Carried  Moved by M. Martello, seconded by J. Padlo, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 7:20 p.m.  Ayes \_\_7\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_0\_\_\_ Motion Carried  Moved by M. McElfresh, seconded by P. Hessney, to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m.  Ayes \_\_7\_\_\_ Nays \_\_\_0\_\_\_ Motion Carried  Respectfully submitted,  Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry  District Clerk  Dated: January 14, 2015  Sub List:   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | POSITION DESCRIPTION | EMPLOYEE NAME | CERTIFICATION | FINGERPRINT | |  |  |  | CLEARANCE | | SUBSTITUTE TEACHER | | KELLYN HADLEY | CHILDHOOD 1-6 | YES | | | SUBSTITUTE TEACHER | | LORENZO RODRIGUEZ | BACHELORS | NO | | | SUBSTITUTE TEACHER | | SCOTT BRADY | BACHELORS | YES | | | SUBSTITUTE TEACHER | | MICHAEL LIU | BACHELORS | YES | | | Agenda Approval  Public Comment  Committee Reports  Communications Commendations  Superintendent Report  Consent Agenda  School Volunteers Approved  Fresh Fire Worship Center Facilities Use Request  Transportation Contract Approved  Girls’ Varsity Softball Trip to Myrtle Beach, SC Approved  Donation of School Furniture Accepted  Extra-Curricular Appointments Approved  Informational Items    Regular Meeting  Executive Session  Adjournment |