

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

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Wednesday, March 16, 2016, at 12:00 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 Michiko McElfresh, President, with a moment of silent prayer or personal reflection. Paul Hessney led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Michiko McElfresh, President
Laurie Branch, Vice President
Ira Katzenstein
Paul Hessney
Jim Padlo
Frank Steffen, Jr

ABSENT: John Bartimole, President (Excused)
Michael Martello (Excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools
Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

OTHERS: Kelsey Boudin, OTH
George Pancio

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Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Padlo, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda.

Agenda Approval

Ayes 6

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Public Comment:

None

Public Comment

Commendations:

- a. Congratulations to High School students that won Superior Awards at the St. Bonaventure Model UN conference
- b. Congratulations to Jeff Anastasia – one of the best basketball coaches in NYS

Commendations
Annual Election
Certification
Resolution

Discussion Item:

- a. Board Vacancy

Discussion Item

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by I. Katzenstein, that the following Capital Project Vote Certification Resolution be adopted, to wit:

Capital Project
Vote Certification
Resolution
Adopted

WHEREAS, the Capital Project Vote of the City School District of the City of Olean, Cattaraugus County, New York, was duly called, held and conducted on March 15, 2016, between the hours of 7:00 o'clock a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, for the purpose of voting by optical scan machine for the Capital Project Proposition(s) set forth in the notice of such election adopted, January 12, 2016, and

WHEREAS subdivision 4 of Section 2610 of the Education Law provides that the Board of Education of a city school district shall meet at the usual place of meetings at 12:00 o'clock p.m. on the day following such election for the purpose of examining and tabulating the statements of the result of the election in the several election districts, to canvass the returns as contained in such statements, to determine the number of votes cast for each proposition in each election district, and to declare the result of such canvass; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education has duly examined the statements of the result of said Capital Project vote held March 15, 2016, as aforesaid, in each of the school election districts of said City School District,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Olean, Cattaraugus County, New York as follows:

Section 1: From a canvass of the returns as contained in such statement of the result of the annual city school district election of the city school referred to in preambles thereof, it is hereby found and determined that the number of voters casting votes submitted at such Capital Project vote in the school District is as follows:

TOTAL NO. OF
SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT

VOTERS CASTING VOTES

Table 1 (A-K)

222

Table 2 (L-Z)

259

TOTAL

481

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Section 2: It is hereby found and determined from the foregoing tabulation of the results of said annual election in the several school election districts that the total voters cast for the Proposition(s) and Candidates submitted at said annual election are as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

YES 345

NO 125

PROPOSITION NO. 1 PASSED (73% super majority)

PROPOSITION NO. 2

YES 287

NO 181

PROPOSITION NO. 2 PASSED (61% super majority)

Ayes 6

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by F. Steffen, Jr., to nominate Brandon Jones to fill the Board of Education vacancy.

Brandon Jones
Nominated to Fill
Board of
Education
Vacancy

Moved by K. Katzaenstein, seconded by F. Steffen, Jr., due to the resignation of board member Paul Knieser, the Board of Education approves the appointment of Brandon Jones, to fill the vacancy through May 17, 2016.

Brandon Jones
Appointed to Fill
Board of
Education
Vacancy

Ayes 6

Nays 0

Motion Carried

The Board of Education thanked the three candidates that expressed interest in the vacancy: Sadie Jay-Edwards, Brandon Jones, and George Pancio.

Thank you to
Candidates that
Expressed
Interest in
Vacancy

Paul Hessney read a letter addressed to George Pancio expressing gratefulness to George for his service to the district, love for Olean schools, and his accomplishments.

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools that Librada McPeak, Food Service Helper, be granted an unpaid leave of absence for the period of March 14, 2016, and through June 24, 2016.

Librada McPeak
Granted Unpaid
Leave of Absence

Ayes 6

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Olivia Fitzgerald

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Moved by F. Steffen, Jr., seconded by L. branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that Olivia Fitzgerald, Teacher Aide, be granted an unpaid leave of absence for the period of April 7, 2016, and through June 24, 2016.

Granted Unpaid
Leave of Absence

Ayes 6

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by F. Steffen, Jr., upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adjourn from the Special Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 12:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: OTA contract negotiation and matters leading to the appointment of a specific individual. Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry invited to attend.

Executive
Session

Ayes 6

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Padlo to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Special Meeting at 12:28 p.m.

Special Meeting

Ayes 6

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by P. Hessney, to adjourn the meeting at 12:28 p.m.

Adjournment
of Meeting

Ayes 6

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

Dated: March 21, 2016