

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

Regular Meeting
April 16, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, April 16, 2013, at 6:35 p.m. at the Olean High School Auditorium, located at 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by Ira Katzenstein, President of Board, with a moment of silent prayer or a moment of personal reflection in honor of District employee, Kim Hund, that passed away last week and the Boston bombing victims. The Board of Education said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Ira Katzenstein, President
Michael Martello, Vice President
John Bartimole
Laurie Branch
Gordon E. Cross
Paul Knieser
Jim Padlo

EXCUSED: Eric Garvin
Dan Harris

STAFF PRESENT: Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools
Kathleen Elser, Business Administrator
Jerry Trietley, Olean Intermediate Middle School Principal (Gr. 6 & 7)
Lynn Corder, Director of Personnel
Barb Lias, Olean High School Principal
Linda Nottingham, Washington West Principal
John White, East View Principal
Joel Whitcher, Olean Intermediate Middle School Principal (Gr. 4 & 5)
Marcie Richmond, Director of Special Education
Cso Woodworth, Technology Administrator
Rychelle Weseman, Literacy Coordinator Tara Frederick, Teacher
Bernadette Martin, Teacher Kim Ackerman, Teacher
Debra Ralson, Teacher Lori Lewicki, Teacher
Ellie Hoffman, Speech Elizabeth Orcutt, OESPA
Karen Woodring, Teacher Marlana Finch, Speech
Dan Brown, Teacher Amanda Bess, Teacher
Pam Neary, Teacher Kristine Bates, Teacher
Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

OTHERS: Kelsey Boudin, Olean Times Herald
Nick Pircio, WHDL (7:00 p.m.)
Robin Vosburg
Meaghan Tedenry
Lauren Caya
Patrick Brown

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Moved by M. Martello, seconded by J. Bartimole, to approve the proposed Meeting Agenda with the following amendments: Move Discussion Items before Public Comment.

Agenda
Approval

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Discussion Items:

- a. Board Self Evaluation Assessment – will be sent to board members in two weeks
- b. Budget – Mike Martello discussed the proposed 2013-2014 (noting that Full-day PreK will be reinstated and tax levy limit will be 2.8%); those in attendance applauded the board
- c. Nominating Petitions for Board Candidates Available – must be returned to the District Clerk on May 1, 2013, by 5 pm

Discussion Items

Public Comments:

Elaine Stephen – 1291 Route 16 South – noted that she is concerned about the loss of instruction time due to bussing.

Public
Comments

Seth Johnson – 515 York Street – as a working parent/coach he commended the Board of Education for reinstating the PreK program to full-day. Mr. Johnson noted that he has a child that will be entering PreK next.

Communication. Commendations:

- a. Congratulations to the following students named March's Harold Dutton Student of the Month Recipients: Marissa Magro; Luke Hennessy; Kyle Steiner; Abram Webster; Nick Chizewick; Brenna Hamed; Chance Anzivine; and Paige Padlo; and Caroline Carlson
- b. Thank you from Ashley Mulryan and Jan Rhody regarding the NAFME All-Eastern participation

Communications
And
Commendations

Committee Reports:

- a. CDEP Committee Meeting – March 18 – given by Colleen Taggerty
- b. School Health Team Committee Meeting – March 21 – given by Jerry Trietley
- c. Finance Committee Meeting – April 3 – given by Mike Martello
- d. Operations Committee Meeting – April 9 – given by John Bartimole
- e. Audit Committee Meeting – April 15 – given by Laurie Branch
- f. Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting – April 16 – given by Paul Knieser

Committee
Reports

Superintendent's Report:

- a. Connect 4 Talent Show – April 20 – High School Auditorium
- b. Connect 4 Joint Board Meeting – April 30th – Portville Central School
- c. NYS Assessment Testing – NYSED has noted that there is NO legal "opt out" for testing for grades 3 to 8. Testing is a requirement through NYS regulations.

Superintendent's
Report

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:

Consent Agenda

- a. The previous meeting minutes of the Regular Meetings held on March 5, 2013, and March 19, 2013.
- b. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Treasurer's Report dated March 31, 2013, be accepted and placed on file.
- c. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Warrant Report for March 2013 be accepted and placed on file.
- d. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the March 2013 Intra-fund Transfer listing in the amount of \$125,949.26 be accepted/approved and placed on file.

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- e. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Internal Claims Auditor Exception Report for the period covering month ending March 31, 2013, be accepted and placed on file.
- f. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Olean Intermediate/Middle School's and Olean High School's Student Activity Accounts Quarterly Reports for the period covering January 31, 2013, through March 31, 2013, be accepted and placed on file.
- g. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CPSE recommendations reviewed on April 16th be approved:

908001227	908001006	908001007	908000787
900457803	900457707	900457890	908000814
CPSE to CSE			
908000787			

- h. Upon the Recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, the following CSE recommendations reviewed on April 16th be approved:

900422752	900455341	900456445	082880011
900455853	900365428	900417329	900406566
900393590	082180001	091310000	900445346
091380000	908000525	092780000	900427322
900445126	900455202	900376817	900417199
900447549	900338852	900457875	900453022
900451266	900436499	908000726	908001240
900404585	908000537	900348014	900455824
900457861	900455882	900447251	908001089
908001183	908000645	900395854	908000647
100690000	090420001	090650001	093450001
900457739			

- i. Upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to declare the attached list of kitchen equipment as surplus item(s).

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Olean City School District hereby approves and adopts the proposed 2013-14 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$37,612,024.00 for purposes of presentation of such budget to the District's voters for approval at the May 21, 2013, annual District vote and election

2013-2014
General Fund
Budget
Approved and
Adopted

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by P. Knieser, seconded by G. Cross, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Olean City School District hereby approves and adopts the proposed 2013-14 Property Tax Report Card pursuant to Education Law Section 1716).

2013-2014
Property Tax
Report Card
Approved and
Adopted

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve Olean Intermediate Middle School's Whale Watch Club's Over Night Field Trip to Boston, Massachusetts from May 14, 2013, through May 16, 2013. Approval is granted with the understanding that all school rules and regulations will be followed and the cost to the school district will be for two (2) substitute teachers. 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.

Whale Watch
Club's Trip to
Boston
Approved

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 Olean Intermediate Middle School's and the Olean High School's Orchestra's Over Night Field Trip to Houghton College, NY from May 24, 2013, through May 25, 2013. Approval is granted with the understanding that all school rules and regulations will be followed and the cost to the school district will be for two (2) buses and four to five (4 - 5) substitute teachers. 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.

Orchestra's Trip
to Houghton
College
Approved

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by P. Knieser, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve Olean Intermediate Middle School's Explorers Club's Over Night Field Trip to Niagara Falls, New York from May 24, 2013, through May 25, 2013. Approval is granted with the understanding that all school rules and regulations will be followed and the cost to the school district will be for six (6) substitute teachers. 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.

Explorers Club
Trip to Niagara
Falls Approved

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Olean High School Spanish Club's Out of Country Trip to Spain and France from April 9, 2014, through April 20, 2014. Approval is granted with the understanding that all school rules and regulations will be followed and that there will not be any cost to the school district other than for three (3) substitute teachers for at least two (2) day. 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.

Spanish Club's
Trip to Spain and
France
Approved

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the list of budget transfers exceeding \$50,000.00.

Budget
Transfers Over
\$50,000
Approved

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to authorize the support of Cattaraugus County's Early Identification & Recognition Program questionnaire to help recognize potential at risk children ages 4 to 17 years old.

Support of
Cattaraugus
County's Early
Identification &
Recognition
Program
Questionnaire
Authorized

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Retirement Incentive Memorandum of Agreements between the Olean City School District and the Olean Teachers' Association (OTA) and the Olean Educational Support Association (OESPA) which expire June 30, 2013.

Retirement
Incentive
Memorandum of
Agreements
Approved

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following resolution:

B Wright
Properties, LLC
Settlement
Approved

WHEREAS, B Wright Properties, LLC is the owner of two commercial properties located at 229-31 North Union Street and 233-37 North Union Street in the City of Olean, and

WHEREAS, the properties have a combined assessment of \$375,000 for the 2012-2013 tax year, and

WHEREAS, B. Wright Properties, LLC has filed a real property tax assessment proceeding seeking a reduction in the combined assessed valuation to \$150,000 plus a tax refund with interest for the 2012-2013 tax year, and

WHEREAS, B. Wright Properties, LLC recently purchased both properties for the total sum of \$150,000, and

WHEREAS, B. Wright Properties, LLC is seeking a tax refund from City, School District and County based upon the recent purchase price, and

WHEREAS, a proposed settlement has been negotiated in which B. Wright Properties would waive any tax refund from the School District and the combined assessment would be set at \$150,000 for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 tax years and the combined assessment would be set at \$215,000 for the 2015-2016 tax year, and

WHEREAS, the settlement as proposed involves a waiver of a tax refund by the School District and is in the best interest of the Olean City School District, it is hereby

RESOLVED, that the Olean City School District hereby approves the proposed settlement waiving any assessment reduction in the 2012-2013 tax year and setting the combined assessment at \$150,000, \$150,000 and \$215,000 for the next three tax years, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is hereby authorized to sign any documents necessary to finalize the proposed Settlement Agreement.

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by M. Martello, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to approve that Sheila Collins be permitted to do unpaid 1500 hour independent field study under the supervision of Karen O'Dell, Autism Specialist, for the period of April 2013 through August 2015.

Sheila Collins
Granted Unpaid
Independent
Field Study

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to grant an unpaid Leave of Absence to Melissa Blackmon, Food Service Helper, for the period of April 28, 2013.

Melissa
Blackmon
Granted Unpaid
Leave of
Absence

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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Moved by G. Cross, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to grant an unpaid Leave of Absence to Alice Gerringer, Teacher Aide, for the period of June 4, 2013, through June 7, 2013.

Alice Gerringer
Granted Unpaid
Leave of
Absence

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Derric McElheney, Teacher Aide, retroactive to April 5, 2013.

Derric
McElheney
Resignation
Accepted With
Regret

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to terminate the services of Michael Vincent, Cleaner, in accordance with the Civil Service Law Section 71, effective April 19, 2013.

Services of
Michael Vincent
Terminated

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by L. Branch, seconded by P. Knieser, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, , the probationary appointment to employment of Lisa McHone in the position of Teacher Aide be terminated, effective April 8, 2013, and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized and directed to take appropriate action to effectuate this resolution.

Services of Lisa
McHone
Terminated

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by M. Martello, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, in accordance with Civil Service Law and Rules that the employment of Richard Eustis, having the most seniority in the Cleaner Civil Service Title, be reinstated effective April 22, 2013, 8 hours per day, at an hourly rate of \$19.76.

Richard Eustis
Reinstated as
Cleaner

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Informational Item:

- a. BOCES Budget Adjustment
- b. BOE May Meetings
 - 1. Special Board Meeting – April 23rd at 6:30 pm – BOCES budget vote
 - 2. Connect 4 Joint Meeting – April 30th at 6:30 pm at Portville Central School
 - 3. Safety Committee– May 1st at 3:30 pm
 - 4. Technology Committee Board– May 2nd at 3:45 pm
 - 5. Operations Committee – May 7th at noon
 - 6. Board Meeting – May 7th at 6:30 pm
 - 7. Budget Public Hearing – May 14th at 7:00 pm – OIMS LGI Room
 - 8. Finance Committee – May 16th at noon
 - 9. Audit Committee – May 20th at noon
 - 10. CDEP Committee – May 20th at 3:30 pm
 - 11. Buildings and Grounds Committee – May 21st at noon
 - 12. Board Meeting – May 21st at 6:30 pm
 - 13. Special Board Meeting – May 22nd at noon – certify election results
 - 14. School Health Team – May 23rd at 3:15 pm

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Discussion Items:

- a. Policy #5640 – Smoking/Tobacco Use – 1st Reading
- b. Policy #7131 – Non-Resident Students – 2nd Reading
- c. Policy #7160 – Student Use of Personal Technology – 1st Reading

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt School Policy #7131 – Non-Resident Students. This policy is to supersede any current School Board Policy regarding the same matter.

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Discussion Items

Policy #7131 –
Non Resident
Students

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by L. Branch, upon the recommendation of Colleen Taggerty, Superintendent of Schools, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 7:12 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: Contractual Negotiations for the Teachers' Association, the Support Personnel Association, and the Director of Personnel. Kathy Elser and Lynn Corder invited to attend Executive Session. Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry excused at 7:12 p.m.

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Executive
Session

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

Dated: April 18, 2013

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by G. Cross, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Regular Meeting

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by L. Branch, to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Taggerty
Pro Tem District Clerk
Dated: April 18, 2013