

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, April 20, 2021, at 6:33 p.m., via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Mary Hirsch-Schena, President, with a moment of personal reflection or a silent prayer. The Board of Education recited Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Mary Hirsch-Schena, President
Andrew Caya, Vice President
Janine Fodor
Paul Hessney
Ira Katzenstein
Kelly Keller
James Padlo

Excused: John Bartimole (excused)
Frank Steffen, Jr. (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools
Jenny Bilotta, Business Administrator
Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk
Aaron Wolfe, Director of Human Resources
Mike Martel, Director of Technology
Jen Mahar, Coordinator of State and Federal Aid Programs
Jen Kless, Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction
Jerry Trietley, OIMS Principal (grades 6 & 7)
Brian Crawford, EV Principal
Lauren Stuff, WW Principal
Jeff Andreano, HS principal

Faculty and Staff via ZOOM

Kim	Ackerman
Kelly	Andreano
Andrea	Bean
Amanda	Bess-Edwards
Dan	Brown
Michelle	C
Rhonda	Callahan
Maura	Carucci
Emily	Chamberlain
Colleen	Davis
Emily	DeFazio
Lyn	Dempsey
Betsy	Devos
Maureen	DiCerbo
Richard	DiMartino
Julie	Faulkner
Sean	Finch
Marlana	Finch
Leah	Graves
Kristin	Gustason

Larry	Jodush
Cindy	Johnson
Carl	Kolasny
Colleen	Larsen-Diebler
Mary	Magro
Angie	Marconi
Loran	Melfi
Aaron	Meyers
Kellie	O'Brien
Mike	O'Connor
Karen	O'Dell
Carrie	Peters
Kim's	phone
Marie	Rakus
Jennifer	Rodman
Jenelle	Scanlon
Rachael	Schreiber
Dylan	Shaw
Tracey	Spears
Ryan	Talbot

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Kathy	Hendrix	Janene	Threehouse
James	iPhone	SueAnn	Torrey
Danny's	iPhone	Art	Wentz
Kari	Jennings	Karen	Woodring
Amy		307-1666	

OTHERS:

Kellen Quigley, OTH
Brynn Ackerman, HS Senior

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Moved by P. Hessney, seconded by J. Padlo, to approve the agenda as amended – removed the 2021-2022 School Calendar under New Business. Janine Fodor proposed a special meeting to discuss reopening of schools.

Agenda Approved

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items:

Public Comments

Brynn Ackerman – high school senior – class of 2021 noted students do not take COVID lightly. Last year's senior did not have a prom, senior trip and so many other traditional activities due to COVID, however, they were recognized with yard signs, gift baskets delivered to homes, parade, etc. There has been no dialog with the class of 2021 and what can be done to salvage senior traditions. There are only two months left of school and senior feel left out.

Brynn was thanked for her input.

Dan Brown – OTA – spoke regarding how the Art and Music Dept. have been dealing with the pandemic, hybrid and remote learning. Students have lost the opportunity to sign, play instruments, in-person competitions and so much more. Art and Music teachers have been very innovative in delivering the best possible experience to students. Both programs have experienced a substantial decrease in student participation. The area All-State concert was virtual. Students are missing out on in-person opportunities. Dan noted the district is a student-centered community of excellence in which all members are challenged to learn, achieve, contribute and innovate. Teachers are doing that, however, students need to be held accountable for their learning; a large percentage of students are not taking advantage of the learning opportunities nor are they engaging. The district talked about 7 Habits of Highly Successful People – the skills that businesses are looking. Students will be graduating and not be well versed, will lack soft skills. The Art Department is working on a virtual art exhibit.

Mr. Moore thank Mr. Brown. He noted everyone is sympathetic to the situation. The board fully supports the Arts and Music programs – a testament to the support was the hiring of new Art and Music teachers in order to restore these programs at the elementary grade level.

Discussion Items

Discussion Items

- a. Budget Presentation – Jenny Bilotta
Budget Vote/Board Election will be May 18th in the OIMS Gymnasium
- b. Code of Conduct Revisions – Jerry Trietley

Communications/Commendations

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Commendations

- a. Congratulations to high school student Conner Childs, on completing the CompTIA certification which is the preferred qualifying credential for technical support and IT operational roles
- b. Congratulations to the following high school DECA students that competed virtually in the New York State Career Conference - Aaron Aiello, Aiden Butler, Chance Padlo, Sara Thomas and. Two DECA students, Yuki Wada and Marina Heister, will be competing virtually in the International DECA Conference
- c. Congratulations to Yuki Wada, Mark Brown, and Nathan Gabler who represented Olean High School at the NYS School Music Association's All-State virtual concert on April 11th
- d. Congratulations to the Olean High School delegates who attended the Model United Nations Conference at St. Bonaventure University. The following students thoroughly prepared and commendably competed against students from high schools in NY and PA. Delegates to the conference were Jason Copella, Aiden Butler, Riti Anumalasetty, Nate Martinelli, David Ruszkowski, Kaylynn Keesler, Naomi Hill, and Lily Schena. Nate Kwiatkowski was awarded Excellent Delegate honors in the Security Council, and Chance Padlo was awarded Superior Delegate honors in the World Health Organization

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e. Congratulations to the following students nominated for the February/March 2021 Harold Dutton Spotlight Award: Noah Trudeau, Izabella Ayala, Kilee Bearfield, Kady Malloy, Nate Gabler, Mark Brown, Bruce Wetherby, Ellison Ash-West, Zach Clayson, Randy Hall, Gavin Weseman, Chris Bragy, Lucas Peterson-Volz, Dawson Mallery, David Ruszkowski, Jackson Kahm, Alexander Vogel, Judy Jimerson, Kaylie Bish, Phoenix Langdon, Kristen Slaughaupt, Xavier Cook, Marieanna Germain, Katrina DeGroff, Chloe Hall and Malachi Galme

Committee Reports:

- a. Safety Committee – March 17 – given by Rick Moore
- b. Operations Committee – April 12 – given by Kelly Keller (recommended revisions)
- c. Buildings and Grounds Committee – April 13 – given by Jim Padlo
- d. Audit and Finance Sub Committee – April 15 – given by Paul Hessney

Committee Reports

Superintendent's Report:

- a. Happy Birthday to Brian Crawford
- b. Administrative Assistant Day tomorrow
- c. Conducting classroom observations of upcoming tenure teachers; they are doing an amazing job
- d. Compliments to OTA, OESPA and administrators for doing a great job
- e. CDC and NYSDOH social distancing guidance
- f. Graduation – Bradner Stadium, Saturday, June 26th at 11:00 am; will have rain date
- g. Avenue of Graduates – Union Street – Sunday, June 20th (Father's Day)
- h. Donation to OCSF Foundation in memory of Claudia Kurjakovic – grant for students to travel internationally

Superintendent's Report

Consent Agenda:

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Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by F. Steffen, Jr., upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:

The meeting minutes of the regular meeting held on March 23, 2021.

That the Treasurer's Report dated March 31, 2021, be accepted and placed on file.

That the Warrant Report for March 2021 be accepted and placed on file.

That the Internal Claims Auditor Exception Report for the period covering month ending March 31, 2021, be accepted and placed on file.

That the CPSE recommendations reviewed on April 20th be approved.

CSE

2020-2021

908002501	908004146	908003406	908002948	900457841
082540000	908001567	908002913	908002084	908001210
908002451	083020004	082520010	091820004	908002319
100250006	908002946	908003627	082410002	908002482
908000802	900455882	900457923	908002334	908003334
908002860	900457542	908002942	908003246	908002198
908002696	908000688	908003478	908002849	908000503

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908001138	900455994	900457685	900441431	908002957
908002034	908003062	908003230	908003330	100190001
908003110	908001052	908000953	091340000	908001548
900455857	908001606	908003160	908002898	908003565
092500003	908000993	900447294		

That the CSE recommendations reviewed on April 20th be approved.

CPSE
2020-2021

908004201	908004194	908004016	908003680	908003626
908003621	908004261	908004219	908003934	908004221
908003954	908004150	908003959	908003996	

CPSE
2021-2022

908004201	908004233	908004232	908004004	908003934
908003954	908003562			

That the CPSE to CSE recommendations reviewed on April 20th be approved.

CPSE to
CSE
2021-2022

908003902	908003938	908003624	908003685	908003557
908003360				

That the March 31, 2021 Intra-fund Transfer listing in the amount of \$71,955.34 be accepted/approved and placed on file.

That the list of substitutes be approved.

Ayes 7 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by A. Caya, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Olean City School District hereby approves and adopts the proposed 2021-2022 General Fund Budget in the amount of \$43,684,152.00 for purposes of presentation of such budget to the District's voters for approval at the May 18, 2021, annual district vote and election.

2021-2022 General
Fund Budget
Approved and
Adopted

Ayes 7 Nays 0

Motion Carried

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Moved by A. Caya, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Olean City School District hereby approves and adopts the proposed 2021-2022 Property Tax Report Card pursuant to Education Law Section 1716).

2021-2022 Property
Tax Report Card
Approved and
Adopted

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by A. Caya, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the 2021-2022 Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie Wyoming BOCES Administrative Budget.

2021-2022 BOCES
Administrative
Budget Adopted

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. A. Caya, seconded by J. Fodor, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, 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 Election of
Board Members

CAST ONE VOTE FOR EACH VACANCY

Area 1 - Vacancy - 2 year term

Leslie Buckley
342 West State Street
Wellsville, NY 14895 x

Area 2 - Vacancy - 3 year term

Charles Bessette
2588 Harland Ames Road
Bolivar, NY 14715 x

Area 5 - Vacancy - 3 year term

Ira Katzenstein
1830 Windfall Road
Olean, NY 14760 x

Area 6 - Vacancy - 3 year term

Michael Conroy
6355 Stinson Road
Arcade, NY 14009 x

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by A. Caya, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the contract with AnnaMaria Cavallo for the period of April 2021, through June 30, 2021, for temporary emergency speech language services, at an hourly rate of \$60.00 per hour.

Speech Language
Services Contract
Approved –
AnnMaria Cavallo

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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Moved by P. Hessney, seconded by J. Fodor, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Affiliation Agreement between the Olean City School District and the Grove City College.

Grove City College
Affiliation
Agreement
Approved

Ayes 6

Nays 1
Ira Katzenstein

Motion Carried

Moved by A. Caya, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve Antonio Marconi as an unpaid volunteer Modified Football Coach for the 2020-2021 school year.

Volunteer Coach
Approved

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Fodor, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to create a part-time 10-month School Nurse (RN) position, 7 hours per day, effective May 24, 2021.

Part-Time School
Nurse Position
Created

Aaron Wolfe noted this position is one day per week.

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Fodor, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, that the July Reorganizational Meeting be held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021.

July
Reorganizational
Meeting to be Held
on July 13, 2021

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by A. Caya, seconded by K. Keller, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the retirement resignation, with deep regret, of Debbie Weatherell, School Counselor, effective July 2, 2021.

Debbie Weatherell's
Retirement
Resignation
Accepted With
Deep Regret

Thank you to Debbie for her dedicated years of service.

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Ashley Tilly, Teacher Aide, for the period of May 4, 2021, through June 25, 2021.

Ashley Tilly Granted
Unpaid Leave of
Absence

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by A. Caya, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Judith Armour-Armstrong, Teacher Aide, from May 3, 2021, through June 25, 2021.

Judith Armour-
Armstrong Granted
Unpaid Leave of
Absence

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Bobbi Jo Mitchell, Cleaner, with regret, retroactive to April 5, 2021.

Bobbi Jo Mitchell
Resignation
Accepted With
Regret

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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Moved by A. Caya, seconded by J. Fodor, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Pamela Austin, Teacher Aide, effective May 1, 2021.

Pamela August
Resignation
Accepted

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by A. Caya, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Pamela Austin to a 10-month Keyboard Specialist position, 7.5 hours per day, at an hourly rate of \$23.59 per hour, effective May 1, 2021. This is a non-conditional probationary appointment.

Pamela Austin
Appointed
Keyboard Specialist

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by P. Hessney, seconded by A. Caya, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Tiffany Morgan to a 10-month Teacher Aide position, 5.75 hours per day, at an hourly rate of \$12.50, retroactive to April 19, 2021. This is a non-conditional probationary appointment.

Tiffany Morgan
Appointed Teacher
Aide

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by A. Caya, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Michelle George to a 10-month School Nurse (RN) position, 7.5 hours per day, at an hourly rate of \$20.00 per hour, effective May 24, 2021. This is a conditional probationary appointment. In accordance with Section 503(18)(b) of the Education Law, this is a conditional appointment and therefore shall not commence until the District has received notification from the Commissioner of Education that the appointee has been conditionally cleared for employment. If the Commissioner of Education notifies the District that the appointee has been denied conditional clearance or clearance, the appointment shall terminate immediately without further action by this Board. If the appointee is granted clearance after the receipt of conditional clearance, the appointment shall continue.

Michelle George
Appointed School
Nurse (RN)

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Pamela Austin, Teacher Aide, effective May 1, 2021.

Informational Items

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Mary Hirsch-Schena noted a special meeting will be held on April 27th and added to the following meeting list.

Informational Items:

- a. Special Board Meeting – Tuesday, April 27th at 6:30 pm
- b. Operations Committee Meeting - Monday, May 3 at 4:30 pm
- c. Budget Public Hearing - Tuesday, May 4 at 6:00 pm
- d. Board Meeting – Tuesday, May 4 at 6:30 pm
- e. Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting - Tuesday, May 11 at 4:30 pm
- f. Audit and Finance Sub Committee Meeting – Thursday, May 13 at noon
- g. Budget Vote/Board Election - Tuesday, May 18 from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm
- h. Board Meeting - Tuesday, May 18 at 6:30 pm
- i. Special Board Meeting - Wednesday, May 19 - at 6:30 pm

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Moved by A. Caya, seconded by J. Padlo, to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 pm.

Adjournment

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Sub List:

<i>SUBSTITUTES FOR BOARD APPROVAL - March 23, 2021</i>			
POSITION DESCRIPTION	EMPLOYEE NAME	CERTIFICATION	FINGERPRINT
NON-CERTIFIED			
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER			
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER	Aiello, Hannah	Associates	yes
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER	Bernstein, Holden	Bachelors	yes
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER	Eaton, Derek	Bachelors	yes
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER	Fratercangelo, Sophia	Bachelors	yes
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER	Gardner, Kelsea	Bachelors	yes
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER	Kinney, Alexis	Associates	no
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER	Noffsinger, Aundrea	Bachelors	yes
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER	Martin, Erin	Associates	yes
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER	Ocasio, Ana	Associates	yes
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDES			
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE	Eaton, Derek	n/a	yes
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE	Gardner, Kelsea	n/a	yes
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE	Kinney, Alexis	n/a	yes
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE	Martin, Erin	n/a	yes
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE	Noffsinger, Aundrea	n/a	yes
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE	Ralston, Debra	n/a	yes
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE	Torrence, Trena	n/a	yes