

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 Tuesday, April 27, 2021, at 6:33 p.m. in the Olean High School auditorium, located at 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by Mary Hirsch-Schena, President, with a moment of personal reflection or a silent prayer. Paul Hessney led the Board of Education in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The public was invited to attend via ZOOM or in-person

PRESENT:

Mary Hirsch-Schena, President
Andrew Caya, Vice President
John Bartimole – via ZOOM
Janine Fodor
Paul Hessney
Ira Katzenstein – via ZOOM
James Padlo
Frank Steffen, Jr. – via ZOOM

ABSENT:

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
Brian Crawford, EV Principal
Lauren Stuff, WW Principal
Jerry Trietley, OIMS Principal (grades 6 & 7)
Joel Whitcher, OIMS Principal (grades 4 & 5)
Marcie Johnson, Director of Pupil Services
Jeff Andreano, OHS Principal

OTHERS:

Faculty, Staff and Students

Michelle	A.
Kim	Ackerman
N.	Alice
Kelly	Andreano
Connor	Baer
Kris	Bates
Jarrold	Bell
Amanda	Bess-Edwards
Heather	Billings
Stacie	Bowen
Caroline	Bremner
Lisa	Brooks
Maria	Brooks
Marissa	Burrows
Rhonda	Callahan
Lauren	Caya
Jen	Crawford

Lindsay	LaCroix
Colleen	Larsen-Diebler
Kyle	Leslie
Suzanne	Linderman
Nicole	M.
Mary Lee	Magro
Susan	Mahar-Sakala
Angie	Marconi
Brian	Martin
Loran	Melfi
Patti	Metler
Melanie	Meyers
Leslie	Morey-Nasuta
A.	Murphy
Ryan	Nawrot
Kellie	O'Brien
Mike	O'Connor

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Emily	DeFazio
Lyn	Dempsey
Maureen	DiCerbo
Richard	DiMartino
Dan	Dunkleman
Sally	Edwards
Julie	Faulkner
Karen	Fox
Dan	Freeman
Denise	Froebel
Rose	Gayton
Jackie	Giardini
Leah	Graves
Kristin	Gustason
Tracy	Hart
Kelly	Havens
Jenna	Hendricks
Kathy	Hendrix
Tiffany	Hladik
Ellie	Hoffman
Bill	Hughey
Bob's	Ipad
Danny's	Iphone
Tracey	IPhone
James	iPhone
Millie	Jedrosko
Kari	Jennings
Larry	Jodush
Amy	Jodush
Cindy	Johnson
Lisa	Kranz
Alex	Kruse
Kellen	Quigley

Chance	Padlo
Tracy	Padlo
Nick	Patrone
Carrie	Peters
C.	Phipps
Marie	Rakus
Jennifer	Rodman
Jenelle	Scanlon
Rachael	Schreiber
Fawn	Scott
Deb	Silvers
Savannah	Skinner
Erin	Smith
Tobi	Snyder
Mrs.	Stephens
Nancy	Sullivan
Joelle	Talbot
Janean	Threehouse
SueAnn	Torrey
Kathy	Welch
Mary Lee	Wenke
Art	Wentz
Karen	Woodring
Riley	
Vinney	
iPhone	
Sara	
Nina	
Amy	
Z	
Michelle	
Hawkes	
FG	
Jen	

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Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by K. Keller, to approve the agenda as amended –
Remove from the table, the Olean General Hospital CSE and CPSE OT and PT contracts.
Add approval of contracts under New Business.

Agenda Approved

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items:
None

Public Comments

Discussion Item:
District Reopening Plan

Discussion Item

Jen Mahar presented the DRAFT plan.

Objective:

- Review changes in reopening guidance from CDC and NYSDOH
- Local community risk tolerance; shorter physical distancing
- Gather community feedback; move forward into next school year

NYS DOH Guidance Document – Interim guidance for in-person instruction

CDC Indicators of Community Transmission

Two indicators:

1. Total new cases per 100,000 persons in past 7 days
2. Percentage of nucleic acid amplification tests, that are positive during past 7 days

CDC recommends use of two measures to determine level; if two indicators suggest different levels, actions corresponding to the higher thresholds should be chosen

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Indicator 1

Indicator 2

*** these percentages are constantly changing

NYSDOH – persons testing positive in Cattaraugus County in past 7 days; persons testing positive by County

Current transmission level – moving in the right direction, however, we are still rated as “high community transmission level”

Recommended Prevention Strategies for K-12 schools

- All schools implement:
- Use of mask required
- Physical distancing
- Handwashing
- Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities
- Contact tracing – isolation and quarantine

Low, Moderate, substantial and High Transmission

3' versus 6' social distancing

Cohorting

Cohorting Definition – group that stays together the entire school day during in-person learning, pre-determined period of time, minimal or no interaction between groups

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Interim Guidance for Return to Sports and Recreation
NYSPHSAA and NYSDOH – prevention strategies

Practices and Expectations – Protocols Remain the Same

- Stay home if sick or symptomatic or exposure
- Student temperatures taken prior to entry daily
- Staff complete health screening form daily
- Visitors may not come into school buildings
- Monitor and contact tracing occurs immediately by Catt Co DOH
- All positive cases reported to state – COVID report card – link on website

Practices and Expectations – New Protocols

- Face masks required at all times except for meals
- Physical barriers no longer recommended by CDD
- Physical distancing for singing and playing wind instruments reduced to 6 feet; between performers and the audience
- Fully vaccinated and or those who have recovered from COVID infection during prior 3 months do not have to quarantine if exposed to COVID

Reopening – Elementary Schools (PreK-5)

- Class sizes: PreL-1 up to 18; grades 2-3 14 to 21; grades 4 – 5 18 to 27
- Students will remain 3 feet apart
- Adults will remain 6 feet from students
- Meals in cafeteria and/or classrooms 6 ft apart
- Marks on at all times except for meals
- Bus schedules will change to staggered schedule
- Wednesday remains remote learning day

Reopening – Middle and High School (grades 6 – 12)

- Due to high level of community transition in Catt. Co., students cannot return with less than 6 feet of social distancing
- Students in grades 6 – 12 will remain in current hybrid or remote learning for remainder of the school year

Remainder of 2020-2021 School Year

- EV, WW, OIMS students in grades 4 & 5 will return to 4 days of in-person instruction beginning Monday, May 10; fully remote students will continue virtually
- OHS and OIMS students in grades 6 & 7 – will remain in current learning model; Red & Gold cohorts will alternate in-person on Wednesdays; fully remote students will continue virtually

Board members expressed their concerns, especially with the guidance for sports not being consistent for bringing students back in-person, transportation seating restrictions,

Adjournment

Everyone wants students back, however, the number one priority is health and safety. An open forum with stakeholders is scheduled for April 28th at 6:30 pm in the high school auditorium and via ZOOM.

The board expressed need for a reopening plan for the 2021-2022 school year.

Staff and administrators were praised for their commitment and hard work during the pandemic.

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Moved by A. Caya, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, that the resolutions to approve the Olean General Hospital's CSE and CPSE OT and PT contracts be removed from the table.

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the contract with the Olean General Hospital for the period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, for CSE physical therapy and occupational therapy services.

2019-2020 Rate

\$71.15 per hour for PT

\$118.60 per evaluation

\$53.37 per hour for OT \$177.90 per evaluation \$1,645.45 per year for consumable supplies for OT Program

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Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. Hirsch-Schena, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the contract with the Olean General Hospital for the period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2021, for CPSE physical therapy and occupational therapy services.

2019-2020 Rate

\$53.37 per hour for OT

\$161.35 per evaluation (OT & PT)

\$71.15 per hour to attend CPSE meetings

2020-2021 Rate

\$53.37 per hour for OT

\$161.35 per evaluation (OT & PT)

\$71.15 per hour to attend CPSE meetings

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by M. Hirsch-Schena, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Special Meeting at 8:34 p.m.

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry

District Clerk

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