

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, May 4, 2021, at 6:43 p.m., in person and via Zoom, in the Olean High School Auditorium, 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. The Board of Education recited Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

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)
Jeff Andreano, HS Principal
Brian Crawford, EV Principal – via ZOOM
Lauren Stuff, WW Principal – via ZOOM
Kelly Andreano, Speech Pathologist

OTHERS: Kellen Quigley, OTH
Pam Kirkwood, BOCES
Clarissa Ivan
Kevin Dougherty and Miley Crawford
Tavian Ramadhan
Lily Schena
Heather Levia
Julie Fuentes
Members of the OTA

Via ZOOM:

<u>First</u>	<u>Last</u>
Kim	Ackerman
Maria	Brooks
Maura	Carucci
Emily	DeFazio
Maureen	DiCerbo
Shannon	Hart
Kelly	Havers
Sophia	Hendrix

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Danny's	iPhone
James	iPhone
Amy	Jodush
Colleen	Larsen- Deibler
Mrs.	Martin
Melanie	Meyers
Robin's	Phone
Deb	Silvers
Tobi	Snyder
Katie	Wolfgang
Lindsey	
Steve	
Liz	
OTA	
Julie	
Carl	
K	
iPhone	
Laurie	
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Amy	

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Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by P. Hessney, to approve the agenda as presented.

Agenda Approved

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items:

Public Comments

Kathy Hendrix – OIMS 6th grade Math teacher for 30 years discussed the impact of COVID – this year is one for the record; life changing for teachers, students; adolescent students are full of energy, are busy, active and want to have fun; has an arsenal of tricks in the bag; been successful in the classroom – keep students busy and guessing; last year's pandemic took wind out of her sail – sad, fear, anxiety, and insecurity; didn't know how she was going to be successful teaching remotely; Kathy and many fellow teachers began taking workshops on line; they did it under pressure and under time constraints; 6th grade teachers got through it together by share every new bit of information with each other to provide the best education for Olean students; she has shed many tears; quote from Testament; grades 6 & 7 do not have teacher aides or remote teachers; had to learn to deal with overzealous students; flaws with ZOOM and TEAMS; developed new system to mirror her style of teaching – she had to start from ground zero, it has consumed every thought and all of her time; sees impact on OTA families that have young children at home; holds meetings with fully-remote students; records her instruction, etc. Shout out to Mary Magro and Art Wentz – share work, idea and resources; OIMS bringing back more students from 2 days per week to 4 days per week and soon 5 days per week; this has been a great benefit for students but very difficult on teachers to keep track of ever changing student population, lesson plans, rosters, materials, seating charts; receives daily updates and make necessary changes; proud of her accomplishments – on track – two weeks of schedule; she has provided new lessons daily, 5 days per week, this school year; begs the board to for 100% in person learning for the next school year – a lot of educational time has been wasted navigating between hybrid and remote learning

Kelly Andreano – ASHA designates May as Better Speech and Hearing Month. This year's theme is Making Connections. Her department promotes this – listed many things they have done over the years. Recognize Speech Pathologists and what they are – Master's Degree, passed medical board and NYS licensing, etc. – all district pathologists are licensed which allows for Medicaid billing and can sign own scripts – therapy for students quicker; living through pandemic and ways to connect through tele-practicing with a very vulnerable population – limited in-person results in regression for this population and their skills – performance, academics, friendships, social interaction, etc. In March 2020 the world shut down; had 3 days to learn a new platform, download materials, send out apps to parents; up to that point NYS did not allow tele-practicing. Many tears shed; many sleepless nights. They all did it! Primary focus was students and their families; counseled parents and students; long term affect is alarming; team is so important; together everyone achieves more!!!; 200 members strong with OTA surrounded by administrators, support staff, secretaries – what is next – is here in this room – it is all of us. We are the key to what is next – we are a team! We have the answers to what is next. Look vertically. Keep head up.

Communications/Commendations

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Commendations

- a. NYSSBA Recognition – Mary Hirsch-Schena and Ira Katzenstein
- b. OIMS Top 20 students grades 6 & 7 – Jerry Trietley

6th Grade Top 20 2020/2021

Adamski	Emma
Anderson	Emma
Anumalasetty	Lokesh

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Armijo	Daniel
Bean	Mia
Boutillette	Declan
Chahal	Simran
Chaudry	Lina
Crosson	Addison
Downing III	Lorenzo
Driscoll	Camren
Gesek	Mia
Hirliman	Alaina
Hoffman	Audrey
Leslie	Seamus
Manar	Diyanah
McClellan	Theodore
Shaikh	Hooreya
Snyder	Natalie
Woodring	Ethan

7th Grade Top 20 2020/2021

Last Name	First Name
Barboza	Raeya
Bates	Anna
Black	Olivia
Bohdanowycz	Adrian
Brown	Jabreyah
Caya	Finnian
Crawford	Miley
Cygan	Brynn
Dowdell	Connor
Eaton	Braelyn
Eaton	Lily
Finch	Ava
Hawkes	Larson

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Kratts	Kaylin
Miles	Austin
Morgan	Samantha
Moses	Ava
Richardson	Leah
Rivera	Mia
Smucinski-O'Brien	Grady

Discussion Items:

- a. End of Year Activities – Jeff Andreano
 Junior/Senior Prom – May 22nd at Bartlett Country Club
 Graduate Parade – June 20th at 7 pm on Union Street
 Graduation – June 26th at 11 am at Bradner Stadium; rain date – June 26th at 7 pm
 Senior Trip – Cedar Point – June 16 or 17
- b. Post-Graduation Plans – Guidance Department
 Jeff provided the following information
 149 seniors – 56 students going to 4-year colleges; 42 going to 2-year colleges; 4 students attending lineman school; 8 students going in the military; 25 students joining the workforce
- c. District Reopening Plan – Rick Moore
 Meetings held on April 27th and April 28th; mission is to bring 100% of students back at least 4 days per week before the end of the school year

Discussion Items

Superintendent's Report:

- a. Teacher Appreciation Week – everyone is doing a phenomenal drive
- b. Contracts will be resolved
- c. Catt Co DOH

Superintendent's Report

Consent Agenda:

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Moved by J. Padlo , seconded by A. Caya, 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 April 20, 2021.

That the CSE recommendations reviewed on May 4th be approved.

That the CPSE recommendations reviewed on May 4th be approved.

That the CPSE to CSE recommendations reviewed on May 4th be approved.

That the OIMS and OHS SAC Quarterly Reports for the period January 1, 2021, through March 31, 2021, be accepted.

That the list of cafeteria equipment and school vehicle be declared surplus.

CSE

2020-2021

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908003697	908003683	900457780		

CPSE

2020-2021

908003656	908004184	908003805	908003892	908003788
908003980	908004251	908004107		

2021-2022

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908004031	908004021	908003661	908004018	

CPSE to CSE

2021-2022

908003656 908003805 908003923

Ayes 9 Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by Janine Fodor, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the retirement resignation, with deep regret, of Susan Sorokes, Elementary Teacher, effective June 30, 2021.

Susan Sorokes
Retirement
Resignation
Accepted With
Deep Regret

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by A. Caya, seconded by J. Fodor, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the retirement resignation, with deep regret, of Sally Gildner, Teacher Aide, retroactive to April 30, 2021.

Sally Gildner
Retirement
Resignation
Accepted With
Deep Regret

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by K. Keller, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the retirement resignation, with deep regret, of Sandra Padgett, Teacher Aide, retroactive to April 28, 2021.

Sandra Padgett
Retirement
Resignation
Accepted With
Deep Regret

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. A. Caya, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Thomas Guay, Cleaner, retroactive to April 21, 2021.

Thomas Guay
Resignation
Accepted

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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Moved by A. Caya, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to accept the resignation of Amy Livoto, Teacher Aide, retroactive to April 20, 2021.

Amy Livoto
Resignation
Accepted

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by P. Hessney, seconded by J. Fodor, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Penny Calhoun to a 12-month Cleaner position, 8 hours per day, at an hourly rate of \$14.44, effective May 10, 2021. This is a non-conditional probationary appointment.

Penny Calhoun
Appointed to
Cleaner Position

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Informational Items:

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- a. Operations Committee Meeting - Monday, June 7 at 4:30 pm
- b. Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting - Tuesday, June 8 at 4:30 pm
- c. Board Meeting – Tuesday, June 8 at 6:30 pm
- d. Audit and Finance Sub Committee Meeting – Thursday, June 17 at noon
- e. Graduate Parade - Sunday, June 20 at 7:00 pm - N. Union Street
- f. Graduation - Saturday, June 26 at 11:00 am - Bradner Stadium
- g. Board Meeting - Tuesday, June 29 at 6:30 pm

Moved by A. Caya, seconded by J. Padlo, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 7:48 pm for the purpose of discussing: OTA, OESPA and Confidential Managerial contracts. Jenny Bilotta, Aaron Wolfe and Pam Kirkwood, BOCES Labor Relations Attorney invited to attend.

Executive Session

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry

District Clerk
Dated: May 7, 2021

John Bartimole, Ira Katzenstein, Frank Steffen, Jr. and Jim Padlo exited.

Moved by J. Fodor, seconded by P. Hessney, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 9:35 pm.

Reconvene to
Regular Meeting

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by K. Keller, seconded by A. Caya, to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm.

Adjournment

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Rick Moore

Pro-Tem District Clerk
Dated: May 7, 2021