

OLEAN CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
410 West Sullivan Street
Olean, NY 1476019

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the City School District of Olean, NY was held on Tuesday, May 19, 2021, at 6:32 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
Lauren Stuff, WW Principal
Kim Ackerman, Teacher
Emily DeFazio, Speech Pathologist

OTHERS: Kellen Quigley, OTH
Ann Lee

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Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by J. Fodor, to approve the agenda as amended – add to Public Comment section Celebration of Seniors – Kim Ackerman and Emily DeFazio.

Agenda Approved

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items:

Public Comments

Emily DeFazio – thanked the board for allowing her to speak at the meeting. Emily extended a heartfelt thanks to the many individuals that stepped up to the plate to sponsor a senior for the “OHS Senior Celebration.” These students will leave their alma mater with fond memories. Many seniors are thrilled with the program. Emily gave a brief presentation

Kelly Keller – spoke to the board as a parent, citizen, taxpayer regarding the reopening of schools. At numerous meetings and through numerous emails to administrators she has questioned why students are currently not in school five days per week. She understands the COVID shutdown in March 2020. She appreciates the precautions that have been taken, hybrid learning model, going remote after the holiday break due to rise in COVID cases. That was five months ago, people are feeling safe and not afraid to allow their children to attend schools in person or play with their friends. Parents want this children in school five days per week – not four days per week. The CDC guidelines changed regarding social distancing and she questioned why Olean students were not returning in person like surrounding districts. Kelly was told students could not be brought back in person five days per week due to contractual and bussing issues. She emailed administrators with various solutions. One administrator responded that it would be possible to bring students back five days per week. The district should have had several back up plans to reopen schools. She encouraged parents that want their children back in school five days per week to reach out to board members, administration and be heard.

Ira recommended the process for Public Comments be followed. Jim Padlo recommended the policy be followed – three minutes per speaker.

Communications/Commendations

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Commendations

a. Congratulations to Nathan-Michael Gabler - Valedictorian and Paxton Retchless - Salutatorian

Discussion Items:

Discussion Items

a. Capital Project Update

Mr. Moore noted he is currently working with the architects. Currently the plans are not complete. Meetings are scheduled in the next week or so to finalize plans. Presentation will be done at the June 8th board meeting. Mr. Moore assured Janine there will not be a delays in the project implementation.

Committee Reports

Committee Reports:

- a. Operations Committee – May 3rd – given by Ira Katzenstein
- b. Buildings and Grounds Committee – May 11 – given by Jim Padlo
- c. Audit and Finance Committee – May 13th – given by Paul Hessney

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent's
Report

- a. Cereal Collection – last day for donations is May 21st – thank you to Char Dwaileebe for organizing this effort
- b. Mental Health – Jen Mahar compiled and posted a list of organizations on the website – Parent Square
- c. May 18th budget vote/board election was successful – thank you to the candidates; congratulations to the winners
- d. May 25th vaccination clinic in high school from 9 – 11 for eligible students
- e. COVID testing will no longer be required to attend prom

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- f. June 20th Graduate Parade – Union Street – 7:00 pm
- g. June 26th Graduation – Bradner Stadium – 11:00 am

The board thanked Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk, and the election workers for their efforts for budget vote and board election. Everything went smoothly.

Paul Hessney indicated that he would like to see more absentee ballots sent out. John Bartimole and Vicki explained the process is governed by law.

Consent Agenda:

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Moved by J. Padlo , seconded by I. Katzenstein 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 and the special meeting held on April 27, 2021 be accepted and placed on file.

That the Treasurer's Reports dated April 30, 2021, be accepted and placed on file.

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

That the Internal Claims Auditor Exception Report for the period covering month ending April 30, 2021, be accepted and placed on file.

That the April 30, 2021 Intra-fund Transfer listing in the amount of \$81,379.00 be accepted/approved and placed on file.

That the CPSE recommendations reviewed on May 18th be approved.

CPSE
2020-2021

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CPSE
2021-2022

908004029	908004035	908004097	908004023	908004151
908004220	908004045			

That the CSE recommendations reviewed on May 18th be approved.

CSE
2020-2021

908003734	908003834	900458008	908002565	908002029
908003112	093130004	091340000	908003870	908002782
908003160	908002482	908003706	908003730	900455846
908003737	908003365	908003231	900455854	900457846

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900455907	083400006	900448346	082430004	908003936
908003678	908001260	908000826	900457924	908001265
908003594	908001164	90800819	908003591	900456015
908001604	908003636	908001825	908002766	908004001

CPSE to CSE

CPSE to
CSE
2021-2022

Informational Items

908004045	908004142	
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That the list of technology equipment be declared surplus items.

That the Sub List be approved

Ayes 9 Nays 0

Motion Carried

2021-2022 School
Calendar Approved

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by F. Steffen, Jr., upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the proposed 2021-2022 School Calendar.

Ayes 8

Nays 1

Motion Carried

K. Keller – does not support 2 week break

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, that the following Annual Election Certification Resolution be adopted, to wit.

Budget Vote/Board
Election Results
Certification

WHEREAS, the Annual City School District Election of the City School District of the City of Olean, Cattaraugus County, New York, was duly called, held and conducted on May 18, 2021, 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 voting machine for the election of Trustees and Proposition(s) set forth in the notice of such election adopted, March 23, 2021, 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 Olean High School Auditorium, 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY at 6:30 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 annual election held May 18, 2021, 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 annual election in the several school district as follows:

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Total No. of Voters Casting Votes:

Table 1 (A-G)	204
Table 2 (H-P)	251
Table 3 (Q-Z)	178
Total	633

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – 2021-2022 Basic Budget

YES 508

NO 83

PROPOSITION NO. 1 PASSED

BOARD OF ELECTION TRUSTEES

VOTE FOR TWO

Clarissa E. Ivan
Votes: 242

Kevin M. Dougherty
Votes: 117

Julio Fuentes
Votes: 396

Mary Hirsch-Schena
Votes: 376

Write-In: 0

OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE VOTE FOR Three

Jennifer Mahar
Votes: 451

Ann Tenglund
Votes: 338

Reed B. McElfresh
Votes: 376

Write-In: 18
Marianne McCarthy
Kasey Miller
Sally Ventura
JR Bennion
Matt Peterson-Volz
Peyton Kunselmen
Jessicca Anderson
Crystal Wilson
Mara Zrzavy (3 times)
Keefer Williams
Bradley Barnes
Dylan Snyder
Kyle Lowe
Cole Geise

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Adam Jester
Chris Michael

It is hereby determined that the duly qualified voters at said annual election have hereby elected Julio Fuentes and Mary Hirsch-Schena to the Board of the Olean City School District.

It is hereby determined that the duly qualified voters at said annual election have hereby elected Jennifer Mahar, Ann Tenglund and Reed McElfresh to the Board of the Olean Public Library.

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Olean City School District and the Olean Educational Support Personnel Association regarding additional work hours for the period May 10, 2021 through June 25, 2021.

OESPA MOA
Approved

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by A. Caya, seconded by J. Bartimole, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, that the 2021-2022 non-resident student tuition will be:

2021-2022 Non
Resident Student
Tuition Approved

	<u>K-5</u>	<u>6-12</u>
September – January 15th	\$400	\$700
January 16 – February	\$200	\$350
March – April	\$125	\$225
May - June	\$0	\$0

Paul Hessney noted he has researched small district tuition rates. Many do not charge tuition. Many that do charge a minimal fee; much less than the Olean City School District. Paul has expressed his opinion over the years and fees tuition should not be charged for any non-resident student. Paul asked Jenny Bilotta to explain how much state aid the district gets for a non-resident student and what costs are not covered by aid.

Ira noted he feels there should be some form of tuition and the district's rates are reasonable and affordable. District taxpayers should not be responsible for paying local share for non-resident students or any other non aidable expense.

John Bartimole called the question.

Ayes 8 Nays 1 Motion Carried
Paul Hessney – in favor of no tuition

Moved by A. Caya, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to accept and place on file the Olean City School District Annual Fire Inspection Report filed by the Olean Fire Department on all structures owned by the District. Be it also resolved that the appropriate legal notice on the completion and public availability of these reports be published in the Times Herald.

Annual Fire
Inspection Reports
Accepted and
Placed on File

Ayes 9 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Moved by J. Fodor, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to accept a donated adaptive AmTryke tricycle from Penny Bellamy, valued at \$580.00.

Donation Accepted

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Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Fodor, seconded by A. Caya, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to create four (4) Teaching Assistant positions for the 2020-2021 school year.

Four Teaching Assistant Positions Created

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by J. Fodor, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to create two (2) Elementary Teacher positions for the 2021-2022 school year.

Two Elementary Positions Created

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Bartimole, seconded by J. Padlo RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Olean City School District hereby nominates Ira Katzenstein of the Olean City School District Board of Education for the Everett R. Dyer Award for Distinguished School Board Service.

Ira Katzenstein Nominated for NYSSBA Everett Dyer Award

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 resignation of Teri Kahle, Teacher Aide, retroactive to May 7, 2021.

Teri Kahle Resignation Accepted

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by A. Caya, seconded by K. Keller, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Teri Kahle to a Cleaner position. This is a non-conditional probationary appointment; 8 hours per day, 12-month, full-time position, at an hourly rate of pay of \$14.44, retroactive to May 7, 2021.

Teri Kahle Appointed to Cleaner Position

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by A. Caya, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education hereby confirms the voluntary reduction of work hours for Teacher Aide, Ms. Jena Dodge from 5.75 hours daily in accordance with the instructional calendar to 5.75 hours each Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of the instructional calendar (or days as assigned by the Superintendent). The work reduction will be retroactive to May 10, 2021, through June 25, 2021. The terms of Ms. Dodge's employment will not be affected by this voluntary reduction of work hours and will continue to be governed by the terms of the OESPA CBA.

Jena Dodge Reduction in Hours

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by A. Caya, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, that Matthew Woleben, who has an Emergency COVID-19 Earth Science (7-12) certification, which permits him to teach in the Science certification area, is hereby appointed to the position of Science teacher for a non-conditional probationary period of four (4) years, effective September 1, 2021, and ending on August 31, 2025. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Matthew Woleben receiving APPR ratings of Effective or Highly Effective in 3 of 4 preceding years and no Ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year.

Matthew Woleben Appointed in the Science Tenure Area

Executive Session

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Matthew Woleben the first year of this appointment, be paid at the annual salary as outlined in the Agreement between the Olean Teachers'

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Association and the Board of Education for a teacher on Step 1 as outlined in any modified, amended or successor agreement (\$39,886.00 pro-rated).

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by A. Caya, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, that a Teacher Aide position be increased from 5.75 hours per day to 7.5 hours per day, retroactive to May 17, 2021. The affected staff member is Colleen Stayer.

Colleen Stayer
Hours Increased

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Informational Items:

Informational Items
Reconvene to
Regular Meeting

- 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. Senior Graduation - Saturday, June 26 at 11:00 am
- f. Board Meeting - Tuesday, June 29 at 6:30 pm

Adjournment

Moved by P. Hessney, seconded by J. Fodor, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 7:55 pm for the purpose of discussing: OTA negotiations and the performance of a particular individual. Jenny Bilotta and Aaron Wolfe invited to attend.

Ayes 9

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry

District Clerk
Dated: May 25, 2021

John Bartimole and Frank Steffen, Jr. exited Executive Session at 8:30 pm.

Ira Katzenstein exited Executive Session at 8:50 pm.

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by J. Fodor, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 8:52 pm.

Ayes 6

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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

Ayes 6

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Rick Moore

Pro-Tem District Clerk
Dated: May 25, 2021

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Sub List:

POSITION DESCRIPTION	EMPLOYEE NAME	CERTIFICATION	FINGERPRINT
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE			
SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AIDE	Englehardt, Ashley	n/a	yes