

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 Wednesday, June 17, 2020, at 6:32 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting was called to order by Frank Steffen, Jr., President, with a moment of personal reflection or a silent prayer. The Board of Education recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with Executive Order 202.1, members of the public were not permitted to attend the board meeting in person. The meeting was recorded and transcribed, per Executive Order 202.1.

PRESENT:

Frank Steffen, Jr., President
Mary Hirsch-Schena, Vice President
John Bartimole
Andrew Caya
Janine Fodor
Kelly Keller
Paul Hessney
Ira Katzenstein

ABSENT:

James Padlo

STAFF PRESENT:

Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools
Jenny Bilotta, Business Administrator
Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk
Aaron W. Wolfe, Director of Human Resources

OTHERS:

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Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by I. Katzenstein, to approve the agenda as presented.

Agenda Approved

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items:
None

Public Comments

Communications:

- a. Thank you to the Election Inspectors that worked so hard tallying absentee ballots

Communications

Superintendent's Report:

- a. Friday Avenue of Graduates on Union Street
b. June 27th graduation – OIMS parking lot
c. Do a note to the community thanking them for adopting the budget and their continued support

Superintendent's Report

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

WHEREAS, the Annual City School District Election of the City School District of the City of Olean, Cattaraugus County, New York, was duly called for to be held and conducted on May 19, 2020, for the purpose of voting for the election of Trustees and Proposition(s) set forth in the notice of election adopted, February 25, 2020,

WHEREAS, per the Governor's Executive Order 202.26 dated May 1, 2020, district budget vote board elections were postponed until June 9, 2020, by absentee ballot voting only (no in-person

WHEREAS, per the Governor's Executive Order 202.39 dated June 7, 2020, the deadline for rec absentee ballots was extended to 5:00 pm on June 16, 2020,

WHEREAS, the opening of absentee ballots occurred at 5:00 p.m. on June 16, 2020;

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 usual place of meetings on the day following such canvassing of ballots to determine the number of votes casted for each proposition and board trustee, and to declare the result of such canvass; however as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic in accordance with Executive Order 202.1, members of the public are not permitted to attend the meeting in person, thus board meetings are held via ZOOM, and

WHEREAS, this Board of Education has duly examined the statements of the result of said annual election and budget vote, as aforesaid, in each 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 is as follows:

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TOTAL NO. OF
SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICT VOTERS CASTING VOTES

TOTAL 1891

Informational Items

Section 2: It is hereby found and determined from the foregoing tabulation of the results of said annual election in the several school election districts that the total voters cast for the Proposition(s) and Candidates submitted at said annual election are as follows:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – 2020-2021 Basic Budget

YES 1289

NO 341

Executive Session

PROPOSITION NO. 1 **PASSED**

BOARD OF ELECTION TRUSTEES

VOTE FOR One

Kelly A. Keller

Rychelle L. Weseman

1088 Votes

723 Votes

Reconvene to
Regular Meeting

Write-Ins 8

Leo Wolters Tejera (2)
Peyton Kunselman
Kelsey Boudin
Eileen Skroback
Robert Paulson
Donald J. Trump
Linda Witte

Adjournment

OLEAN PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE

VOTE FOR One

Earl M. McElfresh

1704 Votes

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Write-Ins 37
Peyton Kunselman(2)
Maureen Curry
Paula Berstein (6)
Charlotte McLaughlin
Charles Thropp
Michael Lamb (2)
Pamela Zeigler (2)
Richard Earl
Ken Patten
Shayne Certo
Dave McCann (2)
Kevin Callahan
Kelly Hendrix (2)
Maureen DiCerbo
Marianne McCarthy (2)
Etta Walker
Bruce Kenney
Ken Patten, Jr.
Donald J. Trump
Robert Simon (2)
Sheilah Taylor
Rychelle Weseman
Linda Witte
Teresa Shaffer
Matthew Keller

It is hereby determined that the duly qualified voters at said annual election have hereby elected Kelly A. Keller 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 Earl M. McElfresh to the Board of the Olean Public Library.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Informational Items:

- a. Operations Committee Meeting - Monday, July 6 at 12:00 pm
- b. Board Meeting – Tuesday, July 7 at 6:30 pm
- c. Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting - Tuesday, July 14 at 4:30 pm
- d. Audit and Finance Sub Committee Meeting – Thursday, July 23 at noon
- e. Board Meeting - Tuesday, July 28 at 6:30 pm

Moved by J. Fodor, seconded by J. Bartimole, to adjourn from the Special Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 6:43 pm for the purpose of discussing: contract negotiations – OTA and the Superintendent’s evaluation. Jenny Bilotta and Aaron Wolfe invited to attend for negotiation discussions.

Ayes 8 Nays 0 Motion Carried

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry

District Clerk
Dated: June 18, 2020

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Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by K. Keller, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting 8:33 p.m.

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by A. Caya, seconded by J. Fodor, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Rick Moore

Pro-Tem District Clerk
Dated: June 18, 2020

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