

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, August 10, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., in person, in the Olean High School Auditorium, 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by Andrew Caya, President, with a moment of personal reflection or a silent prayer. The Board of Education recited Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

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

Excused: Janine Fodor (excused)

STAFF PRESENT: Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools  
Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk  
Jenny Bilotta, Business Administrator  
Jen Mahar, Coordinator of State and Federal Aid Programs  
Jen Kless, Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction  
Rachael Schreiber, Teacher  
Angie Marconi, Teacher

OTHERS: Kellen Quigley, OTH  
Byron Ring  
Tom Lynch  
Ciara Buchanan  
Cerrissa Lynch  
Jen Meyer  
Kurt Sinks  
Stephen Oldenburg  
Kerrie Cameron  
Mark McKenzie  
Robert Herrmann  
Josh Anderson  
Tyrone Hall  
Angela Sawaya  
Lisa Johnson  
Carol McClellan

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Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by J. Padlo, to approve the agenda as presented.

Agenda Approved

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items:

Public Comments

- a. Cerrissa Lynch – has three children that attend Olean schools. The children would like to return to school, however, do not want to wear a mask. A school or the government should not be able to mandate that a student wear a mask, it is the choice of the parent!
- b. Bryon Ring – student – noted that he is anxious to return to school and will do whatever it takes, including wearing a mask

Communications/Commendations

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Commendations

Mr. Moore read an email from Ryan Nawrot regarding First Aid and CPR training that he completed; would like the board to consider that every athletic team have coaches that trained

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent's  
Report

- a. Thanked individuals for attending tonight's board meeting; these are difficult times for everyone; the district will be following the DOH and NYSED recommendations; we all want what is best for the students and that is for their return to in-person learning and safety; Mr. Moore will get information out by the end of the week
- b. Planning many fun activities at all grade levels for the return of school

Consent Agenda:

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Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by M. Hirsch-Schena, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to adopt the following Consent Agenda items:

The meeting minutes of the regular meetings held on July 13, 2021 and July 27, 2021 and the reorganizational meeting held on July 13, 2021 be approved.

That the CSE recommendations reviewed on August 10th be approved.

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That the CPSE recommendations reviewed on August 10th be approved.  
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908004307

908004275

908004233

908004232

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by I., Katzenstein, seconded by J. Padlo, due to the resignation of board member, Frank Steffen, Jr., the Board of Education approves the temporary appointment of Tyrone Hall to fill the vacancy through May 17, 2022.

Tyrone Hall  
Appointed to Fill  
Board Vacancy

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Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

The district clerk administered the oath of office to Mr. Hall.

Oath of Office

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by M. Hirsch-Schena, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Surplus Vehicle bid award to:

Surplus Vehicle Bid Award

Individual/Company

Paul Hessney

VIN#

2D8HN44E39R562111

Product Award

2009 Dodge Grand Caravan

Bid Award

\$5,250.00

Individual/Company

Devin Wesley

VIN#

2D8HN44E99R702713

Product Award

2009 Dodge Grand Caravan

Bid Award

\$2,500.00

Ira Katzenstein noted that Mr. Hessney should not be awarded the bid. It does not look good. Jim Padlo noted that a bid process was put in place, sealed bids were submitted with Paul being the highest bidder.

Roll Call

Caya, Andrew – yes  
Hessney, Paul – abstain  
Fuentes, Julio – no  
Katzenstein, Ira – no  
Keller, Kelly – yes  
Hirsch-Schena, Mary – yes  
Padlo, James – yes  
Hall, Tyrone - yes

Ayes 5

Nays 2

Abstain 1

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Olean City School District hereby agrees to enter into the attached contract with the Erie 1 BOCES for a three – year period commencing on September 8, 2021 to authorize the Western New York Regional Information Center to furnish certain computer services to the District pursuant to

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Education Law 1950 (4) (JJ) for an amount not to exceed \$98,639.64 and authorizes 36 – monthly payments to be made to Erie 1 BOCES in the amount not to exceed \$2,739.99 per month. Be it further RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Olean City School District hereby authorizes the Board President or the District Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the District.

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by K. Keller, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Olean City School District hereby agrees to enter into the attached contract with the Erie 1 BOCES for a three – year period commencing on September 8, 2021 to authorize the Western New York Regional Information Center to furnish certain computer services to the District pursuant to Education Law 1950 (4) (JJ) for an amount not to exceed \$82,977.84 and authorizes 36 – monthly payments to be made to Erie 1 BOCES in the amount not to exceed \$2,304.94 per month. Be it further RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Olean City School District hereby authorizes the Board President or the District Clerk to execute the contract on behalf of the District.

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Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by J. Fuentes, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve Jennifer McAndrew as an unpaid volunteer Girls Soccer Coach for the 2021-2022 school year.

Volunteer Coach

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to enter into a Contract for Safety and Security Services between the Olean City School District and the City of Olean for three (3) Special Patrol Officers per the following allocation payment schedule:

Special Patrol  
Officers Contract  
Approved

September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023  
\$30,000 per year per officer

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Olean High School's Washington Club's Over Night Field Trip to Washington DC from October 4, 2021, through October 6, 2021. The cost to the school district will be for substitutes and school nurse. Approval is granted with the understanding that all school rules and regulations will be followed. The Superintendent of Schools is authorized to make the final decision, based upon his judgment of safety and COVID concerns at the time of the scheduled field trip, whether the field trip will occur.

Washington Club's  
Over Night Trip  
Approved

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by K. Keller, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to enter into a contract for steel drums between the Olean City School District and the Randolph Academy Union Free School.

Steel Drums  
Contract Approved

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by P. Hessney, seconded by J. Fuentes, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to create one (1) full-time, 10-month, School Nurse (RN) position, 7.5 hours per day, for the 2021-2022 school year.

School Nurse (RN)  
Position Created

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Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by I. Katzenstein, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the 2021-2022 Olean City School District Tax Warrant of the Board of Education in the amount of school taxes for \$13,888,098 and the amount of library taxes for \$1,061,092 for a total Tax Warrant of \$14,949,190.

Tax Warrant  
Approved

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by K. Keller, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Olean City School District and the Olean Teachers' Association regarding new technology programs, in accordance with the terms of the MOA.

OTA MOA  
Approved

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by K. Keller, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to permanently appoint Joseph Duplechian to the position of Information Technology Specialist (12-month, 7.5 hours per day) following successful completion of the Civil Service exam for a probationary period of sixty (60) days commencing (retroactive to) July 20, 2021, and ending October 13, 2021, at an hourly rate of \$21.00.

Joseph Duplechian  
Appointed to  
Permanent  
Information  
Technology  
Specialist Position

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Peter R. Aloï as a Custodian/Buildings and Grounds Maintainer. This is a full-time, provisional 12-month position. 8 hours per day, at an hourly rate of \$16.45, effective August 16, 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.

Peter Aloï  
Appointed  
Custodian/Buildings  
and Grounds  
Maintainer

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by J. Fuentes, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Rose Gayton to the World Without Water Advisor extra-curricular position for the 2021-2022 school year, annual stipend \$690.00.

Rose Gayton  
Appointed World  
Without Water Club  
Advisor

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to approve an unpaid leave of absence for Jennifer Hendrickson, School Nurse (RN) to commence on October 8, 2021, through June 24, 2022.

Jennifer  
Hendrickson  
Granted Unpaid  
Leave of Absence

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by M. Hirsch-Schena, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, that Anna-Elisabeth Ross, who has an Emergency COVID-19 Biology (7-12) certification, which permits her 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,

Anna-Elisabeth  
Ross Appointed in  
the Science Tenure  
Area

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2025. Eligibility for tenure at the end of the probationary period is dependent on Anna-Elisabeth Ross 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Anna-Elisabeth Ross the first year of this appointment, be paid at the annual salary as outlined in the Agreement between the Olean Teachers' 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 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by P. Hessney, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Amber N. Sawaya to a 10-month School Nurse (RN) position, 7.5 hours per day, at an hourly rate of \$22.50 per hour, effective September 1, 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.

Amber Sawaya  
Appointed School  
Nurse (RN)

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by J. Padlo, upon the recommendation of Rick Moore, Superintendent of Schools, to appoint Kathleen A. Neeson to a 10-month School Nurse (RN) position, 7.5 hours per day, at an hourly rate of \$22.50 per hour, effective September 1, 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.

Kathleen Neeson  
Appointed School  
Nurse (RN)

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Informational Items:

- a. Operations Committee Meeting - Monday, August 9th at 4:30 pm
- b. Board Meeting - Tuesday, August 10th at 6:30 pm
- c. Audit/Finance Committee Meeting - Thursday, August 12th at 4:00 pm
- d. Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting - Tuesday, August 17th at 4:30 pm
- e. Board Meeting - Tuesday, August 31st at 6:30 pm

Informational Items

Moved by M. Hirsch-Schena, seconded by J. Fuentes, to adjourn from the Regular Meeting and go in to Executive Session at 7:08 pm for the purpose of discussing: contract negotiations and personnel issue. Jenny Bilotta invited to attend.

Executive Session

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry

District Clerk  
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Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by M. Hirsch-Schena, to adjourn from Executive Session and reconvene to the Regular Meeting at 8:12 pm.

Reconvene to  
Regular Meeting

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by T. Hall, seconded by J. Fuentes, to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm.

Adjournment

Ayes 8

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Rick Moore

Pro-Tem District Clerk  
Dated: August 17, 2021