

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, October 4, 2022, at 6:35 p.m., in person, YouTube, ZOOM in the board room at Olean High School, 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean, NY. The meeting was called to order by Mary Hirsch-Schena, Vice President, with a moment of personal reflection or a silent prayer. Videoconferencing at 957 Crown Street, Olean, NY and the board room, 410 West Sullivan Street, Olean. Notices were posted at both locations. The public was invited to attend. The Board of Education recited Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Andrew Caya -arrived at 6:42 pm
Julio Fuentes
Daniel Farnham
Mary Hirsch-Schena, Vice President
Ira Katzenstein
Lee Filbert – videoconferencing via ZOOM
James Padlo

ABSENT: Kelly Keller - excused

STAFF PRESENT: Dr. Genelle Morris, Superintendent of Schools
Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry, District Clerk

Others:

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Moved by I. Katzenstein, seconded by L. Filbert, to approve the amendments to the agenda: add nominations for President and Vice President of the board; add Discussion Item.

Agenda Approval

Ayes 6

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Moved by J. Fuentes, seconded by D. Farnham, to nominate Mary Hirsch-Schena (Vice President) to the office of Board of Education President due to the resignation of Paul Hessney, Board President.

Mary Hirsch-Schena Elected President of the Board

Ayes 6

Nays 0

Motion Carried

Mary Hirsch-Schena was declared elected to the office of President of the Olean Board of Education.

District Clerk, Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry, administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Board of Education President.

Oath of Office Administered to President of the Board

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by J. Fuentes, to nominate Ira Katzenstein to the office of Board of Education Vice President due to Mary Hirsch-Schena being the newly elected President.

Moved by L. Filbert, seconded by D. Farnham, to nominate Julie Fuentes to the office of Board of Education Vice President due to Mary Hirsch-Schena being the newly elected President.

Ira Katzenstein requested that his nomination be withdrawn and called the questions.

Julio Fuentes was declared elected to the office of Vice President of the Olean Board of Education.

Julio Fuentes Elected Vice President of the Board

Ayes 6

Nays 0

Motion Carried

District Clerk, Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry, administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Board of Education President.

Oath of Office Administered to Vice President of the Board

Discussion Item:

Board Vacancy due to the resignation of Paul Hessney

Board Vacancy

Options:

- Leave vacant
- Appoint individual to fill vacancy until the May 2023 budget vote/board election
- BOCES Superintendent could appoint individual
- Special election

The board decided to invite individuals to apply to fill the vacant position. Board vacancy announcement will be posted on the district website and social media. Interested candidates will need to complete a questionnaire and submit it to the District Clerk no later than October 18th. Interviews will be held the week of October 31st. Appointment will be at the November 8th board meeting.

Moved by J. Padlo, seconded by D. Farnham, to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

Adjournment of Meeting

Ayes 7

Nays 0

Motion Carried

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Respectfully submitted,

Victoria L. Zaleski-Irizarry
District Clerk

Dated: October 5, 2022