

**Olean City School District  
Audit and Finance Committee Meeting  
OHS Board Room  
Thursday, January 16, 2025 - 4:00 P.M.  
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Julio Fuentes, Committee Chair (via Zoom)  
Kevin Stevens  
Rene' Garrison  
Lee Filbert (via Zoom)  
Jenny Bilotta, Business Administrator  
Dr. Genelle Morris, Superintendent (4:30 pm)  
Jackie Reed, District Clerk

Absent: Dr. Michael Irizarry, Assistant Superintendent of Academic Affairs

Call to Order 4:00 pm

**1) 2025-26 BOCES Unit Cost Methodology**

- a) This report identified the methodology used to calculate costs including:
  - Number of students
  - Resident weighted average
  - Daily attendance
- b) The BOE must make a resolution to accept the methodology, not the costs themselves
- c) Cross-contracts are services with BOCES other than Catt-Allegany. They use the same methodology, but their rates may be different

**2) 2025-26 Proposed Budget Presentation**

The presentation will touch on the following elements that will impact the budget:

- a) Enrollment
  - Current Enrollment by building:
    - EV-359 (includes WW students bussed to the 15:1:1 program)
    - WW-311
    - OIMS-537
    - OHS-664
  - Significant decreases over the past two decades, but are now stabilizing
  - Consideration of a 3-year-old PK program
  - COVID impact has not leveled yet
  - SPED students are on the rise and have to be planned for
  - Staff vs number of students
- b) Assumptions & Unknowns
  - State Funding – what will the increase be
  - Salaries – 97% of district employees salaries are being negotiated this year
  - Health Insurance increase of 10% is expected
  - SPED
  - Debt service (payments on capital projects)
  - Current Law Revenues
    - Transportation aid is not flowing yet, but Olean has submitted, and it has been approved and should be higher than shown in the Reconciliation Comparison
    - More accurate numbers will be released on 2/15/25
  - Individualized goals will be prepared once the unknowns are determined

**3) Review of topics from the Governor's State of the State Address**

- a) Universal school meals are being proposed, but Olean already receives this
- b) No Cell Phones (no distractions)
- c) Expanded Educational Subjects
  - Agricultural
  - Indigenous
- d) Tax cuts and rebates for middle class
- e) Increased funding/support for high school to college programs
- f) Increased support for Mental Health, Social Emotional Learning and Teen Mental Health
- g) State data system to assess educational and work force students

Adjourned 4:52 pm.

Next meeting Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 4:00 in the BOE Conference Room