

Olean City School District
Operations Committee Meeting
410 West Sullivan Street
Tuesday, October 2, 2012
12:00 p.m.

Present:	Gordon Cross	Paul Knieser
	Jim Padlo (via phone)	Jen Mahar
	Colleen Taggerty	Kathy Elser
	Vicki Zaleski-Irizarry	

Guest: Marcie Richmond

The meeting opened at noon with Mr. Bartimole absent.

1. The first item on the agenda was a review of Policy #6172, Identification Badges. ID cards are currently in use by staff and visitors. Mr. Padlo questioned the Superintendent as to when scan cards might be coming. The Superintendent will be looking in to some cost analysis before we follow through with the Policy as it now reads.
2. Policy #7640, Student Individualized Education Program, its status was briefly explained by Ms. Taggerty and our Special Ed Director Ms. Richmond. It was agreed to move the Policy forward to the Full Board of Education for its First Reading.
3. There was a lengthy presentation and discussion by the Superintendent concerning the Feasibility Study Recommendations as it pertains to the Operations Committee. Essentially it was agreed by the Committee that of the dozen items discussed, the first two were the most important, going forward. Namely, that the Board of Education should move forward and firmly establish its long term plan. This decision will be determined by much of the financial information to be made available to the Committee and the Board within the next month.
4. Ms. Mahar gave the committee a presentation on the new STAR assessment program. Citing that the assessment process, with four student tests annually, not only provides an up to date evaluation of a student's current skill level with a variety of reports possible, but, also that it allows us to have a comparative national view since approximately 24 million students nationwide take the same assessments. The program has been receiving very positive feedback from teachers and administrators and will continue to be used.
5. The Board of Education Code of Conduct was briefly discussed and it was agreed that the policy as amended at the Board Retreat was acceptable and will be forwarded to the full board.
6. The Superintendent presented the Focus District Requirements. This responsibility falls on our District due to previous NYS Ed evaluations and the economic disadvantaged status of our area. Our district MUST present a plan to the State by the end of October. The state will be offering training sessions for accomplishing this beginning in November! The state has not indicated how the district should fund this but we are dealing with mandates. It was agreed by the Committee that Ms. Mahar will attend the training sessions and that the District will employ, part time, one or two administrative interns to help her.
7. Finally, Mr. Padlo suggested that the District begin studying alternatives to our current sports program so that if it becomes necessary in the future to cut sports then the Board would have an alternative way to offer sports to our students.

Minutes of the meeting submitted by Paul Knieser (in the absence of John Bartimole).

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Next meeting: November 6, 2012