

Ogdensburg City School District
Board of Education
Ogdensburg, New York

DATE: November 20th, 2017

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Meeting

WHERE HELD: OFA Cafeteria

MEMBERS PRESENT: Renee' Grizzuto, Ronald Johnson, James King, Craig Lalonde, Lawrence Mitchell, Michael Myers, Vicky Peo, Michael Tooley, Laurie Zweifel, Jordyn Sweeney Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Timothy Vernsey, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Technology Kevin Kendall, Patricia Smithers, Board Clerk Mariah Ahmad, and Citizens

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Board President Ronald Johnson at 6:04 p.m. in the OFA Cafeteria.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION:

Report A:

Acceptance of Committee on Special Education, Committee on Preschool Special Education and 504 Committee Recommendations for Meetings Held on October 11, 12, 16, 23, 24, 30, 2017 and November 7, 8, 13, 14, 2017

Moved By: C. Lalonde

Supported By: V. Peo

RESOLVED: Having the recommendation of the Committee on Special Education, the Committee on Preschool Special Education and the 504 Committee, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby accept the recommendations as presented this 20th day of November, 2017.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Acceptance of Board of Education Minutes

Moved By: L. Mitchell

Supported By: R. Grizzuto

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby accept the meeting minutes held on October 16th, 2017

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Letters and Communications to the Board of Education

None

Comments Relative to the Agenda

None

OLD BUSINESS:

General Administration Division

Report 1:

Final Review and Adoption of New District Policy #3000.1: Website Accessibility

Moved By: L. Zweifel

Supported By: M. Tooley

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby adopt the New Board of Education Policy #3000.1: Website Accessibility this 20th day of November, 2017.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 2:

Final Review and Adoption of Revised District Policy #8260: Title I Parent and Family Engagement

Moved By: C. Lalaonde

Supported By: M. Myers

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby adopt the Revised Board of Education Policy #8260: Title I Parent and Family Engagement this 20th day of November, 2017.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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NEW BUSINESS:

General Administration Division

Report 3:

Co-Curricular Activities Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Kathy Swan was present to address any question or concerns by the Board. She summarized that the numbers for this school year are up quite a bit. L. Mitchell inquired if this was because the district hosted state games. Mrs. Swan explained that over \$20,000 came in just from the grate for those games.

Report 4:

Internal Claims Auditor's Report

Mr. Theresa Woodward was present to address any question or concerns by the Board. All invoices correspond with all warrants. All warrants correspond with all registers and all discrepancies have been amended.

Report 5:

Resolution Establishing the Ogdensburg City School District as a Lead Agency Under the State Environmental Quality Review Act For Ogdensburg City School District Capital Outlay Project at Ogdensburg Free Academy, Edgar A. Newell, II Memorial Golden Dome, Kennedy Elementary School, and Madill Elementary School (SED Control No. 51-23- 00-01- 0-7- 999-002)

Moved By: R. Grizzuto

Supported By: L. Zweifel

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, Therefore be it Resolved, the Board of Education hereby approves the Ogdensburg City School District as the Lead Agency for this project and directs the Board of Education President to complete all required SEQR applications, forms, notices all related correspondences, and information requirements and the District Clerk to circulate and to mail all required notices to all involved agencies this 20 th day of November, 2017.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Report 6:

Resolution Making a Determination Under the State Environmental Quality Review Act For Ogdensburg City School District Capital Outlay Project at Ogdensburg Free Academy, Edgar A. Newell, II Memorial Golden Dome, Kennedy Elementary School, and Madill Elementary School (SED Control No. 51-23- 00-01- 0-7- 999-002)

Moved By: M. Tooley

Supported By: R. Grizzuto

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, Therefore be it Resolved by the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District as follows:

1. Based upon the criteria contained in 6 NYCRR § 617.5, the Board makes the following findings with respect to the Action:
 - a. The Action is a Type II Action; and no further action on SEQR and Regulations is required.
2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

INSTRUCTIONAL DIVISION

Report 7:

Board Approval of the Smarts Schools Bond Act Investment Plan for 2017-2018

M. Myers asked Mr. Kendall if any of the money in this Investment Plan could be used to hire a Resource Officer. Mr. Kendall explained that the monies set forth in this Investment Plan cannot be used to fund a full-time employee or lease equipment.

Moved By: C. Lalonde

Supported By: M. Tooley

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby adopt the 2017-2018 Smart Schools Bond Act Investment Plan on this 20th day of November 2017.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

PERSONNEL DIVISION

Report 8:

Resignation of Part-Time, On-Call Laborer

Moved By: L. Zweifel

Supported By: M. Tooley

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RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby accept the resignation of WILLIAM CODY HARPER, PART-TIME ON-CALL LABORER, effective October 12, 2017.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 9:

Appointment of Substitute Teachers and School Nurses

Moved By: R. Grizzuto

Supported By: V. Peo

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint the following as SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS and SCHOOL NURSES for the 2017-2018 school year:

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS AND SUBSITUTE SCHOOL NURSES
ALYSSA CROSBY
MELINDA DAVIS
RYAN DAVIS
CHRISTOPHER DWYER
KERRY MOTTLER
PENNY SHARROW

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 10:

Appointment of Substitute Teaching Assistants

Moved By: L. Zweifel

Supported By: C. Lalonde

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint the following as SUBSITTUTE TEACHING ASSISTANTS at a rate of \$68.00 per day for the 2017-2018 school year:

SUBSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANTS
REUBEN BARKLEY
RACHEL BRENNO
KELLY MCCARTHY

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DONNA MEASHEAW
LINDSEY MONCRIEF
MATTHEW SHOLETTE

Ayes: All Present
Nays: None
Motion Carried

Report 11:

Appointment of Boys & Girls Modified Track & Field Coach for 2017-2018

Moved By: M. Myers

Supported By: M. Tooley

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint JULIE HYNES as BOYS & GIRLS MODIFIED INDOOR TRACK & FIELD HEAD COACH, at a salary of \$3,334 – STEP 8 for the 2017-2018 winter season.

Ayes: All Present
Nays: None
Motion Carried

Report 12:

Appointment of Volunteer Odyssey of the Mind Coaches 2017-18

Moved By: L. Zweifel

Supported By: V. Peo

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint ALICIA CROSSMAN, as VOLUNTEER COACH for ODESSEY OF THE MIND (1st year), for 2017-2018.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint MARISSA FOSTER, as VOLUNTEER COACH for ODESSEY OF THE MIND (3rd year), for 2017-2018.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint STACY FOSTER, as VOLUNTEER COACH for ODESSEY OF THE MIND (4th year), for 2017-2018.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint AMBER HARPER, as VOLUNTEER COACH for ODESSEY OF THE MIND (3rd year), for 2017-2018.

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Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint JENNIFER MCNAMARA, as VOLUNTEER COACH for ODESSEY OF THE MIND (2nd year), for 2017-2018.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint DAWN MERZ, as VOLUNTEER COACH for ODESSEY OF THE MIND (3rd year), for 2017-2018.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint ALLISON PAIGE, as VOLUNTEER COACH for ODESSEY OF THE MIND (2nd year), for 2017-2018.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint NICOLE SEELEY, as VOLUNTEER COACH for ODESSEY OF THE MIND (2nd year), for 2017-2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 13:

Appointment of Unpaid Winter Coaches 2017-2018

Moved By: J. King

Supported By: M. Myers

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint JAMES ADAMS as UNPAID BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH (7th year), for the 2017-2018 winter season.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint MEGAN MORRISON as UNPAID BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH (2nd year), for the 2017-2018 winter season.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint SHANNON LAFAVE as UNPAID BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH (2nd year), for the 2017-2018 winter season.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint MICHAEL SARGENT as UNPAID BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH (6th year), for the 2017-2018 winter season.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint SARA FARLEY as UNPAID BOYS 8TH GRADE MODIFIED BASKETBALL COACH (2nd year), for the 2017-2018 winter season.

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Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint ANGELA MCROBERTS as UNPAID BOYS 8TH GRADE MODIFIED BASKETBALL COACH (2nd year), for the 2017-2018 winter season.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint LYNN BLEVINS as UNPAID GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH, All Levels, (1st year), for the 2017-2018 winter season.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint JAMES MCDONALD III as UNPAID GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH (4th year), for the 2017-2018 winter season.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint VICTORIA PEABODY as UNPAID VARSITY CHEERLEADING COACH (2nd year), for the 2017-2018 winter season.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint BRENT RIDER as UNPAID WRESTLING COACH. All Levels, (3rd year), for the 2017-2018 winter season.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

BUSINESS AND FINANCE DIVISION

Report 14:

BOCES Lease Agreement for 2017-2018

Moved By: M. Tooley

Supported By: L. Zweifel

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby authorize the President of the Board of Education to sign the 2017-2018 contract, in order to affect the BOCES Lease Agreement for the 2017-2018 school year, this 20th day of November, 2017.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Report 15:

2017-2018 Property Tax Collections

No action necessary – information only.

Report 16:

2018-2019 Budget Development Calendar

Moved By: L. Zweifel

Supported By: R. Grizzuto

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the budget development calendar for the 2018-2019 school year is hereby approved by the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District this 20th day of November, 2017.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 17:

Resolution to Approve Budget Transfers

Moved By: C. Lalonde

Supported By: M. Myers

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby approve the budget transfers of \$15,000.00 this 20th day of November, 2017.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Report 18:

Resolution to Approve Budget Transfers

Moved By: R. Grizzuto

Supported By: M. Tooley

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby approve the budget transfers of \$7,846,913.29 this 20th day of November, 2017.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Report 19:

Emergency Transportation Contract

Moved By: C. Lalonde

Supported By: L. Zweifel

RESOLVED: Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby approve the transportation contract starting on October 12 through October 23, 2017 with First Student as submitted this 20th day of November, 2017.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 20:

Acceptance of Donation

M. Tooley asked if any criteria were placed on the spending of the donation. Mr. Vernsey explained that the money should be used to 1 athletic camp scholarship, however criteria for how that person is chosen has been left up to the district. It would be possible to alternate the sex of the recipient each year.

Moved By: L. Zweifel

Supported By: R. Grizzuto

RESOLVED: Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the monetary donation of \$3,000.00 be accepted and be deposited into the Scholarship Account, Revenue Code 2705 gifts and donations, this 20th day of November 2017.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 21:

Cafeteria Comparison Spreadsheet

M. Tooley commented that he believe the budget could be a bit tighter. No action necessary.

Report 22:

Special Education Budget Analysis

No action necessary – information only.

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Reports B1- B10:

Items Numbered B1-B10 Approved by the Board of Education as part of a Consent Agenda

Moved By: L. Mitchell

Supported By: V. Peo

RESOLVED: Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby adopt a Consent Agenda and approve items B1 through B10, through one motion and second of motion on this 20th day of November, 2017.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Other:

None

Concluding Comments by Citizens, Board Members, and/or Administration:

Trudy Dishaw was present to address the Board. She has a daughter that attends OFA and has been experiencing bullying on a regular basis for 2 years. Together with her daughter's doctor and administration it was decided that she would be home tutored to avoid these situations. She was then brought back into school, against what Trudy believes is her doctor's recommendation. Mr. Vernsey and Mrs. Tuttle attempted to provide Ms. Dishaw with an avenue to discuss this matter in private so that a solution could be made.

Kerry Denny was present to address the Board. She attended the meeting to support Trudy Dishaw. Ms. Denny believes that bullying is a serious problem in the Ogdensburg school district. She advocated for bringing back an SRO officer.

Sue Green was present to address the Board. She provided R. Johnson with a form she obtained from the Hammond School District. This form is used to help address bullying and help teachers, parents and administrators investigate incidents.

Ms. Dishaw's daughter Arianna was present to address the Board. Arianna asked the Board to take her feelings into consideration when addressing bullying. Arianna expressed her want to be in school and with her friends. She believes the bullying doesn't just affect her.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Vote to Adjourn to Executive Session

Moved By: M. Tooley

Supported By: V. Peo

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby adjourn to Executive Session to discuss contractual and personnel issues.

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Ayes: All Present
Nays: None
Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business, President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.
Next meeting held on December 18th, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mariah Ahmad
Board Clerk