

Ogdensburg City School District  
Board of Education  
Ogdensburg, New York

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DATE: April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018

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 6:00 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 March 5, 12, 14, 19, 20, 21, 26, 2018.

Moved By: R. Grizzuto

Supported By: L. Zweifel

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Acceptance of Board of Education Minutes

Moved By: M. Tooley

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 accept the meeting minutes, with a few minor changes, held on March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

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:**

Second Review of Revised Board of Education Policy/Regulation #7131 Education of Homeless Children and Youth

No action necessary - Second Review of Revised Board of Education Policy/Regulation #7131 Education of Homeless Children and Youth.

**Report 2:**

Recognition of Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2018

Mrs. Tuttle recognized Justyn McCormick as Valedictorian and Coby Ryan as Salutatorian for the Class of 2018.

Justyn McCormick is the son of Mr. Scott and Mrs. Patricia McCormick. With a grade point average of 98.74, he ranks number one in his class of 109 students. He has attended the Academic Banquet Ceremony throughout his high school career and this year he will sit at the head table. Mr. McCormick has represented Ogdensburg Free Academy on the boys' Junior Varsity soccer, basketball and baseball teams over the past four years. He is an Academic All Northern and NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete. Justyn has applied to Clarkson University, University of Rochester and RIT.

Coby Ryan is the son of Mrs. Molly Ryan. With a grade point average of 97.67, Coby ranks second in his class of 109 students. He will graduate with an Advanced Regents with Honors diploma and an annotation that denotes Mastery in Mathematics and Science in June 2018. Coby is involved in several school and community activities such as, Whiz Quiz, Key Club, National

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Honor Society, Myth Olympics, Youth Philanthropy Council and the Elks Lodge. Mr. Ryan has applied to Syracuse University, Villanova and Seton Hall.

**Report 3:**

Board Resolution to Dedicate the OFA Football Field

Mr. Vernsey nominated Mr. Ronald N. Johnson as the namesake of the OFA football field. Mr. Johnson has dedicated 42 years in service of the Ogdensburg City School District. During those years 33 were spent as a physical education teacher and then athletic director in the district and 21 years were spend coaching OFA football, with a win loss record of 74 and 29. Mr. Johnson continues to dedicate his time and effort as the President of the Ogdensburg City Board of Education.

Mr. Johnson was present and humbled by the nomination. He hopes to continue to support the district in the years ahead.

Moved By: L. Mitchell

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, by majority vote, nominate and approve the dedication of the Ogdensburg Free Academy Football Field as the “Mr. Ronald N. Johnson Football Field”. The Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby authorize the placement of a plaque to commemorate the dedication of the Ogdensburg Free Academy Football Field in honor of Mr. Ronald N. Johnson, on the this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 3:**

Board Resolution to Dedicate the OFA Track and Field Complex

Mr. Vernsey nominated Mr. Steven J. Barlow as the namesake of the Ogdensburg City School District Track and Field Complex. Mr. Barlow has dedicated over 40 years of service to the district. 34 years were spent as a math teacher, assistant principal and principal in the district. Mr. Barlow has a 112 and 5 dual meet record and is also involved with the Lions, KFC and Elks.

Mr. Barlow was present and thanked the administration, staff, board, parents and students.

Moved By: M. Tooley

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, by majority vote, nominate and approve the dedication of the Ogdensburg Free Academy Track and Field Complex as the “Mr. Steven J. Barlow Track and Field Complex”. The Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School

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District does hereby authorize the placement of a plaque to commemorate the dedication of the Ogdensburg Free Academy Track and Field Complex in honor of Mr. Steven J. Barlow, on the this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2018

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 5:**

Board Resolution to Establish the Ogdensburg Free Academy/St. Mary's Academy Hall of Fame and By-Laws.

Moved By: M. Myers

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 approve the establishment of the Ogdensburg Free Academy and the St. Mary's Academy Athletic Hall of Fame and Adopt the By-Laws, Rules and Procedures on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 6:**

First Review of Revised Board of Education Policy/Regulation #7550 Dignity for All Students (DASA)

No action necessary - First Review of Revised Board of Education Policy/Regulation #7550 Dignity for All Students (DASA).

PERSONNEL DIVISION

**Report 7:**

Revised Retirement of Social Studies Teacher

Moved By: M. Tooley

Supported By: L. Mitchell

**RESOLVED:** Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby accept the retirement of JULIE JOHNSON, SECONDARY SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER, effective June 30, 2019.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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**Report 8:**

Appointment of Unpaid Spring Coaches

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 appoint SHANNON LAFAVE, as UNPAID VARSITY SOFTBALL COACH, (1<sup>st</sup> year), for the 2017-18 spring season.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint STEVE PEARSON, as UNPAID VARSITY BASEBALL COACH, (5<sup>th</sup> year), for the 2017-18 spring season.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint MICHEAL SARGENT, as UNPAID JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL COACH, (2<sup>nd</sup> year), for the 2017-18 spring season.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 9:**

Appointment of Elementary Teacher

Moved By: C. Lalonde

Supported By: L. Mitchell

**RESOLVED:** Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint MICHAEL HAMMOND as ELEMENTARY TEACHER, B+45+M, STEP 2, at a salary of \$49,126.00, effective September 1, 2018, status probationary (probationary period 09/01/18 through 06/30/22, unless extended in accordance with the law). This expiration date is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provision of Section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 3012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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BUSINESS AND FINANCE DIVISION

**Report 10:**

Resolution to Adopt the 2018-2019 Budget

Mr. Tooley commented there is a possibility in the 2018-2019 school the district will need to spend 1 to 1.3 million of the fund balance. The district is within the tax cap and the staff and administration have decreased the budget by \$400,000. Mr. Tooley thanked the administration and staff for their hard work and believes this is a responsible budget to bring the public.

Moved By: M. Tooley

Supported By: R. Grizzuto

**RESOLVED:** Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg City School District hereby approve the 2018-2019 budget in the amount of \$45,200,000.00 on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 11:**

Board Acceptance of Corrective Action Plan for Single Audit 2016-2017

Moved By: C. Lalonde

Supported By: M. Tooley

**RESOLVED:** Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, therefore be it resolved, the Board of Education hereby approve the response and action plan to be submitted to SED on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2018.

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 12:**

Resolution of Approve Transportation Contract

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 Transportation Contract with First Student, commencing on September 1, 2018 and ending on June 30, 2023, pending voter approval, with year 1 contract price of \$952,478.00, as submitted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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**Report 13:**

Resolution of Approve Transportation Contract

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 Transportation Contract for Athletics & Extra-Curricular Programs with First Student, commencing on September 1, 2018 and to end on June 30, 2023, pending voter approval, with a 1 year contract price of \$168,125.00, as submitted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2018.

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 14:**

Resolution of Approve Transportation Contract

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 Transportation Contract for Athletics & Extra-Curricular Programs with First Student, commencing on September 1, 2018 and to end on June 30, 2023, pending voter approval, with a 1 year contract price of \$168,125.00, as submitted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2018.

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 14:**

Resolution of Approve Transportation Contract

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 approve the Transportation Contract for Summer Programs with First Student, commencing on July 1, 2018 and to end on June 30, 2023, pending voter approval, with a 1 year contract price of \$39,058.00, as submitted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**OTHER:**

None

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**Concluding Comments by Citizens, Board Members, and/or Administration:**  
Jim McCarthy congratulated Mr. Johnson and Mr. Barlow.

Mr. Mitchell recognized Mr. Vernsey for attending the meeting.

Mr. Vernsey congratulated the Valedictorian and Salutatorian, as well as Julie Johnson on her retirement. The dedications to Mr. Johnson and Mr. Barlow will be organized in the spring.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Vote to Adjourn to Executive Session

Moved By: M. Tooley

Supported By: M. Myers

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

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Having no further business, President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.  
Next meeting held on April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mariah Ahmad  
Board Clerk