

Ogdensburg City School District
Board of Education
Ogdensburg, New York

DATE: May 16th, 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 7:30 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 April 19, 2018 and May 2, 3, 4, 7, 2018.

Moved By: C. Lalonde

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 16th day of May, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Acceptance of Board of Education Minutes

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 approve the April 16th, 2018, May 7th, 2108 Board of Education minutes and Public Hearing, this 16th day of May, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Letters and Communications to the Board of Education

None

Comments Relative to the Agenda

Diane Para was present to address the Board. She asked the board to consider the following items when voting on item 3 of the meeting agenda:

- How the current situation came about.
- The 33 year influence of Mrs. Penny Sharrow.
- Why someone of Penny's influence and character was not considered for this dedication.
- The 1700+ people who signed the petition to rename the Track and Field Complex.
- The monetary responsibility which would be taken by those who made the proposal.
- The influence the change could have on future generations of girls who utilize the Track and Field Complex.

27 pages of comments attached to the petition were provided to the Board for review.

Mrs. Hewko was also present and addressed the Board. She showed her support for renaming the Track and Field complex. She also read a letter written by Amy Farrell speaking to the lasting influence Mrs. Sharrow had in her life.

Erica Wolf and Alicia Dezel also spoke to the influence Mrs. Sharrow made on their lives and the support she still gives even after their graduation and college years.

OLD BUSINESS:

General Administration Division

Report 1:

Second Review and Discussion of Proposed Changes to the 2018-2019 Code of Conduct

Mrs. Tuttle was present to answer any questions or comments from the Board. There were 2 small revisions to the current policy, on pages 60 and 62. There was a suggestion made by an officer to include vehicles as subject to a search if on school property. Currently the district lawyers are reviewing this change. Students will not be able to ride with Grandparents home from school activities.

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NEW BUSINESS:

General Administration Division

Report 2:

Setting Date for District's Organizational Meeting

Moved By: C. Lalonde

Supported By: R. Grizzuto

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the date for the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District shall be, and is hereby schedule for Monday, July 2, 2018, and be it further RESOLVED that the hour for same shall be and is hereby set for 6:00 pm.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 2A:

First Review of Revised District Policy #5660: Meal Charging and Prohibition Against Meal Shaming

Mr. Mitchell was present to answer questions and comments from the Board. Mr. Mitchell explained that the new unfunded mandate from the state level does not allow the district to pull aside, hold or alter meals for students who owe. The district is able to hold a la carte items. L. Zweifel inquired about how successful the current policy is at reaching parents. Mr. Mitchell answered that they have had good luck and the current owed balance comes from about 10-12 kids that roll over each year. After a certain amount of time the district can enroll the students for reduced lunch.

Report 2B:

First Review of Revised District Policy #7132: Education of Students in Temporary Housing

Mrs. Luckie was present to answer questions and comments from the Board. ESA has replaced the No Child Left Behind Act. Under the new ESA counselors provide more help to students who qualify as being in Temporary housing. There are currently 4 mentors across the district to identify these children and provide support. There are about 65-70 children in the district currently.

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Report 3:

Board of Education Discussion re: Naming/Dedication of the OFA Track and Field Complex

M. Tooley offered comments on his decision to vote no on the proposed resolution. M. Tooley believes after the presentation given to the Board that Mrs. Sharrow deserves recognition. He believes there are many reasons for this recognition, among them are Mrs. Sharrow's contribution to Girls athletics in the infancy of the program and the number of her sport successes. This includes the Section X win against the Morristown Girls Basketball team in 1985, when Mr. Tooley was the assistant coach. M. Tooley proposed that Mrs. Sharrow is given consideration in OFA monument park.

L. Zweifel also offered her comments regarding her vote on the proposed resolution. It saddens her that there is now a feeling of negativity surround something that should be a celebration of someone who has also been an instrumental part of OFA athletics. She believes Mrs. Sharrow should be recognized for her contributions, however the decision was made based on the Boards decision.

L. Mitchell also supported the feelings of L. Zweifel and M .Tooley. He remembers when girls athletics first came to OFA and the impact Mrs. Sharrow had fighting for this program. However, the decision was made to Honor Mr. Steve Barlow.

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 authorize the Renaming/Rededication of the Ogdensburg Free Academy Track & Field Complex to the "Steve Barlow and Penny Raftis Sharrow Boys and Girls Track and Field Complex" this 16th day of May, 2018.

Ayes: Renee' Grizzuto, James King, Vicky Peo,

Nays: Ronald Johnson, Craig Lalonde, Lawrence Mitchell, Michael Myers, Michael Tooley, Laurie Zweifel

Motion did not pass.

INSTRUCTIONAL DIVISION

Report 4:

Elementary Summer School and Readiness Program for 2018

Moved By: M. Tooley

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 authorize the ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL and READINESS PROGRAM for the 2018 school year and provide the funds necessary to implement such a program.

Ayes: All Present

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Nays: None
Motion Carried

Report 5:

Extended Year Special Education Program for the Summer 2018

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 authorize the EXTENDED YEAR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM for the 2018 school year and provide the funds necessary to implement such a program.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

PERSONELL DIVISION

Reports 6–10 & 13-21:

Items Numbered B1-B6 Approved by the Board of Education as part of a Consent Agenda

Moved By: L. Zweifel

Supported By: M. Tooley

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 6 through 10 & 13 through 21, through one motion and second of motion on this 16th day of May, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 11:

Appointment of Elementary Summer School and Readiness Program Library Teaching Assistants for 2018

Moved By: L. Zweifel

Supported By: R. Grizzuto

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District hereby appoint the following as ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL and READINESS PROGRAM LIBRARY TEACHING ASSISTANTS, at a salary of \$17.00 per hour, effective July 9, 2018:

BARBARA HOUMIEL

SHARRI MILLER

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Ayes: Renee' Grizzuto, Ronald Johnson, James King, Craig Lalonde, Lawrence Mitchell, Michael Myers, Vicky Peo, Laurie Zweifel

Nays: None

Abstain: Michael Tooley

Motion Carried

Reports 12:

Appointment of Elementary Summer School and Readiness Program Computer Lab Teaching Assistants for 2018

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 appoint the following as ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL and READINESS PROGRAM COMPUTER LAB TEACHING ASSISTANTS, at a salary of \$17.00 per hour, effective July 9, 2018:

CATHERINE KING

ANN MCGILL

Ayes: Renee' Grizzuto, Ronald Johnson, Craig Lalonde, Lawrence Mitchell, Michael Myers, Vicky Peo, Michael Tooley, Laurie Zweifel

Nays: None

Abstain: James King

Motion Carried

Report 21A:

Appointment of Summer Marching Band Assistants for 2018

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 appoint RUTHANNA MIDDLEMISS as SUMMER MARCHING BAND ASSISTANT, at a salary of \$500.00 for the 2018 summer season.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint VIRGINIA WEIR as SUMMER MARCHING BAND ASSISTANT, at a salary of \$1,000.00 for the 2018 summer season.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint ALYSSA LACOMB-BROWN as SUMMER MARCHING BAND ASSISTANT, at a salary of \$250.00 for the 2018 summer season.

Ayes: All Present

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Nays: None
Motion Carried

Report 21B:

Appointment of Summer Marching Band Assistants for 2018

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 appoint SHARRI MILLER as SUMMER MARCHING BAND ASSISTANT, at a salary of \$1,000.00 for the 2018 summer season.

Ayes: Renee' Grizzuto, Ronald Johnson, James King, Craig Lalonde, Lawrence Mitchell, Michael Myers, Vicky Peo, Laurie Zweifel

Nays: None

Abstain: Michael Tooley

Motion Carried

BUSINESS AND FINANCE DIVISION

Report 22:

Resolution to Approve Budget Transfer

Moved By: J. King

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 budget transfers of \$143,000 this 16th day of May 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Reports B1- B6:

Items Numbered B1-B6 Approved by the Board of Education as part of a Consent Agenda

Moved By: M. Tooley

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 B6, through one motion and second of motion on this 16th day of May, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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OTHER:

Diane Para asked the Board and administration is there was limit to how many times something can be proposed. R. Johnson believes there is no limit.

Kim Walker-Free expressed her disappointment as the verdict for meeting item 3.

V. Peo asked if we could look at a more accessible polling location for next year's voting.

M. Tooley expressed his appreciation to the public and administration on the budget support.

The Board congratulated Mrs. Luckie.

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

Diane Para addressed the Board. She appreciated the recognition the Board had displayed for Mrs. Sharrow during the meeting. She does not believe a plaque or recognition in Monument Park carries the same impact. She believes the discussion had by the Board should have been a public forum and the open meeting policy should have been followed.

Mrs. Hewko also commented the no one is trying to take recognition away from Mr. Barlow. She pointed out that during her time in athletics it was Mrs. Sharrow, not Mr. Barlow that was her coach and provided the most influence.

Melissa Sharrow expressed her disappointment in Mrs. Sharrow not being thought of at the beginning of this process. She believes the Board was not properly informed on the option or facts when this decision was made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Vote to Adjourn to Executive Session

Moved By: M. Tooley

Supported By: J. King

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 8:35 p.m.
Next meeting held on June 4th, 2018.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Mariah Ahmad
Board Clerk