

Ogdensburg City School District  
Board of Education  
Ogdensburg, New York

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DATE: March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Meeting

WHERE HELD: OFA Cafeteria

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ronald Johnson, Craig Lalonde, Pamela Luckie, Lawrence Mitchell, Michael Myers, Vicky Peo, Michael Tooley, Laurie Zweifel, Jordyn Sweeney, Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Renee' Grizzuto,

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent 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:**

A motion was made by C. Lalonde, and seconded by M. Tooley, to move Personnel Division to the end of the meeting.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report A:**

Acceptance of Committee on Special Education, Committee on Preschool Special Education and 504 Committee Recommendations for Meetings Held on February 27, 28, 2019 and March 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 2019.

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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Acceptance of Board of Education Minutes

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 approve the Board of Education minutes, with minor changes, held on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

General Administration Division

**Report 1:**

Adoption of 2019-2020 School Calendar

Moved By: M. Tooley

Supported By: P. Luckie

**RESOLVED:** Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby accept the 2019-2020 school calendar as presented, and the same shall be and is hereby adopted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 2:**

Resolution to Approve Memorandum of Agreement with St. Lawrence County Board of Elections

Moved By: C. Lalonde

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 Memorandum of Agreement with the St. Lawrence County Board of Elections for the conduct of the district's Annual Meeting School Board Election and Budget Vote on May 21, 2019, as submitted this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March

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2019.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 3:**

Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution

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 establish the standard workdays for elected and appointed officials and will report the days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of the Board and post Standard Work Days and Reporting Resolution on the district website for the required 30 days.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

BUSINESS AND FINANCE DIVISION

**Report 7:**

Resolution to Approve Budget Transfers 2019-2020 Budget Update

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 approve the budget transfers of \$13,469.58 to be effective on March 18, 2019, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 8:**

2019-2020 Budget Update

The new packet contains a list of proposed reductions for the 2019-2020 budget. The list is based on the recommendations provided by the board, including a 1.2 million dollar fund balance appropriated and 2.5 % tax cap of property taxes. The increase of 2.9 million includes debt services, an increase of special education requirements and an increase in transportation.

If the proposed list of cuts is enacted class size and course availability will be affected. Required course credits and class period lengths will change as well. A resource officer is included in the

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2019-2020 budget. The first years projected cost is \$39,640, with an increase to \$67,440 in the second year. Next steps will include looking at options for debt services, the tax cap and fund balance appropriations.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> day of March 2019.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Other:

None

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

Multiple students, parents and teachers were present to address the Board. The concerns over the 2019-2020 budget cuts were as follows:

- AP courses – many students who have taken AP courses for their high school careers will be left with multiple periods of the day empty.
- JV sports – student attendance and motivation may fall due to the lack of sports programs offered.
- Decrease AIS services for students in need of extra help
- Teacher availability for students and class sizes

It was also suggested that merging with other schools may be an avenue for the district.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Vote to Adjourn to Executive Session

Moved By: M. Tooley

Supported By: L. Mitchell

**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

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PERSONELL DIVISION

**Report 4:**

Termination of Laborer

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 accept the termination of MYCHAEL KENDALL as LABORER, effective March 8, 2019.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 5:**

Request for Medical Leave of Absence

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 grant a MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE to MARY ELIZABETH BOUCHARD with such leave to commence on or about June 17, 2019, and terminate on or about June 30, 2019. Be it further resolved, that Mrs. Bouchard be granted permission to use accumulated leave days during the aforementioned leave period, as per the Family Medical Leave Act.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 6:**

Appointment of Part-Time, On-Call Laborers

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 appoint SHAWN LOVELY as PART-TIME ON-CALL LABORER, at a salary of \$11.10 per hour, effective retroactive to March 11, 2019.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint GEORGE MORROW as PART-TIME ON-CALL LABORER, at a salary of \$11.10 per hour, effective retroactive to March 11, 2019.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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**Report 6A:**

Appointing Section 75 Hearing Officer and Suspension of Employee

Moved By: L. Mitchell

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 disciplinary charges and hereby appoints Alfred Riccio, to serve as hearing officer with respect to those disciplinary charges brought against the employee names in the Confidential Attachment “A” pursuant to Civil Service Law §75. Be it further resolved, that the employee names in Confidential Attachment “A” be suspended without pay for a period of thirty (30) days pending hearing and determination of said charges.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved By: L. Zweifel

Supported By: V. Peo

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Having no further business, President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.  
Next meeting held on March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mariah Ahmad  
Board Clerk