

Ogdensburg City School District
Board of Education
Ogdensburg, New York

DATE: May 13th, 2019

KIND OF MEETING: Public Budget Hearing

WHERE HELD: OFA Cafeteria

MEMBERS PRESENT: Renee' Grizzuto, Ronald Johnson, James King, Craig Lalonde, Lawrence Mitchell, Michael Myers, Michael Tooley, Laurie Zweifel

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vicky Peo, Jordyn Sweeney – Student Representative

OTHERS PRESENT: Kevin Kendall, Superintendent, Patricia Smithers, Board Clerk Mariah Ahmad, and Citizens

The Public Hearing was called to order by President Ronald Johnson at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED 2018-2019 BUDGET

Remarks Relative to the Purpose of Said Hearing by Superintendent of Schools

Mr. Kendall thanked the Board of Education for their guidance, the administration for their hard work and the community for their support of the OFA curriculum and programs. The balanced budget includes a 2 million dollar saving from a switch from the current insurance carrier for both employees and retirees within the district and carefully vetted personnel positions that were trimmed. The district will fund a \$100,000 capital outlay project focused on upgrading the boiler system for the Golden Dome. This budget also includes a 2.5% tax levy within the current tax cap.

Recognition of Citizens Who May Desire to Speak to Said Matter

None

Comments, Questions, and/or Discussion by Members of the Board of Education

Mr. Tooley thanked Mr. Kendall, Mrs. Smithers and administration for their hard work and dedication. Mr. Tooley also discussed the current average cost for Special Education services per student. Currently the district average is above others with similar size. He suggested the district explore cost savings in this area and efficiencies, while still maintaining classroom standards.

Hearing adjourned at 6:05 p.m. to Board of Education Organizational Meeting.