

Ogdensburg City School District
Board of Education
Ogdensburg, New York

DATE: August 28th, 2023

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Meeting

WHERE HELD: OFA Cafeteria B

MEMBERS PRESENT: Renee` Grizzuto, Ronald Johnson, Pamela Luckie, Angela McRoberts, Vicky Peo, Connor Sutton, Mia Jeneault – Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Craig Lalonde, Michael Myers, Elizabeth Testani

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Kevin Kendall, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Technology Brooke Reid, Kaleb Bertrand, Board Clerk Mariah Pearson, 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 June 23, 27 and July 6, 10, 17, 21, 27, 2023

Moved By: P. Luckie

Supported By: C. Sutton

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby accept the recommendations as presented this 28th day of August 2023.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Acceptance of Board of Education Minutes

Moved By: A. McRoberts

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 approve the Organizational and Regular Meeting Minutes, held on July 3rd, this 28th day of August 2023.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Letters and Communications to the Board of Education

Thomas P. Luckie Jr, Executive Director of the Boys and Girls Club, thanked all involved in the bus drop off.

Comments Relative to the Agenda

None

OLD BUSINESS:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

NEW BUSINESS:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Report 1:

Co-Curricular Activities Treasurer's Report

No action necessary, information and discussion only.

Report 2:

Internal Claims Auditor Quarterly Report

No action necessary, information and discussion only.

Report 3:

Adoption of Sports Merger Fee Schedule

Moved By: A. McRoberts

Supported By: C. Sutton

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District, shall hereby adopt the Sports Merger Fee Schedule for out-of-district students to participate in the districts' High School sports program as presented, effective July 1, 2023, on this 28th day of August 2023.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 4:

Discussion and Possible Action – Modified Cheering Team

Mrs. Peabody-David and Ms. Hooper were present. V. Peo and A. McRoberts showed their support for the action. The Athletic Department recommends caution when determining numbers for the various activities.

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Mr. Kendall will provide tentative numbers for students interested.

Report 4A:

Resolution Authorizing Litigation Against Social Media Companies

Moved By: R. Grizzuto

Supported By: A. McRoberts

RESOLVED: Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, That the Board of Education authorizes the law firm of Wagstaff & Cartmell, LLP and Ferrara Fiorenza PC to initiate litigation and file suit against any appropriate parties to seek compensation to the School District for damages suffered by the School District and its students as a result of the development, operation, and marketing of social media platforms, and to seek any other appropriate relief. The School District hereby authorizes its Superintendent of Schools or their designee to sign all appropriate documents and fee agreements on behalf of the Ogdensburg City School District. Presented on the 28th day of August, 2023.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 4B:

Discussion and Possible Action – Modified Cheering Team

No action necessary – First Review and Discussion Only.

Report 5:

Special Education End-Of-Year Report for 2022-2023

No action necessary, information only.

BUSINESS AND FINANCE DIVISION

Report 6:

2023-2024 Disbursement of Federal and State Funds

Moved By: V. Peo

Supported By: C. Sutton

RESOLVED: Having the recommendation of the Board of Education, Kevin K. Kendall is hereby authorized to allocate the Federal and State (grant) funds allotted to the Ogdensburg City School District for the 2023-2024 school year on this 28th day of August.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Report 7:

Real Property Tax Installment Payment

Moved By: C. Sutton

Supported By: P. Luckie

RESOLVED: Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby establish equal installments for the collection of Real Property Tax Payments due October 6, 2023 and January 5, 2014, continuing in the 2023-2024 school year this 28th day of August 2023.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 8:

Resolution to Confirm Tax Rolls and Authorize Tax Levy

Moved By: P. Luckie

Supported By: C. Sutton

RESOLVED: WHEREAS the Board of Education has been authorized by the District Voters at the Annual School Meeting to raise the necessary funds for the General Fund Budget of the 2023-2024 school year;

WHEREAS school district administration has determined that a tax levy in the amount of \$10,598,360 is required to fund the 2023-2024 General Fund Budget;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education fixes the equalized tax rates by city and towns and confirms the extension of the taxes as they appear on the attached tax roll;

AND BE IT HEREBY DIRECTED THAT the tax warrant of this board, duly signed shall be affixed to the above described tax rolls authorizing the collection of said taxes to begin September 1st 2023 and end January 5th 2024 giving the warrant and effective period of 127 days at the expiration of which time the tax collector shall make an accounting in writing to the board;

AND IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED THAT the delinquent tax penalties shall be affixed as follows:

1st month - Free Period

2nd month- interest of 2% added

3rd month - interest of 3% added

4th month - interest of 4% added

on this 28th day of August 2023.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Report 9:

Resolution to Confirm Tax Rolls and Authorize Tax Levy

Moved By: R. Grizzuto

Supported By: C. Sutton

RESOLVED: Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools,

WHEREAS: Chapter 73 of the Laws of 1977, amended Section 1318, subdivision 1 of the real Property Tax Law: and

WHEREAS: the unencumbered, unreserved fund balance at the close of last fiscal year must be applied in determining the amount of the school tax levy except for an amount to exceed 4% of the current school year budget; and

WHEREAS: this latter amount may be held as surplus funds during the current school year; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED; that the Board of Education retain as surplus fund \$15,934,625 from the unappropriated fund balance of \$2,210,448 thereby applying \$4,000,000 to the reduction of the 2023-2024 tax levy; and the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby approve the attached tax warrant for collection by the tax collector this 28th day of

August 2023. Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 10:

Resolution to Approve Change Order 1-01, 2023 Capital Outlay Project – OFA/Golden Dome – Project Number: 2023-008

Moved By: R. Grizzuto

Supported By: C. Sutton

RESOLVED: Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby approve Change Order 1-01, 2023 Capital Outlay Project – OFA/Golden Dome – Project Number: 2023-008, presented this 28th day of August 2023.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 11:

Resolution to Approve Change Order 1-02, 2023 Capital Outlay Project – OFA/Golden Dome – Project Number: 2023-008

Moved By: V. Peo

Supported By: R. Grizzuto

RESOLVED: Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby approve Change Order 1-02, 2023 Capital Outlay Project – OFA/Golden Dome – Project Number: 2023-008, presented this 28th day of August 2023.

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Ayes: All Present
Nays: None
Motion Carried

Report 12:

Resolution to Approve Change Order 1-03, 2023 Capital Outlay Project – OFA/Golden Dome – Project Number: 2023-008

Moved By: A. McRoberts

Supported By: C. Sutton

RESOLVED: Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby approve Change Order 1-03, 2023 Capital Outlay Project – OFA/Golden Dome – Project Number: 2023-008, presented this 28th day of August 2023.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report B1-B6:

Consent Agenda

Moved By: R. Grizzuto

Supported By: A. McRoberts

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby approve reports B1-B6 as part of a Consent Agenda this 28th day of August 2023.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Other:

None

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

A. McRoberts wished everyone well as we begin the new school year with new hopes and expectations.

Mr. Kendall welcomed Jackie Richardson and Melanie Williams.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved By: A. McRoberts

Supported By: V. Peo

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby adjourn at 6:25 pm.

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Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Next meeting held on September 25th, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,
Mariah Pearson
Board Clerk