

Ogdensburg City School District
Board of Education
Ogdensburg, New York

DATE: April 4th, 2016

KIND OF MEETING: Public Hearing

WHERE HELD: OFA Cafeteria

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Myer, Vicky Peo, Anthoni Pope, Student Representative

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Timothy Vernsey, Jeffery Swanson, 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 SMART SCHOOLS INVESTMENT PLAN

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

Mr. Vernsey provided information regarding the Smart Schools Bond Act, which requires that a school district develop and receive approval of a Smart Schools Investment Plan from the Smart Schools Review Board. The school has been given roughly 2 million dollars, with no apparent deadline for spending, to use in a district technology plan that has been developed. A committee of parents, Board members, faculty, staff, students and members of the Boys and Girls Club were on the review board for helping to develop the district's technology plan. The district's plan will focus on 3 of the 5 areas outlined in the Smart Schools Bond Act; 1. wireless APs, 2. computes, laptop carts, and smartboards, 3. security cameras.

Mr. Kendall was able to elaborate on the uses of the 2 million dollars allocated for technology advancement within the district. 5 new laptop carts will be purchased with at least 2 being placed at OFA. The introduction of wireless APs will be a quick upgrade because they were planned in the recent renovations. The increased number of cameras at district locations will require a bit more work because this is a change in the infrastructure of the buildings. Mr. Kendall noted that any computers or updates in equipment will be purchased at a rate that the district can support when the Smart Schools Bond Act money has been spent. With the current plan there is an estimated 1.6 million in the allocated funds to be used on future projects after the current 3 year plan is met.

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Recognition of Citizens Who May Desire to Speak to Said Matter

None

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

L. Zwiefel inquired if these monies could also be used for classes or faculty development. Mr. Kendall and C. Lalonde explained that the funds could not be used for ongoing maintenance, staff development, or software.

Hearing adjourned at 6:10 p.m. to Regular Board of Education Meeting.