

Ogdensburg City School District
Board of Education
Ogdensburg, New York

DATE: November 16th, 2015

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Meeting

WHERE HELD: OFA Cafeteria

MEMBERS PRESENT: Renee' Grizzuto, Ronald Johnson, Craig Lalonde, James King (attended late), Lawrence Mitchell, Michael Myers, Vicky Peo, Michael Tooley, Laurie Zweifel, Anthoni Pope Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Timothy Vernsey, Nicole Ashley, 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION:

Report A:

Acceptance of Committee on Special Education, Committee on Preschool Special Education and 504 Committee Recommendations for Meetings Held on October 15, 16, 19, 23, 26, 27, 28, 2015 and November 2, 4, 5, 6, 10, 2015.

Moved By: C. Lalonde

Supported By: V. Peo

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 November, 2015.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Acceptance of Board of Education Minutes

Moved By: L. Mitchell

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 accept minutes for meetings held on October

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19th, 2015 with one minor change.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Letters and Communications to the Board of Education:

There were no Letters or Communications to the Board of Education.

Comments Relative to the Agenda:

There were no comments relative to the Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

General Administration Division

Report 1:

Second Review of New Board of Education Policy #7421: Sports Mergers

Mr. Vernsey stated that the previously mentioned sections a, b, and c would be taken out of the document. Also after speaking with coaches under section 1 an additional line d would cover playing time is determined at the coach's discretion based on the ability of the athlete. Both J. King and M. Tooley agree with this change. M. Tooley suggested the following language be added within the document:

- 1.c; 3rd line – for which the student is eligible
- 3; 2nd line – at OFA

Once these changes are made the coaches will be provided with a copy.

NEW BUSINESS:

General Administration Division

Report 2:

Co-Curricular Activities Treasurer's Report to the Board of Education

Mrs. Swan was present to answer any question regarding this report. L. Mitchell commented that the concession is doing very well this year. Mr. Vernsey thanked coaches and Mr. Tebo for spearheading the organization and execution of the concession stand thus far. Mrs. Swanson estimated \$8,000 in profit by the end of December. Mr. Vernsey did bring up the issue of heating the facility when use runs into the colder month.

Report 3:

Internal Claims Auditor's Report to the Board of Education

Mrs. Woodward was present to answer questions about this report. She reported no discrepancies in July, August, or September. She will be attending a workshop in January where the focus will

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be credit card usage.

Report 4:

Resolution Approving Settlement

Whereas, a claim for reimbursement of fees and costs under the Individuals with Disabilities Act was reviewed by the Board of Education and given deliberations; and

Whereas, the Board of Education prefers to settle the claim without the increased expense and financial exposure of continued litigation.

Moved By: R. Grizzuto

Supported By: C. Lalonde

RESOLVED: Be it resolved, on this 16th day of November, 2015, that the Superintendent of Schools is authorized and directed to execute a settlement agreement for the reimbursement of fees and costs in total amount not to exceed \$25,000, \$10,000 on which is to be paid for by the District.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 4A:

Sports Merger for the 2015-2016 School Year with Morristown Central School District

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 sports merger with the Morristown Central School District in Varsity Hockey for the 2015-2016 school year, on this 16th day of November, 2015

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Instructional Division

Report 4B:

New Course Offering Proposal for 2016-2017 School Year

Mrs. Tuttle was present to answer questions pertaining to the new course proposal. One concern of the Board was with only about a 20 student class size limit how students would be chosen for this class should more than 20 be interested. Mrs. Tuttle's recommendation would be to allow the seniors first pick then the juniors and so on. L. Mitchell suggested looking into the Key Club Talent show as an event to include in the curriculum.

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Personnel Division

Report 5:

Resignation of Part-Time Food Service Helpers

Moved By: J. King

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 accept the resignation of DEVIN HORTON, as PART-TIME FOOD SERVICE HELPER, effective October 28, 2015.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby accept the resignation of PEGGY ESTES, as PART-TIME FOOD SERVICE HELPER, effective October 30, 2015

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 6:

Appointment of Part-Time Food Service Helpers

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 appoint DESIREE BARTLESS, as PART-TIME FOOD SERVICE HELPER, at a salary of \$8.75 per hour, effective October 28, 2015. In accordance with the Safe School Against Violence Act, appointment is contingent upon a successful background check.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint MATTHEW KERR, as PART-TIME FOOD SERVICE HELPER, at a salary of \$8.75 per hour, effective October 28, 2015. In accordance with the Safe School Against Violence Act, appointment is contingent upon a successful background check.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 7:

Appointment of Building Maintenance Helper

Moved By: C. Lalonde

Supported By: V. Peo

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of

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the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint RAYMOND GEMMILL, as BUILDING MAINTENANCE HELPER, at a prorated salary of \$24,765.00, effective November 17, 2015, status probationary (probationary period November 17th, 2015 through November 17, 2016).

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 8:

Request for a Medical Leave of Absence

Moved By: J. King

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 grant a MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE to KIRA HAMMOND with such leave to commence on or about October 28, 2015, and terminate on or about January 4, 2016. Be it further resolved, that Mrs. Hammond be granted permission to use accumulated sick and personal days during the aforementioned leave period, as per the Family Medical Leave Act.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 9:

Resignation of Boys 8th Grade Modified Basketball Coach

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 accept the resignation of JOSEPH LYNCH, as BOYS 8th GRADE MODIFIED BASKETBALL COACH, effective November 3, 2015.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 10:

Appointment of Boys 8th Grade Modified Basketball Coach

Moved By: J. King

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 appoint THOMAS PINKERTON, as BOYS 8th GRADE MODIFIED BASKETBALL COACH, at a salary of \$3,237 – STEP 8 for the 2015-2016 winter season.

Ayes: All Present

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Nays: None
Motion Carried

Report 11:
Retirement of Music Teacher

Moved By: M. Myers

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 retirement of JUDITH FREDERICKS, MUSIC TEACHER, effective June 30, 2016.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 12:
Retirement of Teacher of the Speech and Hearing Handicapped

Moved By: L. Zweifel

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 accept the retirement of MICHELE PATTERSON, TEACHER OF THE SPEECH AND HEARING HANDICAPPED, effective June 30, 2016.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 13:
Retirement of Elementary Teacher

Moved By: M. Tooley

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 accept the retirement of MARYANNE SARGENT, ELEMENTARY TEACHER, effective June 30, 2016.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Report 14:

Amendment of Contract with the Superintendent of Schools

Moved By: L. Mitchell

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 approve the following contract amendment for TIMOTHY M. VERNSEY, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, effective November 16, 2015.

- Language to be deleted: “The District will also provide the Superintendent with a cell phone and pay the applicable costs associated with the cell phone plan. The cell phone can be updated as the plan allows at district expense. The cell phone will remain property of the district and shall be returned to the district at the time the Superintendent leaves the employment of the district.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 15:

Appointment of Volunteer Odyssey of the Mind Coaches 2015-2016

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 does hereby appoint MELISSA FENNESSY, as VOLUNTEER COACH for ODYSSEY OF THE MIND (1st year), for 2015-2016.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint STACEY FOSTER, as VOLUNTEER COACH for ODYSSEY OF THE MIND (2nd year), for 2015-2016.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint AMBER HARPER, as VOLUNTEER COACH for ODYSSEY OF THE MIND (1st year), for 2015-2016. In accordance with the Safe Schools Against Violence Act, appointment is contingent upon a successful background check.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint DANNA MAHONEY, as VOLUNTEER COACH for ODYSSEY OF THE MIND (5th year), for 2015-2016.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint DAWN MERZ, as VOLUNTEER COACH for ODYSSEY OF THE MIND (1st year), for 2015-2016. In accordance with the Safe Schools Against Violence Act, appointment is contingent upon a successful background check.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Business and Finance Division

Report 16:

BOCES Lease Agreement for 2015-16

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 authorize the President of the Board of Education to sign the 2015-2016 contract, in order to affect the BOCES Lease Agreement for the 2015-2016 school year, this 16th day of November, 2015.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 17:

2015-2016 Property Tax Collections

No action necessary – Information Only.

Report 18:

2016-2017 Budget Development Calendar

Moved By: C. Lalonde

Supported By: M. Tooley

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the budget development calendar for the 2016-2017 school year is hereby approved by the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District this 16th day of November, 2015.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 19:

Resolution to Approve Budget Transfers

Moved By: M. Tooley

Supported By: R. Grizzuto

RESOLVED: Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby approve the budget transfer of \$528,561.01 this 16th day of November, 2015.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Report 20:

Board Approval of Change Order 6-13, EXCEL Consolidation and Capital Improvements
Project Phase 4 – Ogdensburg Free Academy – Project Number: 2007-122E

Moved By: M. Tooley

Supported By: L. Zweifel

RESOLVED: Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby approve Change Order 6-13, EXCEL Consolidation and Capital Improvements Project Phase 4 – Ogdensburg Free Academy – Project Number: 2007-122E, presented this 16th day of November.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 21:

Board Approval of Change Order 9-04, EXCEL Consolidation and Capital Improvements
Project Phase 4 – Ogdensburg Free Academy – Project Number: 2007-122E

Moved By: M. Tooley

Supported By: L. Mitchell

RESOLVED: Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby approve Change Order 9-04, EXCEL Consolidation and Capital Improvements Project Phase 4 – Ogdensburg Free Academy – Project Number: 2007-122E, presented this 16th day of November.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 22:

Board Approval of Change Order 10-02, EXCEL Consolidation and Capital
Improvements Project Phase 5 – Ogdensburg Free Academy – Project Number:
2007-122F

Moved By: L. Zweifel

Supported By: R. Grizzuto

RESOLVED: Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby approve Change Order 10-02, EXCEL Consolidation and Capital Improvements Project Phase 5 – Ogdensburg Free Academy – Project Number: 2007-122F, presented this 16th day of November.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Report 23:

Board Approval of Change Order 7-03, EXCEL Consolidation and Capital Improvements
Project Phase 4 – Ogdensburg Free Academy – Project Number: 2007-122E

Moved By: J. King

Supported By: M. Myers

RESOLVED: Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby approve Change Order 7-03, EXCEL Consolidation and Capital Improvements Project Phase 4 – Ogdensburg Free Academy – Project Number: 2007-122E, presented this 16th day of November.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Reports B1-B6:

Items Numbered B1-B18 Approved by the Board of Education as part of a Consent
Agenda

Moved By: M. Tooley

Supported By: J. King

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-B6, through one motion and second of motion on this 16th day of November, 2015.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Other: None

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

Mr. Vernsey congratulated Mrs. Henry for receiving New York State Master Teacher Status, Dana McCormick for being chosen as a Channel 7 News Arts All Star, and Mr. Wayne Ramsey for being presented with a certificate of Special Congressional Recognition for outstanding commitment to the historical presence and preservation of For La Presentation. He also congratulated and welcomed the district's newest hire Mr. Raymond Gemmill.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Vote to Adjourn to Executive Session

Moved By: M. Tooley

Supported By: V. Peo

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

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Nays: None
Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business, President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.
Next meeting held on December 21st, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mariah Ahmad
Board Clerk