Ogdensburg City School District
Board of Education
Ogdensburg, New York

DATE: March 7th, 2016

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Meeting

WHERE HELD: OFA Cafeteria

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Myers

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Timothy Vernsey, 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.

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 February 19, 23,
25, 2016.

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
7th day of March, 2016.
Ayes: All Present
Nays: None
Motion Carried

Acceptance of Board of Education Minutes
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 minutes, with minor changes, for the meeting held on February 22nd, 2016.
Ayes: All Present
Nays: None
Motion Carried

Letters and Communications to the Board of Education
Mr. Vernsey brought to the attention of the Board an article featured in an Art News publication about the James F. Montpelier Gallery. He also highlighted that the gallery would be a stop on the April 30th Gallery Hop.

Comments Relative to the Agenda
None

OLD BUSINESS:

Report 1:
Second Review of New Board of Education Policy # 5675: Student Grading Information Systems

No action necessary - Second Review of New Board of Education Policy # 5675: Student Grading Information Systems

NEW BUSINESS:
General Administration Division

Report 2:
Setting Date of Public Budget Hearing

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 elect to set a Public Budget Hearing to be held on Monday, May 9, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the OFA Senior High Cafeteria.
Ayes: All Present
Nays: None
Motion Carried

Report 2A:
Sports Merger for the 2015/2016 School Year with Morristown Central School District

Current estimated OFA student participation numbers leave room for potential students to also participate on the teams.

Moved By: C. Lalonde

Supported By: J. King

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 Junior Varsity and Varsity Baseball for the 2015-2016 school year, on this 7th day of March, 2016.
Ayes: Renee' Grizzuto; Ronald Johnson, Craig Lalonde, Lawrence Mitchell, Vicky Peo, Michael Tooley, Laurie Zweifel
Nays: James King
Motion Carried

Personnel Division

Report 3:
Appointment of Volunteer Odyssey of the Mind Coach 2015-2016

Moved By: L. Zweifel

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 appoint ANGEL MARONEY, as VOLUNTEER COACH for ODYSSEY OF THE MIND (1st year), for 2015-2016.
Ayes: All Present
Nays: None
Motion Carried

Report 4:
Reinstatement of Secondary Social Studies Teacher

Moved By: L. Mitchell

Supported By: J. King

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby reinstate FIONA HOPKINS as SECONDARY SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER, B+30+M, Step 16, at a salary of $55,532 effective September 1, 2016, with all accrued rights and benefits. Original probationary period was met and tenure was granted on June 30, 2004.
Ayes: All Present
Nays: None
Motion Carried

Report 5:
Reinstatement of Elementary Reading Teacher

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 reinstate AMY GARNO as READING TEACHER, B+30+M, Step 3, at a salary of $46,894 effective September 1, 2016, with all accrued rights and benefits. Original probationary period was January 4, 2011 to January 4, 2014 therefore, the balance of the three year probationary period will begin on September 1, 2016 and will end on January 3, 2018.
Ayes: All Present
Nays: None
Motion Carried

Report 6:
Resignation of Elementary Art 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 resignation of LEIGH CHAPMAN, ELEMENTARY ART TEACHER, effective June 30, 2016.
Ayes: All Present
Nays: None
Motion Carried

Business and Finance Division

Report 7:
2016-2017 Budget Update

P. Smithers provided highlights current 2016-2017 Budget. This included a 2 % rough increase on the expense side of the budget made mostly of salary obligations, renewed transportation contracts, and capital monies that could not be run through the capital fund. M. Tooley commented that at this time this is the best look at the budget the district has had in years. There is also some additional aid expected in the coming months to help with the shortfall in the budget of $257,274. The administration has also been asked to look at some of the areas of the budget where exact amounts can be determined to see if what is currently in the budget can be made more exact and those monies could be moved to areas where it would provide more cushion. L. Mitchell asked about the current status of back taxes and P. Smithers will be taking on this task to ensure that the school is provided with what is owed. Mr. Vernsey discussed a new item that has been worked into the budget for 2016-2017, Capital Outlay. This is an aid program supplied

by the state when a school meets certain requirements for a job within $100,000 the state will return 98% of that cost to the school district the following year.

Report 8:
Resolution to Approve Bond Refunding

Moved By: M. Tooley
Supported By: V. Peo
RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, that the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby authorize the refunding of School District (Serial) bonds and providing for other matters in relation thereto and the payment of the bonds to be refunded this 7th day of March, 2016.
Ayes: All Present
Nays: None
Motion Carried

Other:
None

Concluding Comments by Citizens, Board Members, and /or Administration:
L. Mitchell congratulated the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders at Madill on their performance this past week.

Mr. Vernsey spoke about the great display of basketball skill at the Saturday game at Suny Potsdam and wished good luck on the teams that are going to states. He also mentioned the expo would be held this weekend, March 11th, 12th, and 13th, as well as the excellent performance of the Cabaret this past week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Vote to Adjourn to Executive Session

Moved By: M. Tooley
Supported By: J. King
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

ADJOURNMENT:

Having no further business, President Johnson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m. Next meeting held on March 29th, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mariah Ahmad
Board Clerk