

Ogdensburg City School District
Board of Education
Ogdensburg, New York

DATE: May 9th, 2016

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Meeting

WHERE HELD: OFA Cafeteria

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Myers and Anthoni Pope Student Representative

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Timothy Vernsey, Jeffery Swanson, Patricia
Smither, Board Clerk Mariah Ahmad, and Citizens

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Board President Ronald Johnson at 6:05 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 April 12, 13, 14,
15, 18, 19, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 2016.

Moved By: L. Zweifel

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
9th day of May, 2016.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Acceptance of Board of Education Minutes

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 accept the minutes for the meeting held on April 18th, 2016.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Letters and Communications to the Board of Education

None

Comments Relative to the Agenda

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

General Administration Division

Report 1:

Co-Curricular Activities Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Swan was present to answer questions pertaining to the Co-Curricular Activities Treasurer's Report for July 1st 2015 through April 30th 2016.

R Johnson expressed that the summary looked much more condensed and L. Zweifel commented on the decrease in personal checks seen on the summary. R. Johnson thanks Mrs. Swan for the report.

Report 2:

Internal Claims Auditor Quarterly Report

Mrs. Woodward was present to answer questions pertaining to the Internal Claims Auditor Quarterly Report for January through March of 2016. All check registers correspond with all warrants, all warrants correspond with all invoices and all discrepancies have been amended.

R. Johnson thanked Mrs. Woodward for her report.

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Report 3:

First Review and Discussion of Proposed Changes to the 2016-2017 Code of Conduct

Mrs. Tuttle was present to answer any questions pertaining to the Proposed Changes to the 2016-2017 Code of Conduct. She did highlight a change in the number of credits required for graduation from 22 to 24 based on the change to a 9 period school day.

R. Grizzuto inquired about the backpack section and Mrs. Tuttle explained that this was a health and safety concern in some cases.

Personnel Division

Report 4:

Resignation of Part-Time Food Service Helper

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 DESIREE BARTLETT as PART-TIME FOOD SERVICE HELPER, effective April 22, 2016

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 5:

Disability Retirement of Laborer

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 the Disability Retirement of PAUL SWEENEY, LABORER, effective May 30, 2016.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Report 6:

Disability Retirement of Building Maintenance Helper

Moved By: M. Tooley

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 Disability Retirement of LAWRENCE MACDONALD, BUILDING MAINTENANCE HELPER, effective May 3, 2016.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 7:

Appointment of Elementary Teacher

Moved By: J. King

Supported By: V. Peo

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District hereby appoint HEATHER MCDONALD as ELEMENTARY TEACHER, B+30+M, STEP 1, at a salary of \$44,894.00, effective September 1, 2016, status probationary (probationary period 09/01/16 through 06/30/20, unless extended in accordance with the law). This expiration date is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provision of section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 2012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 8:

Appointment of Elementary Teacher

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 hereby appoint JESSICA PAQUETTE as ELEMENTARY TEACHER, B+30+M, STEP 9, at a salary of \$52,894.00, effective September 1, 2016, status probationary (probationary period 09/01/16 through 06/30/19, unless extended in accordance with the law). This expiration date is tentative and conditional only. Except to the extent required by the applicable provision of section 3012 of the Education Law, in order to be granted tenure the teacher must receive composite or overall annual professional performance review ratings

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pursuant to Section 3012-c and/or 2012-d of the Education Law of either effective or highly effective in at least three (3) of the four (4) preceding years, and if the teacher receives an ineffective composite or overall rating in the final year of the probationary period the teacher shall not be eligible for tenure at that time.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 9:

Appointment Unpaid Coach – Spring 2016

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 hereby appoint CHRISTOPHER LAFLAIR as UNPAID BOYS & GIRLS VARSITY OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD COACH, (5th year), for the 2016 spring season.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 10:

Appointment of Boys Modified Outdoor Track & Field Coach

Moved By: M. Tooley

Supported By: L. Zweifel

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District hereby appoint ZACHARY DODGE as MOYS MODIFIED OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD COACH, at a prorated salary of \$1,577 – STEP 1, for the 2015-2016 spring season.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Business and Finance Division

Report 11:

Resolution to Approve Tri-County Energy Consortium Electricity Purchasing Agreement

Jim McCarthy and Patricia Smithers were present to answer any questions pertaining to the Resolution to Approve Tri-County Energy Consortium Electricity Purchasing Agreement. Mr. McCarthy explained that the Board voted to participate in a solar energy study with other districts to assess the creation of a Consortium for Electrical Energy Purchasing. Currently the district buys electricity in bulk and the aim of this Consortium is to then sell energy back to

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National Grid in an attempt to provide the district with credit on electricity costs. All district electricity bills would be sent to the Consortium and the bills would be combined with other electricity bills from districts in our Load Zone. Based on our usage and the amount of power sold from solar energy creation we would then be billed at a discounted rate by the Consortium.

There is a modest administration charge which will be lower if the district signs on before May 20th. This is for a 20 year commitment with an optional 5 year extension at the end of the 20 years. As of May 9th 10 districts have signed this commitment.

M. Tooley is concerned about the explanation in Section 7 of the contract pertaining to penalties that may be impressed upon those districts who leave the commitment before the 20 year mark. Mr. McCarthy and Mrs. Smithers will request a more clear explanation for this section for the Board to look over.

A motion was made to table this resolution, until the Board meeting set on May 18th, by M. Tooley and this was seconded by V. Peo.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 12:

Resolution to Approve Increase to the 2016-2017 Budget to Pay the Tax Certiorari Claim by A.G. Energy, LP

Moved By: C. Lalonde

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 increase the budget for revenue code 5999.001 by \$80,562.67 and increase the expense code 1964-400 by \$80,562.67 this 9th day of May, 2016.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Other:

M. Tooley brought before the Board his concern for the cost of flowers and decorations the senior class is responsible for. The this year is 700-800 dollars for the rental of baskets, pedestals, trees, and the roses given to each graduating student. M. Tooley asked the Board if this is an expense that could be absorbed into the budget. Although this is something the class is told they must fundraise for in some instances other activities or purchases may need to be cut because of this cost to the class.

L. Zweifel commented that this expense could be seen as something the class works towards for their graduation and as a motivator to be able to provide them due to fundraising efforts.

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M. Tooley would like to discuss this again at the next Board meeting on May 18th.

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

Mr. Vernsey highlighted the upcoming events, which include the 7-8 concert on Wednesday, the budget and board vote next Tuesday, and the Van Dusen two Saturdays from now.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Vote to Adjourn to Executive Session

Moved By: M. Tooley

Supported By: R. Grizzuto

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 7:53 p.m.
Next meeting held on May 18th, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mariah Ahmad
Board Clerk