

Ogdensburg City School District  
Board of Education  
Ogdensburg, New York

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DATE: January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Meeting

WHERE HELD: OFA Cafeteria

MEMBERS PRESENT: Renee' Grizzuto, Ronald Johnson, Craig Lalonde, Lawrence Mitchell, Laurie Zweifel, Anthoni Pope Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: James King, Michael Myers, Vicky Peo, Michael Tooley,

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 December 15, 17, 18, 22, 2015.

Moved By: C. Lalonde

Supported By: L. Zweifel

**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 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Acceptance of Board of Education Minutes

Moved By: C. Lalonde

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 minutes for the meeting held on December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

Ayes: All Present

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Nays: None  
Motion Carried

Letters and Communications to the Board of Education:  
None

Comments Relative to the Agenda:  
There were no comments relative to the Agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:  
None

NEW BUSINESS:  
General Administration Division

**Report 1:**

Resolution to Approve Sports Merger for the 2015-2016 School Year

Moved By: C. Lalonde

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 approve the sports merger with Heuvelton Central School District in Spring Sports – Spring Track (all levels) and Lacrosse (Boys – All Levels) for the 2015-2016 school year this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 2:**

2016-2017 District Staffing

Mr. Vernsey spoke to the Board about the amount of staff retiring over the next few year. He suggested replacements be hired as opposed to the dropping of courses or increase of class sizes in the instructor's absence. Mr. Vernsey also introduced Mrs. Jacobs and Mrs. Kelly who spoke to the growing library staffing concerns they have at Kennedy. Currently there is one full-time TA and a Librarian who comes to the school 2 days of the 6 day cycle. There are 771 students at Kennedy with 31 classes attending the library each cycle and 1,823 books being circulated in a month. This large number of books being checked out and needing to be shelved once more when returned has overwhelmed the current staff. While Mrs. Jacobs and Mrs. Kelly have made some changes to the school's library policies they are not a permanent fix. L. Zweifel and R. Johnson expressed their concern and appreciation to Mrs. Jacobs and Mrs. Kelly for doing what they could with the current staff and bringing this issue to their attention.

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Personnel Division

**Report 3:**

Appointment of Girls Junior Varsity Softball Head Coach

Moved By: R. Grizzuto

Supported By: C. Lalonde

**RESOLVED:** Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint KRISTIN ASHLEY as GIRLS JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL HEAD COACH at a salary of \$2,659 – STEP 3, for the 2015-2016 spring season.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 4:**

Appointment 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 appoint PAUL PRATT, as LABORER, at a prorated salary of \$23,778.00, effective January 5, 2016, status probationary (probationary period January 5, 2016 through January 5, 2017).

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 5:**

Retirement of Director of Special Education

Moved By: C. Lalonde

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 DEBORA HANNAN, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION, effective June 30, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Business and Finance Division

**Report 6:**

2015-2016 Tax Roll Adjustment

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 approve the reduction to the tax levy in the amount of \$15,325.55 this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 7:**

Resolution to Approve Change Order 2-03

Moved By: C. Lalonde

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 approve Change Order 2-03, EXCEL Consolidation and Capital Improvements Project Phase 3 – Ogdensburg Free Academy – Project Number: 2007-122C, presented this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 8:**

Resolution to Approve Budget Transfer

Moved By: C. Lalonde

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 approve the budget transfer of \$120,240.45 this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Other:** L. Mitchell thanked Mr. Vernsey for the report on the district buses' current conditions after the fire on the Lisbon bus. Mr. Vernsey also stated that once a thorough investigation is finished on the Lisbon bus they board will be given a copy to review.

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

Mr. Vernsey congratulated Mrs. Hannan on her letter of retirement and took a moment to thank the administration for their years of service.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Vote to Adjourn to Executive Session

Moved By: L. Mitchell

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 6:27 p.m.  
Next meeting held on January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mariah Ahmad  
Board Clerk