

Ogdensburg City School District
Board of Education
Ogdensburg, New York

DATE: May 3rd, 2017

KIND OF MEETING: Public Budget Hearing

WHERE HELD: OFA Cafeteria

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: James King, Michael Myers, Anthoni Pope, Student Representative

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Timothy Vernsey, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Technology Kevin Kendall, 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 PROPOSED 2017-2018 BUDGET

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

The proposed 2017-2018 budget has been reviewed at several board meetings. Mr. Vernsey explained that no cuts were made to staff or curriculum, a negotiated decrease in insurance cost was accomplished and taxes sit at 1.26%. The fund balance sits at 2.2 million. Mr. Vernsey expressed his concern for Education Aid from the state. He hopes that something can be done to create a more equitable formula for districts in need of financial support.

Mrs. Smithers stated the budget has been confirmed at \$45,000,000.00, with benefits and insurance being the highest contributors to the \$2.7 million increase. This budget does include \$100,000.00 for the mini capital outlay project and the schools debt was reduced by \$600,000.00 this year.

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. Mitchell expressed concern about publicity for the Board Election to happen on May 16th, 2017. The Board thanked administration for their work to create a budget that satisfied the needs of the school.

Hearing adjourned at 6:05 p.m. to Board of Education Organizational Meeting.