

Ogdensburg City School District
Board of Education
Ogdensburg, New York

DATE: May 17th, 2017

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Meeting

WHERE HELD: OFA Cafeteria

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Timothy Vernsey, Instruction, Assessment and Technology Kevin Kendall, Board Clerk Mariah Ahmad, and Citizens

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Board President Ronald Johnson at 7:30 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 25, 26, 28, 2017 and May 1, 2, 2017.

Moved By: C. Lalonde

Supported By: R. Grizzuto

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 17th day of May, 2017.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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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 for the Public Hearing and meeting held on May 3rd, 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:

First Review and Discussion of Proposed Changes to the 2017-2018 Code of Conduct

Mrs. Tuttle, Mr. Tessmer and Mr. Bjork were present to answer questions and concerns from the Board. Mr. Myers asked for clarification on the DASA Coordinator principles. If there is an incident at a school the parent could ask for a different coordinator if the parent felt there was a conflict of interest. All principles are DASA coordinators and can handle these incidents.

Mr. Tessmer presented the changes made to the Academic Eligibility portion of the Code of Conduct. There was a grey area in the terminology that allowed interpretation of the terms "Acceptable" and "Unacceptable". This has since been changed to the terms "Passing" and "Failing". M. Myers and R. Grizzuto brought up concerns about allowing students to fail 1 or 2 classes and still be allowed to practice and play. Previously if a student was failing 1 class they would be placed on Academic probation and would report to Mr. Bjork with a signed sheet from the teacher each week. It wasn't until the student was failing 2 or more classes that practice or play suspension would come into play. The Board would like to see a change in the terminology to state that once a student begins to fail 1 class they are put on Academic probation for a set number of days. If the student does not begin to pass the class they will be suspended and unable to practice or play with the team.

M. Tooley asked Mr. Bjork what policy is in place for students that merge with OFA. Currently the student is subject to the school's Academic Eligibility for which they attend. Many of the

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Board members believe that if the student is representing OFA on the playing field they should be subject to our Academic Eligibility policy.

Report 2:

Setting Date for District's Organizational Meeting

Moved By: C. Lalonde

Supported By: M. Myers

RESOLVED: Having the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the date for the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District shall be, and is hereby scheduled for Wednesday, July 5, 2016, and by it further **RESOLVED** that the hour for same shall be and is hereby set for 6:00 PM.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Adjourned to Canvas of the Vote (8:03 pm):

Moved by: V. Peo

Supported by: M. Tooley

Reconvened (8:06 pm)

Report 3:

Sports Merger with the Morristown Central School District (Fall 2017-2018 Girls Varsity Cross Country)

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 approve the sports merger with the Morristown Central School District in Varsity Girls Cross Country for the 2017-2018 school year, on this 17th day of May, 2017.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 4:

Sports Merger with the Morristown Central School District (Fall 2017-2018 Girls Varsity Swimming)

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 sports merger with the Morristown Central School District in Girls Varsity Swimming for the 2017-2018 school year, on this 17th

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day of May, 2017.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 5:

Sports Merger with the Morristown Central School District (Fall 2017-2018 Boys Modified Football)

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 Boys Modified Football for the 2017-2018 school year, on this 17th day of May, 2017.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 6:

Sports Merger with the Morristown Central School District (Fall 2017-2018 Boys Junior Varsity Football)

Moved By: V. Peo

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 Boys Junior Varsity Football for the 2017-2018 school year, on this 17th day of May, 2017.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

INSTRUCTIONAL DIVISION

Report 7:

Elementary Summer School and Readiness Program for 2017

Moved By: L. Mitchell

Supported By: M. Tooley

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

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the Ogdensburg City School District hereby authorize the ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL and READINESS PROGRAM for the 2017 school year and provide the funds necessary to implement such a program.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 8:

Extended Year Special Education Program for Summer 2017

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 hereby authorize the EXTENDED YEAR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM for the 2017 school year and provide the funds necessary to implement such a program.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

PERSONELL DIVISION

Report 9:

Appointment of Extended Year Special Education Program Teach for Summer 2017

Moved By: V. Peo

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 appoint HALEY BAKER as EXTENDED YEAR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM TEACHER, at a salary of \$110.00 per day, effective July 5, 2017.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 10:

Appointment of Extended Year Special Education Program Teaching Assistants for Summer 2017

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 appoint the following EXTENDED YEAR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM TEACHING ASSISTANTS, at a salary of \$12.00 per

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hour, effective July 5, 2017.

DANNA MAHONEY
KEVIN PEARSON
STACY SIBLEY

Ayes: All Present
Nays: None
Motion Carried

Report 11:

Appointment of Elementary Summer School and Readiness Program Faculty for 2017

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 hereby appoint the following ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL and READINESS PROGRAM Teachers, at a salary of \$110.00 per hour, effective July 5, 2017:

JANET CLINE
CHELSEA COTA
AMY FREDERICK
DEIDRE HAMMOND
KIRA HAMMOND
LIZA LANGLEY
BARBARA LASHUA
KIMBERLY MARSHALL
KAREN MURRAY

GEWN O'SHEA
JULIE HYNES
THOMAS PINKERTON
ANGELA WESTON
SHANDRICA WILKINSON
CARRIE WRIGHT

Ayes: All Present
Nays: None
Motion Carried

Report 12:

Appointment of Elementary Summer School and Readiness Program Teaching Assistants for 2017

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 hereby appoint the following ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL and READINESS PROGRAM TEACHING ASSISTANTS, as a salary of \$10.00 per hour, effective July 5, 2017:

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KIMBERLY BREEN
BRIAN BRIGGS
MELANIE COLE
KARRIE DODD
JOCELYN FIFIELD
HAYLEY HENRY
SABRINA JOHNSON
BENDA MERRITT
BRANDON MULLIN

JESSICA O'GRADY
JACKIE PINKERTON
STACY POWERS
SHELLEY SHARPE
HEATHER SPEARS
ERICA STEVENSON
AMY SWEENEY
CRYSTAL MONROE

Ayes: All Present
Nays: None
Motion Carried

Report 13:

Appointment of Elementary Summer School and Readiness Program Librarian for 2017

Moved By: J. King

Supported By: R. Grizzuto

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District hereby appoint JULIE BROWN as ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL AND READINESS PROGRAM LIBRARIAN, at a salary of \$110.00 per day, effective July 5, 2017.

Ayes: All Present
Nays: None
Motion Carried

Report 14:

Appointment of Elementary Summer School and Readiness Program Library Teaching Assistants for 2017

Moved By: R. Grizzuto

Supported By: J. King

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District hereby appoint the following as EXTENDED YEAR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM LIBRARY TEACHER ASSISTANTS, at a salary of \$17.00 per hour, effective July 5, 2017:

BARBARA HOUMIEL
SHARRI MILLER

Ayes: Renee' Grizzuto, Ronald Johnson, James King, Craig Lalonde, Lawrence Mitchell, Michael Myers, Vicky Peo, Laurie Zweifel
Nays: None

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Abstain: Michael Tooley
Motion Carried

Report 15:

Appointment of Elementary Summer School and Readiness Program Computer Lab
Teaching Assistants for 2017

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 the following ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND READINESS PROGRAM COMPUTER LAB TEACHING ASSISTANTS, at a salary of \$17.00 per hour, effective July 5, 2017:

CATHERINE KING
ANN MCGILL

Ayes: Renee' Grizzuto, Ronald Johnson, Craig Lalonde, Lawrence Mitchell, Michael Myers, Vicky Peo. Michael Tooley, Laurie Zweifel

Nays: None

Abstain: J. King

Motion Carried

Report 16:

Appointment of Extended Year Special Education Program Integrated Pre-School 12:1:1
Teacher for Summer 2017

Moved By: C. Lalonde

Supported By: M. Myers

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District hereby appoint JOHN MILLER, JR. as EXTENDED YEAR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM INTEGRATED PRESCHOOL 12:1:1 TEACHER, at a salary of \$110.00 per day, effective July 5, 2017.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 17:

Appointment of Extended Year Special Education Program Integrated Pre-School 12:1:1
Speech Therapist for Summer 2017

Moved By: J. King

Supported By: M. Myers

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

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the Ogdensburg City School District hereby appoint MARY ELIZABETH WALLACE as EXTENDED YEAR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM INTEGRATED PRESCHOOL 12:1:1 SPEECH THERAPIST, at a salary of \$110.00 per day, effective July 5, 2017.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 18:

Appointment of Extended Year Special Education Program Integrated Pre-School 12:1:1 Teaching Assistants for Summer 2017

Moved By: R. Grizzuto

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 the following as EXTENDED YEAR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM INTEGRATED PRESCHOOL 12:1:1 TEACHER ASSISTANTS, at a salary of \$10.00 per hour, effective July 5, 2017:

PEGGY COHEN

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 19:

Resignation of Part-Time Food Service Helper

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 hereby accept the resignation of BONNIE BROCK, PART-TIME SERVICE HELPER, effective May 5, 2017.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 20:

Resignation of Secondary English Teacher

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 hereby accept the resignation of MATTHEW DENNER, JR., SECONDARY ENGLISH TEACHER, effective May 5, 2017.

Ayes: All Present

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Nays: None
Motion Carried

Report 21:
Retirement of Teaching Assistant

Moved By: C. Lalonde
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 accept the retirement of SANDRA IRVINE, TEACHING ASSISTANT, effective June 30, 2018.

Ayes: All Present
Nays: None
Motion Carried

Report 22:
Appointment of Elementary Teacher

Moved By: L. Mitchell
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 appoint MATTHEW SNYDER as ELEMENTARY TEACHER, B+30+M, STEP 3, at a salary of \$46,894.00, effective September 1, 2017, status probationary (probationary period 09/01/15 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 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. Probationary period reflects original hire date as Part-Time Secondary Mathematics Teacher.

Ayes: All Present
Nays: None
Motion Carried

Report 23:
Appointment of Substitute Teacher and School Nurse

Moved By: J. King
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 appoint the following as SUSTITUTE TEACHER and SCHOOL NURSE for 2016-2017 school year:

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SUSTITUTE TEACHER/SCHOOL NURSE
LIZZETTE AQUION
CHRISTINA ANDERSON-MERKX

In accordance with the Safe Schools Against Violence Act, appointment is contingent upon a successful background check.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

BUSINESS AND FINANCE DIVISION

Report 24:

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 transfers of \$86,000.00 this 17th day of May, 2017

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Reports B1 through B6:

Items Numbered B1 through B6 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 through B6, through one motion and second of motion on this 17th day of May, 2016.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Other:

None

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

Football Coach Charlie McCormick thanked the Board of Education and Administration of the Ogdensburg City School District for providing his daughter with the opportunity to play for

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OFA.

V. Peo inquired about microphones for the Board members and the podium. J. McCarthy said he would speak with Mr. Ladouceur and see if there was something they could do.

Mr. Vernsey congratulated C. Lalonde and V. Peo.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Vote to Adjourn to Executive Session

Moved By: J. King

Supported By: L. Mitchell

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 8:36 p.m.
Next meeting held on June 5th, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mariah Ahmad
Board Clerk