

Ogdensburg City School District  
Board of Education  
Ogdensburg, New York

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DATE: January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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, Jordyn Sweeney Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Timothy Vernsey, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Technology Kevin Kendall, 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.

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 12, 13, 21, 2017 and January 3, 8, 9, 2018.

Moved By: L. Zweifel

Supported By: M. Myers

**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 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

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 meeting minutes, with a minor change, held on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Letters and Communications to the Board of Education

The Art Department wishes to congratulate Jordan Sholette for being named 7 News All Star of the Week. She will be interviewed in the Montpelier Gallery on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Jordan has participated in Art Club for her entire High School career, serving as the club's Vice-President this year.

Comments Relative to the Agenda

None

OLD BUSINESS:

General Administration Division

NEW BUSINESS:

General Administration Division

**Report 1:**

2018-2019 Staffing Projections

No action necessary information and discussion only.

**Report 2:**

First Review of Revised Board of Education Policy #7212 Response to Intervention Process

No action necessary information and discussion only.

**Report 3:**

Sports Merger with the Heuvelton Central School District Spring Track (Boys Modified)

Moved By: C. Lalonde

Supported By: L. Mitchell

**RESOLVED:** Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, therefore be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District of does hereby approve the sports merger with Heuvelton Central School District in Spring Sports – Spring Track (Boys Modified)

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for the 2017-2018 school year this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 4:**

Sports Merger with the Heuvelton Central School District Spring Track (Boys Varsity)

Moved By: L. Zweifel

Supported By: V. Peo

**RESOLVED:** Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, therefore be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District of does hereby approve the sports merger with Heuvelton Central School District in Spring Sports – Spring Track (Boys Varsity) for the 2017-2018 school year this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 5:**

Sports Merger with the Heuvelton Central School District Spring Track (Girls Modified)

Moved By: C. Lalonde

Supported By: L. Mitchell

**RESOLVED:** Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, therefore be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District of does hereby approve the sports merger with Heuvelton Central School District in Spring Sports – Spring Track (Girls Modified) for the 2017-2018 school year this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 6:**

Sports Merger with the Heuvelton Central School District Spring Track (Girls Varsity)

Moved By: L. Mitchell

Supported By: C. Lalonde

**RESOLVED:** Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, therefore be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District of does hereby approve the sports merger with Heuvelton Central School District in Spring Sports – Spring Track (Girls Varsity) for the 2017-2018 school year this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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**Report 7:**

Sports Merger with the Heuvelton Central School District Lacrosse (Boys Modified)

Moved By: L. Zweifel

Supported By: L. Mitchell

**RESOLVED:** Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, therefore be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District of does hereby approve the sports merger with Heuvelton Central School District in Spring Sports – Spring Lacrosse (Boys Modified) for the 2017-2018 school year this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 8:**

Sports Merger with the Heuvelton Central School District Lacrosse (Boys Varsity)

Moved By: C. Lalonde

Supported By: M. Myers

**RESOLVED:** Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, therefore be it resolved by the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District of does hereby approve the sports merger with Heuvelton Central School District in Spring Sports – Spring Lacrosse (Boys Varsity) for the 2017-2018 school year this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

PERSONELL DIVISION

**Report 9:**

Appointment of Keyboard Specialist

Moved By: L. Zweifel

Supported By: M. Myers

**RESOLVED:** Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, Therefore be it Resolved, the Board of Education does hereby appoint LEAH FISHER as KEYBOARD SPECIALIST (12-MONTH), at a prorated salary of \$26,497.00, effective retroactive to January 8, 2018, status probationary (probationary period 01/08/18 until 01/07/19).

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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**Report 10:**

Appointment of Laborer

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 appoint SCOTT COLE as LABORER, at a prorated salary of \$24,739, effective retroactive to January 2, 2018, status probationary (probationary period of 01/02/18 to 01/01/19)

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

Nays: None

Abstain: James King

Motion Carried

**Report 11:**

Permanent Appointment of Computer Operator

Moved By: C. Lalonde

Supported By: L. Zweifel

**RESOLVED:** Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, Therefore be it Resolved, the Board of Education does hereby appoint JENNIFER STEVENSON as COMPUTER OPERATOR (12-Month) PERMANENT, effective December 20, 2017, status probationary (probationary period 07/01/2017 through 06/30/18)

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 12:**

Appointment of Substitute Teachers

Moved By: M. Tooley

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 the following as SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS for the 2017-2018 school year:

| SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS |
|---------------------|
| ALANA ASHLEY        |
| PAIGE MCCARNEY      |
| BRITTNEY O'GRADY    |
| MARTIN SULLIVAN     |

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Ayes: All Present  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

**Report 13:**  
Appointment of Part-Time, On-Call Laborers

Moved By: J. King

Supported By: M. Myers

**RESOLVED:** Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint SCOTTY AUSTIN as PART-TIME ON-CALL LABORER, at a salary of \$10.40 per hour, effective January 16, 2018.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint MATTHEW SHOLETTE as PART-TIME ON-CALL LABORER, at a salary of \$10.40 per hour, effective January 16, 2018.

Ayes: All Present  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

**Report 14:**  
Reading Teacher Tenure Appointment

Moved By: C. Lalonde

Supported By: V. Peo

**RESOLVED:** Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, **AMY GARNO** is hereby granted tenure as **READING TEACHER** in the Ogdensburg City School District, effective January 3, 2018.

Ayes: All Present  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

**Report 15:**  
Retirement of Physical Education Teacher

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 does hereby accept the retirement of JOSEPH LYNCH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER, effective June 30, 2020.

Ayes: All Present  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

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**Report 16:**

Retirement of Elementary Teacher

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 hereby accept the retirement of MARY WILLS, ELEMENTARY TEACHER, effective June 30, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 17:**

Retirement of School Counselor

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 does hereby accept the retirement of KATHY VERVILLE, SCHOOL COUNSELOR, effective June 30, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 18:**

Retirement of Secondary Principal

Mr. Vernsey read Mrs. Luckie's retirement letter speaking to her wonderful 31 years of service. Mrs. Luckie thanked the Board, administration, faculty, staff, parents and guardians for making her time with the Ogdensburg City School District a memorable one.

Moved By: M. Tooley

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 accept the retirement of PAMELA LUCKIE, SECONDARY PRINCIPAL, effective June 30, 2018

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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BUSINESS AND FINANCE

**Report 19:**

Tax Collector's Report of Unpaid Taxes

Moved By: J. King.

Supported By: L. Zweifel

**RESOLVED:** Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the 2017-2018 Tax Collector's Report shows the total taxes collected in the amount of \$6,947,313.72 and that the list of unpaid taxes is as follows: City of Ogdensburg Taxes \$546,704.21, Interest \$27,335.21; Town of Oswegatchie Taxes \$161,934.44, Interest \$6,596.72; be accepted, and be it further **RESOLVED** that the List of Unpaid Taxes be transmitted to the proper collection agencies for collection.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 20:**

Resolution to Approve Change Order 1-01

Moved By: M. Tooley

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 Change Order 1-01, Mechanical Upgrades Project 51-23-00-01-0-007-021 OFA, presented this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 21:**

2018-2019 budget Discussion for the Elementary Department

Mr. Vernsey stated there has been no increase to the Elementary Department budget.

**Report 22:**

2018-2019 Budget Discussion for the Libraries

Mr. Vernsey stated there has is a 1.5% increase in the Libraries 2018-2019 budget and this due to salary increases.



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**Reports B1- B6:**

Items Numbered B1-B6 Approved by the Board of Education as part of a Consent Agenda

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 adopt a Consent Agenda and approve items B1 through B6, through one motion and second of motion on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Other:**

Mr. Tooley expressed his concerns regarding fundraising in grades 7-12 and the overlap of these activities. After being provided with a schedule of the yearly fundraisers he notes 3 periods of time, over 10-14 days, when 2 or more fundraisers were happening at the same time. So alleviate some of this he suggest two things:

1. in the future 1 fundraiser going on at a time in any one week period; and
2. he would like the Board and administration to consider absorbing the cost of athletic uniforms into the budget. This takes stress off the student, faculty and coached while also allowing for an even playing field of new uniforms.

Mr. Mitchell commented on the late arrival of the North Countries STAR Rebate checks. The Southern part of the state received their checks in October. Mr. Mitchell contacted Patty Richie's Office and was assured that this lag has been noticed and taken into consideration for next year.

Mr. King accompanied the JV Boys and Girls Basketball teams to Glens Falls over Christmas break. The Athletic Director thanked OFA for their experience during the game against Gouvenuer. He was extremely impressed with the facilities, as well as Mr. Bjork, Mr. Williams and Mr. Tessmer.

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

Mr. Vernsey congratulated both the new hires and soon to be retirees, thanking them for their service as well.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Vote to Adjourn to Executive Session

Moved By: J. King

Supported By: C. Lalonde

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 6:25 p.m.  
Next meeting held on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mariah Ahmad  
Board Clerk