

Ogdensburg City School District
Board of Education
Ogdensburg, New York

DATE: March 19th, 2018

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Meeting

WHERE HELD: OFA Cafeteria

MEMBERS PRESENT: Renee' Grizzuto, Ronald Johnson, James King, Craig Lalonde, Lawrence Mitchell, Michael Tooley, Laurie Zweifel, Jordyn Sweeney Student Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Myers, Vicky Peo

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 February 7, 13, 14, 15, 26, 27, 28, 2018 and March 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 2018.

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 19th day of March, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Acceptance of Board of Education Minutes

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 meeting minutes, with a few minor changes, held on February 26th, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Letters and Communications to the Board of Education

None

Comments Relative to the Agenda

None

NEW BUSINESS:

General Administration Division

Report 1A:

First Student Presentation and Bus Tour

The contract for transportation with First Student will include an increase in wages for drivers, monitors, technicians and staff. It will also include cameras on the new 2017 school buses and cameras to be retrofitted to the older models. There will be 24 new vehicles added to the current fleet over a 4 year period and the new heaters will allow for quicker and easier vehicle starting in the winter. There is also a routing system on the buses that will allow parents and the district to track the buses for drop off and pick up.

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OLD BUSINESS:

General Administration Division

Report 1:

Final Review and Adoption of Revised Board of Education Policy/Regulation #7222
Diploma or Credential Option for Students with Disabilities

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 adopt the Revised Board of Education Policy/Regulation #7222: Diploma or Credential Options for Students with Disabilities, this 19th day of March.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 2:

Resolution for Ogdensburg Public Library Proposition

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 resolve that the following proposition be places on the ballot for approval by the voters at the Annual Meeting School District Election and Budget Vote to be held on May 15, 2018:

“Resolved that pursuant to the Education Law, Section 259, the Board of Education of Ogdensburg City School District is authorized to levy collect an annual tax, year after year, separate and apart from the annual school district budget, **an increase of \$75,000, in addition to the current appropriation of \$50,000, for a new total of \$125,000,** which shall be paid to the Ogdensburg Public Library for the support and maintenance of the library; with this appropriated amount to be the annual appropriation until thereafter modified by a future vote of the electors of the Ogdensburg City School District.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the School District Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish the notice of the Proposition in accordance with the applicable provisions of Education Law.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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NEW BUSINESS:

Instructional Division

Report 3:

Pathways to Graduation Presentation

L. Zweifel inquired about the percentage of students who utilize the alternate pathways for graduation. Mrs. Tuttle and Mr. Christy believe it is only at 10-15%. Much of that could be attributed to the Global Regents that many students take repeatedly to pass. The Board of Regents is currently redesigning the Global Regents exam.

General Administration Division

Report 4:

First Review of Revised Board of Education Policy/Regulation #7131 Education of Homeless Children and Youth

Mr. Vernsey explained the practices within this policy have been in place. This is a process to get these practices into policy.

Report 5:

Adoption of 2018-2019 School Calendar

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 2018-2019 school calendar as presented, and the same shall be and is hereby adopted this 19th day of March, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 6:

Setting the Date for the Public Hearing for 2018

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 elect to set a Public Budget Hearing to be held on Monday, May 7th, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the OFA Senior High Cafeteria B.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Report 7:

Appointment of Election Inspectors for Annual Budget Vote and School Board Election

Moved By: L. Zweifel

Supported By: M. Tooley

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the persons as per the below list, be appointed to serve as Election Inspectors for the Annual District Budget Vote and School Board Election to be held on May 15, 2018 from 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

REPUBLICANS:

Donald O'Shea

Janet Campbell

Donna Reagan

DEMOCRATS:

Gloria Gebo

Cheryl Sayer

Francis Weir

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 8:

Resolution to Approve Memorandum of Agreement with St. Lawrence County Board of Elections

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 approve the attached Memorandum of Agreement with the St. Lawrence County Board of Elections for the conduct of the district's Annual Meeting School Board Election and Budget Vote on May 15, 2018 as submitted this 19th day of March, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Report 9:

Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution

Moved By: L. Zweifel

Supported By: L. Mitchell

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg City School District hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of the Board and post Standard Work Days and Reporting Resolution on the district website for the required 30 days.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 9A:

Resolution Establishing the Ogdensburg City School District as a Lead Agency Under the State Environmental Quality Review Act for Ogdensburg City School District 2018 Capital Outlay Project at the Ogdensburg Free Academy Edgar A. Newell, II Memorial Golden Dome.

Moved By: M. Tooley

Supported By: L. Mitchell

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, therefore be it resolved, the Board of Education hereby approves the Ogdensburg City School District as the Lead Agency for this project and directs the Board of Education President to complete all required SEQR applications, forms, notices all related correspondences and information requirements and the District Clerk to circulate and to mail all required notices to all involved agencies this 19th day of March, 2018.

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 9B:

Resolution Making a Determination Under the State Environmental Quality Review Act for Ogdensburg City School District for a 2018 Capital Outlay Project at the Ogdensburg Free Academy Edgar A. Newell, II Memorial Golden Dome

Moved By: J. King

Supported By: M. Tooley

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg City School District hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the time keeping system records or the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the Clerk of the Board and post

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Standard Work Days and Reporting Resolution on the district website for the required 30 days.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

PERSONNEL DIVISION

Report 10:

Appointment of Superintendent of Schools

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 appoint KEVIN K. KENDALL as SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS. The salary will be \$140,000 for the 2019-2020 contract year. The contract period will be January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2024.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 11:

Amendment of Contract with the Superintendent of Schools

Moved By: M. Tooley

Supported By: R. Grizzuto

RESOLVED: Having the recommendation of the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District, the agreement between the Board of Education and TIMOTHY M. VERNSEY, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, for the period of July 1, 2017 through August 31, 2019, as outlined in the Contract Amendment, signed by the Board of Education President on March 15, 2018 and the Superintendent of Schools on March 15, 2018, is hereby approved and the funds necessary to implement such agreement are hereby authorized to be expended for such purpose on this 19th day of March, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Report 12:

Resignation of Teaching Assistant

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 resignation of LISA HOLT, TEACHING ASSISTANT, effective June 30, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

BUSINESS AND FINANCE DIVISION

Report 13:

BOCES Final Commitment Service Request for 2018-2019

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 authorize the signing of the final commitment service request form for BOCES services for the 2018-2019 school year on this 19th day of March, 2018.

Ayes: R. Grizzuto, R. Johnson, J. King, L. Mitchell, M. Tooley, L. Zweifel

Nays: None

Abstain: C. Lalonde

Motion Carried

Report 14:

NERIC Final Commitment Service Request for 2018-2019

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 authorize the signing of the final commitment service request form for NERIC services for the 2018-2019 school year on this 19th day of March, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Report 15:

Resolution to Approve Budget Transfers

Moved By: R. Grizzuto

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 \$6,531.14 this 19th day of March, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 16:

Tax Cap Calculation Discussion

The district is within the tax cap.

Report 17:

2018-2019 Budget Update

M. Tooley described the topics of The Finance Committee meeting with Board members before the March 19th Board of Education meeting. The district's budget revenue falls short of the expenditures by just under 1 million dollars. Currently the district is waiting on State aid to be finalized. This will have an impact on the current gap in revenue and expenditures. With the current proposed budget all programming is intact, the district is within the tax cap and includes the Capital Outlay Project for renovations on the Golden Dome. Mr. Vernsey explained administration has identified some areas and items that can be adjusted. These adjustments would include the district going without an Assistant Superintendent for 6 months after Mr. Vernsey's retirement and not replacing some upcoming retirees. This currently only accounts for \$428,000 and still leaves a gap of \$558,000. Mr. Vernsey is still in talks with legislation officials to push for more state aid to districts which have a high tax exempt property burn.

Reports B1- B6:

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

Moved By: M. Tooley

Supported By: L. Mitchell

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 19th day of March, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Other:

None

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

The administration present congratulated Mr. Kendall. Mr. Vernsey reminded the Board that the final version of the budget will be voted on at the next meeting. He also mentioned the Expo happening at OFA March 23rd to the 25th.

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 6:52 p.m.
Next meeting held on April 2nd, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mariah Ahmad
Board Clerk