

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Report No. 3

OGDENSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: Board Resolution to Dedicate the OFA Football Field as the Mr. Ronald N. Johnson Football Field

DATE: April 2, 2018

REASON FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:

The Board of Education shall, by majority vote, approve the naming or renaming of any building or facility or any part thereof owned by the District.

FACTS AND ANALYSIS:

The Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District wishes to recognize Mr. Ronald N. Johnson's 42 years of service and dedication to the Ogdensburg City School District and the children of Ogdensburg. Mr. Johnson was a Physical Education Teacher, Athletic Director, Assistant Football Coach, Head Football Coach, Wrestling Coach, Boys Track Coach, Board of Education member and Board of Education President. His career in the district has spanned four decades and is an ongoing endeavor. Mr. Johnson is determined to make Ogdensburg a better place to live. In honor of Mr. Johnson's efforts' to support and advocate for children in our community, the district would like to dedicate the Ogdensburg Free Academy Football Field in his name with a commemorative plaque.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Moved by _____ and supported by _____ that, having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby, by majority vote, nominate and approve the dedication of the Ogdensburg Free Academy Football Field as the "Mr. Ronald N. Johnson Football Field". The Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby authorize the placement of a plaque to commemorate the dedication of the Ogdensburg Free Academy Football Field in honor of Mr. Ronald N. Johnson, on this 2nd day of April 2018.

APPROVED FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD:


Superintendent

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Nomination for the Football Field

to be named after Ronald N. Johnson

Submitted by: Timothy M. Vernsey

Background: The OFA football field has yet to be given a proper name. The field has been complete and operational for three years. After giving this much thought over the past three years I believe I have a candidate worthy of such an honor. Ron Johnson's career at OFA spanned 33 years and included holding positions of Physical Education Teacher and Athletic Director. Mr. Johnson's participation in the OFA football program which began as a High School student has spanned over 40 years with 21 years of this coaching OFA football, 5 as wrestling coach and 5 as Track and Field coach. He still acts as a consultant to the OFA football coaches to this very day.

Mr. Johnson's resume is extensive and here I highlight some of his accomplishments that add support for this nomination request:

- 1969-1973: played four years of football and wrestling at Saint Lawrence University and named captain of wrestling team senior year.
- Career at OFA spanned 33 years and included teaching Physical Education and Athletic Director.
- 10 years as an Assistant Football coach where he was part of OFA's 55 game winning streak with an overall win loss record of 45-6.
- 11 years as OFA Head Football coach where he had a win loss record of 74 and 29 (overall record as Varsity Football Coach 119-35).
- This eleven-year stint as Head Coach resulted in 2 Section X Class A Championships and 5 Class B Championships as well as the 1997 Section VII-X Superbowl Championship.
- Mr. Johnson served 16 years as the Chairman of Section X Football.
- OFA Wrestling Coach for 5 years where he coached 10 individual Section X Champions.
- OFA Boys Track coach for 5 years where he coached 3 Section X Championship teams with one undefeated season.



- Upon retirement Mr. Johnson has continued his service to the district by being elected to two consecutive 5-year terms on the district's Board of Education where he has also been elected President the last four years.
- Mr. Johnson's total service to the district currently stands at 42 years and counting.

Mr. Johnson has also been deeply involved in the Ogdensburg community as a volunteer and longtime member of the Elks Lodge and the Moose Lodge.

Summary Statement: Ronald N. Johnson has had a lasting impact on Ogdensburg Free Academy and the Football Program that continues to this day. His 42 years of service to the district is a testament of his long standing commitment to the Ogdensburg City School District. For all of the aforesaid reasons I respectfully submit a request to have the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District name the OFA Football Field the: **Ronald N. Johnson Football Field**