

OGDENSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
OGDENSBURG, NEW YORK

SUBJECT: Board Resolution to Dedicate the Ogdensburg Free Academy Track & Field Complex as the Mr. Steven J. Barlow Ogdensburg Free Academy Track and Field Complex

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.

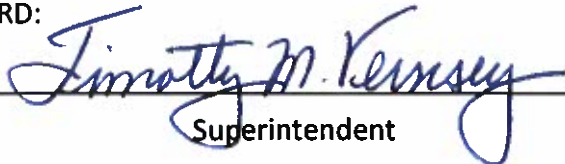
FACTS AND ANALYSIS:

The Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District wishes to recognize Mr. Steven J. Barlow's 40 years of service and dedication to the Ogdensburg City School District and the children of Ogdensburg. Mr. Barlow was a Math Teacher, Assistant High School Principal, High School Principal, Cross Country Coach, Indoor and Outdoor Track Coach and has participated as an athlete, coach and official in the longest standing track meet in New York State "The Van Dusen" for over 40 years. Mr. Barlow is determined to make Ogdensburg a better place to live. In honor of Mr. Barlow's efforts' to support and advocate for children in our community, the district would like to dedicate the Ogdensburg Free Academy Track and Field Complex 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 Track and Field Complex as the "Mr. Steven J. Barlow Track and Field Complex". 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 Track and Field Complex in honor of Mr. Steven J. Barlow, on this 2nd day of April 2018.

APPROVED FOR PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD:


Superintendent

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Attachment

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Nomination for the Track and Field Complex

to be named after Steven J. Barlow

Submitted by: Timothy M. Vernsey

Background: The OFA turf field and track have yet to be given a proper name. The facility 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. Steve Barlow's stellar career at OFA spanned 34 years and included holding positions of Mathematics Teacher, Assistant High School Principal, and High School Principal. Mr. Barlow's track and field participation has spanned over 40 years with 17 years of this coaching Cross Country and Indoor and Outdoor Track. He holds multiple records the most striking of which are his overall 112-5 win loss record in dual meets and his participation (as an athlete, coach and official) in the longest standing track meet in New York State history "The Van Dusen" for over 40 years.

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

- Inducted into the Potsdam High School Hall of Fame as a member of the 1965, 1966, and 1967 Track and Field Teams.
- Career at OFA spanned 34 years and included teaching high school math for 20 years, Assistant High School Principal/Math & Computer Coordinator for 2 years, and High School Principal for 12 years.
- Administrative chair for cross country, indoor track, and spring track for 14 years.
- Van Dusen Meet Assistant Coordinator/Coordinator for 40+ years. Wrote the software program that was used from 1985 to about 2008 to facilitate the entries, seeding, officiating and scoring of the Van Dusen meet when it became a combined meet.
- Assistant Track Coach (John Bramhall – Head Coach) for 6 years from 1971-1976 helping to bring OFA back to a Track superpower and dethroning Potsdam as Van Dusen/Sectional Champ in 1974. Also won the Championship in 1975 and 1976.



- Head Coach cross country for 8 years, indoor track for 11 years, and spring track for 11 years.
- 7 Indoor track sectional championships, 3 seconds.
- 6 Van Dusen Championships, 5 seconds.
- 6 Sectional Championships, 5 seconds.
- **Overall dual meet record 112-5**
- When the Van Dusen became a coed meet in 1985, combined with the girls to win 3 of the first 6 combined meets.
- Chaired the first and only NYSPHAA Track and Field meet hosted by Section 10.
- Charter member of the NNYTOA (Track Officials Association) and is presently serving a third term as president.
- USA Track and Field Certified Official. Has been the lead official in the long, triple, and high jumps in many NYS and SUNYAC Meets at the college level.

Mr. Barlow has also been deeply involved in the Ogdensburg community as a volunteer and longtime member of the Lions Club, the Elks Lodge, and the K of C. Mr. Barlow served on the Ogdensburg Bridge and Port Authority Board for 6 years and is a member of Notre Dame Parish.

Summary Statement: Steven J. Barlow has had a lasting impact on Ogdensburg Free Academy and Track and Field that continues to this day with his participation in officiating the Van Dusen meet, which he has been involved in for over 40 years. 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 Track and Field complex the: **Steven J. Barlow Track and Field Complex.**