

Ogdensburg City School District
Board of Education
Ogdensburg, New York

DATE: June 18th, 2018

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Meeting

WHERE HELD: OFA Cafeteria

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Myers

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 6:03 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 May 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 2018.

Moved By: L. Mitchell

Supported By: M. Tooley

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 18th day of June, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Acceptance of Board of Education Minutes

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 does hereby accept the minutes for the Public Hearing and meeting held on June 4th, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Letters and Communications to the Board of Education

None

Comments Relative to the Agenda

None

OLD BUSINESS:

General Administration Division

Report 1:

Final Review and Adoption of Revised Code of Conduct for the 2018-2019 School Year

Moved By: M. Tooley

Supported By: C. Lalonde

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby adopt the revised Code of Conduct as presented for the 2018-2019 school year this 18th day of June, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 2:

Final Review and Adoption of 2018-2019 Ogdensburg City School District Health Services Policy Manual

Moved By: C. Lalonde

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 adopt the Ogdensburg City School District Health Services Policy Manual, this 18th day of June, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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NEW BUSINESS:

General Administration Division

Report 3:

Recognition of District Employees Retirement/Years of Service

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Vernsey presented 12 employees with a Certificate of Appreciation, including Judy Green for her 50 years of service. Judy was presented with two certificates from Pattie Ritchie's office and the Board of Regents. She was also presented with a gift from the Ogdensburg City School District.

Report 4:

Ogdensburg Education Association Student Award Presentation

Mrs. Drayse-Alonso presented Jordyn Sholette, Olivia Monroe, Justyn McCormick, Jordan Snyder, Emma Henry and Edward Swan with a framed Certificate of Achievement and a \$50.00 Amazon gift card.

Report 5:

Annual Civic Award

Mr. Stephen C. LaRose and Kimro's Medicine Place were presented with the district's Annual Civic Award for 2018, by Mr. Johnson and Mr. Vernsey.

PERSONNEL DIVISION

Report 6:

Appointment of Secondary School Counselor

Moved By: C. Lalonde

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 KATRINA PUTMAN as SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNSELOR, B+60+M, STEP 21, at a salary of \$70,077.00, effective August 1, 2018, status probationary (probationary period 08/01/18 through 06/30/21, 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 3012-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.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Report 7:

Appointment of Secondary School Counselor

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 does hereby appoint KERRI TENEYCK as SECONDARY SCHOOL COUNSELOR, B+30+M, STEP 2, at a salary of \$48,088.00, effective August 1, 2018, status probationary (probationary period 08/01/18 through 06/30/22, 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 3012-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.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 8:

Appointment of Secondary English Teacher

Moved By: L. Zweifel

Supported By: C. Lalonde

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint BENJAMIN MATHEWS as SECONDARY ENGLISH TEACHER, B+45+M, STEP 14, at a salary of \$61,702.00, effective September 1, 2018, status probationary (probationary period 09/01/18 through 06/30/21, 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 3012-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.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Report 9:

Appointment of Half-Time Secondary English Teacher

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 appoint KRISTA WEBER as HALF-TIME SECONDARY ENGLISH TEACHER, B+45+M, STEP 1, at a salary of \$24,039.00, effective September 1, 2018, status probationary (probationary period 09/01/18 through 06/30/22, 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 3012-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.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 10:

Appointment of Half-Time Teaching Assistant

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 does hereby appoint KRISTA WEBER as HALF-TIME TEACHING ASSISTANT, at a salary of \$11,503.00, effective September 1, 2018, status probationary (probationary period 09/01/18 through 06/30/21)

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 11:

Appointment of Part-Time On-Call Laborer

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 appoint COLIN ROSS as PART-TIME ON-CALL LABORER, at a salary of \$10.40 per hour, effective retroactive to May 15, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Report 12:

Resignation of Elementary 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 resignation of MARTH LIGHTFOOT, ELEMENTARY TEACHER, effective August 31, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 13:

Rescission of Appointment of Extended Year Special Education Program Integrated Preschool 8:1:1 Teacher for Summer 2018

Moved By: L. Zweifel

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 RESCISSION of APPOINTMENT of ERICA STEVENSON as EXTENDED YEAR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM INTEGRATED PRESCHOOL 8:1:1 TEACHER, effective June 18, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

BUSINESS AND FINANCE DIVISION

Report 14:

Resolution to Increase the Retirement Contribution Reserve Fund for the 2017-2018 School Year

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 does hereby increase the Retirement Contribution Reserve for the 2017-2018 school year (G/L Account Number A827.00) up to an additional \$400,000 plus interest to be applied June 30, 2018 this 18th day of June, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Report 15:

Resolution to Adjust the Unemployment Reserve for the 2017-2018 School Year

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 increase the balance to the 2017-2018 New York State Unemployment Insurance Reserve fund (G/L Account A815.00) up to an additional \$100,000 plus interest to be applied June 30, 2018, this 18th day of June, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 16:

Resolution to Carry Forward the Tax Certiorari Reserve for the 2012-2013 School Year

Moved By: R. Grizzuto

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 carry forward the tax certiorari reserve (G/L account number A864.13) for the 2012-2013 school year in the amount of \$12,413.77 this 18th day of June, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 17:

Resolution to Carry Forward the Tax Certiorari Reserve for the 2013-2014 School Year

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 does hereby carry forward the tax certiorari reserve (G/L account number A864.14) for the 2013-2014 school year in the amount of \$24,133.63 this 18th day of June, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Report 18:

Resolution to Carry Forward the Tax Certiorari Reserve for the 2014-2015 School Year

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 carry forward the tax certiorari reserve (G/L account number A864.15) for the 2014-2015 school year in the amount of \$22,593.16 this 18th day of June, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 19:

Resolution to Carry Forward the Tax Certiorari Reserve for the 2015-2016 School Year

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 carry forward the tax certiorari reserve (G/L account number A864.16) for the 2015-2016 school year in the amount of \$24,352.85 this 18th day of June, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 20:

Resolution to Carry Forward the Tax Certiorari Reserve for the 2016-2017 School Year

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 carry forward the tax certiorari reserve (G/L account number A864.17) for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$224,043.89 this 18th day of June, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Report 21:

Resolution to Establish and Fund the Tax Certiorari Reserve for the 2017-2018 School Year

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 establish and fund a tax certiorari reserve for the 2017-2018 school year (G/L Account Number A864.18) in the amount of \$320,121.66 this 18th day of June, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 22:

Resolution to Adjust the Employee Benefit Reserve for the 2017-2018 School Year

Moved By: V. Peo

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 increase the Employee Benefit Reserve for the retiree benefit payout (G/L account A867.00) up to an additional \$200,000.00 plus interest to be applied June 30, 2018, this 18th day of June, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 23:

Resolution to Cancel in Whole the Past Due Interest Still Outstanding from the City of Ogdensburg for 2014-2015 School Year for Uncollected School Tax Interest

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 cancel the Tax Receivable 2014-2015 (G/L Account A260.14) being interest uncollected this 18th day of June, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Report 24:

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

Moved By: L. Mitchell

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 18th day of June, 2018.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Other:

None

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

Jeff Smith and his wife were present to thank the Board for allowing the Bike-a-Thon for the St. Jude's Children Hospital to take place in the Golden Dome. They presented the Board with a Certificate of Appreciation for their continued generosity and support.

M. Tooley provided comments on his decision to revisit the renaming of the Track and Field Complex. He believes that there was a failure on the Board's side to handle the selection of an honoree. There should have been a public forum provided for comments and regrets any suffering that has taken place because of this oversight.

J. King believes there is an easy solution to this issue. He commented that there is no shame is changing the decision now that the Board has all of the facts and has heard from the public.

M. Tooley proposed the resolution to revisit the renaming of the Track and Field Complex.

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 reopen to revisit the renaming of the Track and Field Complex.

Ayes: R. Grizzuto, J. King, V. Peo, M. Tooley

Nays: R. Johnson, C. Lalonde, L. Mitchell and L. Zweifel

Motion Did Not Carry

Mrs. Penny Raftis Sharrow was present to address the Board. Mrs. Sharrow expressed her disappointment in not being considered for the naming of the Track and Field Complex. She also acknowledged that Mr. Barlow has reached out to find a resolution that might include a second

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sign or dedicated archway. Mrs. Sharrow commented that she did not expect this to unfold as it has and the initiative is not meant to cast Mr. Barlow's honor in a negative light.

Barbara Barlow was present to provide comments regarding the proposed renaming of the Track and Field Complex. She expressed her and her families honor at hearing that Mr. Barlow has been awarded such honor. Unfortunately Mrs. Barlow and her family have also experienced negative comments on various social media regarding the issue of renaming the Track and Field Complex. She believes this has negatively impacted the honor bestowed on her husband and has had negative repercussions for her family.

Diane Para was present to address the Board. She spoke to the negative social media comments as not being initiated or participated in by the group whom have spearheaded this initiative. She also reiterated that all material has been made public and provided to the Board. She also expressed that this was in no way meant to slight or cast Mr. Barlow's honor in a negative light.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Vote to Adjourn to Executive Session

Moved By: M. Tooley

Supported By: V. Peo

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 7:10 p.m.
Next meeting held on July 2nd, 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mariah Ahmad
Board Clerk