

Ogdensburg City School District
Board of Education
Ogdensburg, New York

DATE: February 22, 2021

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Meeting

WHERE HELD: OFA Cafeteria/Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ronald Johnson, Craig Lalonde, Pamela Luckie, Lawrence Mitchell, Michael Myers, Connor Sutton, Elizabeth Testani, Laurie Zweifel,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vicky Peo, Elexis Beaulieu, Student Representative

OTHERS PRESENT: Superintendent Kevin Kendall, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment and Technology Jacquelyn Kelly, Patricia Smithers, Board Clerk Mariah Pearson, and Citizens

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Board President Ronald Johnson at 6:04 p.m. via zoom and 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 January 28, 29, 2021 and February 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 12, 2021

Moved By: C. Lalonde

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 accept the recommendations as presented this 22nd day of February 2021.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Acceptance of Board of Education Minutes

Moved By: L. Mitchell

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 approve the Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes, with minor changes, held on February 1st and 8th, 2021.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

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Motion Carried

Letters and Communications to the Board of Education

A St. Lawrence County Administrator wrote in to thank the District for the use of the Dome for Vaccine distribution.

Comments Relative to the Agenda

None

OLD BUSINESS:

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Report 1:

Final Review and Adoption of Proposed 2020-2021 District-Wide Safety Plan/Pandemic Response Plan

Moved By: C. Sutton

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 2020-2021 District-Wide Safety Plan/Pandemic Response Plan, as presented, this 22nd day of February 2021.

Ayes: Ronald Johnson, Craig Lalonde, Pamela Luckie, Lawrence Mitchell, Connor Sutton, Elizabeth Testani, Laurie Zweifel,

Nays: Michael Myers

Motion Carried

Report 2:

Final Review and Adoption of Revised Board of Education Policy/Regulation #3420 Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment in District

Moved By: C. Sutton

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 #3420 Non-Discrimination and Anti-Harassment in District, as presented, this 22nd day of February 2021.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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NEW BUSINESS:
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Report 3:

Ogdensburg Public Library Representatives Present Petitions to the Board of Education to place a “School Ballot Referendum” on the May 18th, 2021 Annual School Election and Budget Vote Ballot

The Executive Director, Ms. Penny Kerfien, was present to address the Board. She will provide updated information regarding the taxes to the Board via email. Unfortunately, this city will not continue to fund the Public Library after this year. The library is asking for an increase on the current tax collected.

Mr. Johnson read a statement which confirmed this request to add the referendum to the District Budget and Election Vote and it is completely separate of the Ogdensburg City School District.

Report 4:

Co-Curricular Activities Treasurer’s Quarterly Report

No action necessary, information and discussion only.

Report 5:

Internal Claims Auditor Quarterly Report

No action necessary, information and discussion only.

Report 6:

Annual Meeting of the BOCES Board and Election of Board Members

Information item, no action taken.

Report 7:

Adoption of 2021-2020 School Calendar

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 accept the 2021-2022 school calendar as presented, and the same shall be and is hereby adopted this 22nd day of February, 2021.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Report 8:

Sports Merger with the Heuvelton Central School District Spring 2020-2021 Boys
Modified Track

Moved By: C. Sutton

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 approve the sports merger with Heuvelton Central School District in Spring Sports – Spring Track (Boys Modified) for the 2020-2021 school year this 22nd day of February 2021.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 9:

Sports Merger with the Heuvelton Central School District Spring 2020-2021 Boys
Varsity Track

Moved By: L. Zweifel

Supported By: E. Testani

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby approve the sports merger with Heuvelton Central School District in Spring Sports – Spring Track (Boys Varsity) for the 2020-2021 school year this 22nd day of February 2021.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 10:

Sports Merger with the Heuvelton Central School District Spring 2020-2021 Girls
Modified Track

Moved By: L. Mitchell

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 approve the sports merger with Heuvelton Central School District in Spring Sports – Spring Track (Girls Modified) for the 2020-2021 school year this 22nd day of February 2021.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Report 11:

Sports Merger with the Heuvelton Central School District Spring 2020-2021 Girls
Varsity Track

Moved By: C. Sutton

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 approve the sports merger with Heuvelton Central School District in Spring Sports – Spring Track (Girls Varsity) for the 2020-2021 school year this 22nd day of February 2021.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 12:

Sports Merger with the Heuvelton Central School District Spring 2020-2021 Boys
Modified Lacrosse

Moved By: P. Luckie

Supported By: E. Testani

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby approve the sports merger with Heuvelton Central School District in Spring Sports – Lacrosse (Boys Modified) for the 2020-2021 school year this 22nd day of February 2021.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 13:

Sports Merger with the Heuvelton Central School District Spring 2020-2021 Boys
Varsity Lacrosse

Moved By: M. Myers

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 approve the sports merger with Heuvelton Central School District in Spring Sports – Lacrosse (Boys Varsity) for the 2020-2021 school year this 22nd day of February 2021.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Report 14:

Sports Merger with the Heuvelton Central School District Fall 2020-2021 Modified Football

Moved By: L. Mitchell

Supported By: E. Testani

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby approve the sports merger with Heuvelton Central School District in the fall (2) for Modified Football for the 2020-2021 school year, this 22nd day of February.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 15:

Sports Merger with the Heuvelton Central School District Fall 2020-2021 Junior Varsity Football

Moved By: L. Mitchell

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 approve the sports merger with Heuvelton Central School District in the fall (2) for Junior Varsity Football for the 2020-2021 school year, this 22nd day of February.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 16:

Sports Merger with the Heuvelton Central School District Fall 2020-2021 Varsity Football

Moved By: C. Sutton

Supported By: E. Testani

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby approve the sports merger with Heuvelton Central School District in the fall (2) for Varsity Football for the 2020-2021 school year, this 22nd day of February.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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PERSONNEL DIVISION

Report 17:

Appointment of Substitute Teachers

Moved By: P. Luckie

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 the following as SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS for the 2020-2021 school year:

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS
JUDITH KENNEN
ARIELLE STEWART

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 18:

Appointment of Unpaid Winter Coaches 2020-2021

Moved By: C. Sutton

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 MEGAN MORRISON as UNPAID BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH (5th year), for the 2020-2021 winter season.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint SCOTT SARGENT as UNPAID BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH (2nd year), for the 2020-2021 winter season.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint LYNN BLEVINS as UNPAID BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH (4th year), for the 2020-2021 winter season.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint JAMES MCDONALD III, as UNPAID GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH (7th year), for the 2020-2021 winter season.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint JONATHAN ROGERS as UNPAID

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BOYS JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL COACH (2nd year), for the 2020-2021 winter season.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint JAMES HOWARD as UNPAID VARSITY HOCKEY COACH (4th year), for the 2020-2021 winter season.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

BUSINESS AND FINANCE DIVISION

Report 19:

Resolution to Approve Budget Transfers

Moved By: C. Sutton

Supported By: P. Luckie

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby approve the budget transfers of \$20,000 on this 22nd day of February 2021.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 20:

P.I.L.O.T. Consent Resolution (Royal Solar Partners LLC Project)

Moved By: M. Myers

Supported By: C. Sutton

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby approve the P.I.L.O.T. Consent Resolution with the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency and the Royal Solar Partners, LLC, as submitted this 22nd day of February 2021.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 21:

P.I.L.O.T. Consent Resolution (Royal Solar Partners LLC Project)

Moved By: L. Mitchell

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 approve the P.I.L.O.T. Consent Resolution with the St. Lawrence County Industrial Development Agency and the Royal Solar Partners,

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LLC, as submitted this 22nd day of February 2021.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 22:

STAR Credit/Exemption Discussion

No action necessary, information and discussion only.

Report 23:

Revised Report of Unpaid Taxes 2020-2021

Moved By: E. Testani

Supported By: L. Zweifel

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the 2020-2021 Tax Collector's Report shows the total taxes collected in the amount of \$8,019,675.21 and that the list of unpaid taxes is as follows: City of Ogdensburg: Taxes \$565,046.41, Interest \$28,252.32; Town of Oswegatchie Taxes \$125,647.29, Interest 6,282.36; 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 24:

2021-2022 Budget Discussion re: Elementary Department Kennedy School
Budget/Madill School Budget

No action necessary, information and discussion only.

Report 25:

2021-2022 Budget Discussion re: Special Education Department

E. Testani asked for some information on how administration and faculty determine the numbers for the special education budget.

Report 26:

2021-2022 Budget Discussion re: Computer Assisted Instruction

No action necessary, information and discussion only.

Report B1-B6:

Consent Agenda for items B1-B6

Moved By: M. Myers

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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 approve reports B1-B6 as part of a Consent Agenda this 22nd day of February 2021.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Other:

None

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

E. Testani asked about student enrollment and how that is factored in when determining budget estimates. She is eager to get students back into school full time. She asked administration if there is a way to do this in the long term. Mr. Kendall does not feel bringing the 6th grade to OFA would necessarily help in this instance. The 6th grade students may get lost in the shuffle of coming out to OFA and he believes they are better served where they are.

ADJOURNMENT:

Moved By: L. Mitchell

Supported By: C. Lalonde

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby adjourn at 6:52 pm.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Next meeting held on March 1st, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mariah Pearson
Board Clerk