

Ogdensburg City School District
Board of Education
Ogdensburg, New York

DATE: March 1st, 2021

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Meeting

WHERE HELD: OFA Cafeteria

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Myers, 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 6:00 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 February 22, 24, 2021

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 accept the recommendations as presented this 1st day of March 2021.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Acceptance of Board of Education Minutes

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 approve the Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes, with minor changes, held on February 22nd, 2021.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

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Motion Carried

Letters and Communications to the Board of Education
None

Comments Relative to the Agenda
None

OLD BUSINESS:
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Report 1:
Resolution for the Ogdensburg Public Library Proposition

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 resolve that the following proposition be placed on the ballot for approval by the voters at the Annual Meeting School District Election and Budget Vote to be held May 18, 2021:

“Resolved that pursuant to the Education Law, Section 259, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District is authorized to levy and collect an annual tax, year after year, separate and apart from the annual school district budget an increase of \$225,000, in addition to the current appropriation of \$125,00, for a new total of \$350,000, 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:
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

Report 2:

Setting Date of the Public Budget Hearing 2021

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 elect to set a Public Budget Hearing to be held on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the OFA Senior High Cafeteria B.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 3:

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

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 the list of Election Inspectors for the Annual District Budget Vote and School Board Election to be held on May 18, 2021 from 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 4:

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

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 approve the 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 18th, 2021, as submitted this 1st day of March 2021.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

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Report 5:

First Review and Discussion of New Board of Education Policy #5633 (Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms)

No action necessary - First Review and Discussion of New Board of Education Policy #5633 (Gender Neutral Single-Occupancy Bathrooms)

PERSONNEL DIVISION

Report 6:

Resignation of Boys 8th Grade Modified Basketball Coach

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 accept the resignation of RYAN FARRELL as BOYS 8th GRADE MODIFIED BASKETBALL COACH, effective February 17, 2021.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 7:

Resignation of Part-Time Food Service Helper

Moved By: E. Testani

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 accept the resignation of LEEANN KELLEY as PART-TIME FOOD SERVICE HELPER, effective March 4, 2021.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Report 8:

Request for Medical Leave of Absence

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 grant a MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE to the Staff Member identified in Exhibit A, with such leave to commence on or about March 12, 2021, and terminate on or about April 12, 2021. Be it further resolved, that the Staff Member be granted permission to use accumulated leave days during the aforementioned leave period, as per the Family Medical Leave Act.

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Ayes: All Present
Nays: None
Motion Carried

Report 9:
Appointment of Substitute Teacher

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 appoint the following as SUBSTITUTE TEACHER for the 2020-2021 school year:

SUBSTITUTE TEACHER
LOGAN DRAKE

Ayes: All Present
Nays: None
Motion Carried

BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Report 10:
Resolution for Proposition for the Acquisition of School Transportation
Vehicles/Establishment of Capital Reserve Fund

The district will be providing pamphlets to the public, as well as putting together a PR program centered around the proposition. The savings will be mentioned heavily.

Moved By: C. Lalonde
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 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:

Tax Cap Calculation Discussion

The current budget would require a tax levy of 2.13 percent. The Board would like to see numbers for the budget should we not increase the levy at all this year.

Report 12:

2021-2022 Budget Update

P. Smithers listed the large ticket items in next year's budget. Salary and benefit increases are the majority (\$700,000 – \$350,000 in special education as we have brought back some classrooms). There is a \$200,000 increase in equipment. We held off on spending money for equipment last year and used it towards the security project, which we get reimbursed for almost 100%. We will get about \$285,000 to match the line item.

Transportation costs also increased due to contract expirations that were up this year.

L. Mitchell commended all involved for an incredible job. To present a budget that brings in 12 buses with only a 2.13 increase in the tax levy is extraordinary.

E. Testani Asked some questions about staffing during COVID and the impact on the budget. There is a risk that state aid will not be as high as anticipated and this could negatively affect the budget. She also inquired about savings in sports. Is that being reappropriated? P. Smither's responded unfortunately we cannot earmark dollars. The district has to add left over money to the fund balance and this is monitored by the state.

The Board discussed the proposed Capital Outlay Mini Project to replace the Boiler at OFA.

C. Lalonde inquired about an increase in BOCES administrative budget. P. Smither's explained BOCES tells us the administrative line is mostly the retirees and that would be mostly the health insurance cost.

Other:

None

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

None

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

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Nays: None
Motion Carried

Next meeting held on March 15th, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mariah Pearson
Board Clerk