

Ogdensburg City School District  
Board of Education  
Ogdensburg, New York

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DATE: April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

KIND OF MEETING: Regular Meeting

WHERE HELD: OFA Cafeteria

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 6:00 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 March 31, 2021 and April 14, 2021

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 recommendations as presented this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Acceptance of Board of Education Minutes

Moved By: L. Mitchell

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 Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes held on April 5<sup>th</sup>, 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:**  
Final Review and Adoption of Revised Board of Education Policy #7551 Sexual Harassment of Students

Moved By: E. Testani

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 adopt the revised Board of Education Policy #7551 Sexual Harassment of Students (required) as presented this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 2:**  
Second Review of Revised Board of Education Policy #7552 Student Gender Identity

No action necessary – for discussion and information only.

Once finalized and approved by the Board, the information will be sent to parents and students. Some Board members expressed concern with the accommodations. Mr. Kendall explained accommodations will be made on a case-by-case basis. The district has access to other facilities within the locker rooms to provide private space for individuals.

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

**Report 3:**  
2021-2022 BOCES Administrative Budget Vote

Moved By: C. Lalonde

Supported By: L. Mitchell

**RESOLVED:** The Clerk of the Board, having polled the members of the Ogdensburg City School District Board of Education, will complete the Certification of the vote.

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Ayes: All Present  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

**Report 4:**

Election of Members of the Board of Cooperative Educational Services

Moved By: L. Mitchell

Supported By: M. Myers

**RESOLVED:** The Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby cast one vote for each vacancy (three vacancies exist) on the Board of Cooperative Education Services of St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties to be filled at the annual election to be held on Monday, April 19, 2021. The Board of Education of each component school district, by resolution, may cast one vote for each vacancy to be filled, provided that no more than one vote may be cast for any candidate.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 5-24:**

Consent Agenda for items 5-24

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 mergers with Heuvelton and Lisbon Central School Districts 2021-2022 school year, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**PERSONNEL DIVISION**

**Report 25:**

Appointment of Substitute Teacher

Moved By: E. Testani

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

SUSTITUTE TEACHER
SHELBY ROSS

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Ayes: All Present  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

**Report 26:**

Appointment of Part-Time, On-Call Labors

Moved By: L. Zweifel

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 appoint NICHOLAS SHOLETTE as PART-TIME ON-CALL LABORER, at a salary of \$12.50 per hour, effective April 19, 2021.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint ZACHARY WORDEN as PART-TIME ON-CALL LABORER, at a salary of \$12.50 per hour, effective April 19, 2021.

Ayes: All Present  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

**BUSINESS AND FINANCE**

**Report 27:**

Resolution to Approve Budget Transfers

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 budget transfers of \$1,225,000 on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

Ayes: All Present  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

**Report B1-B6:**

Consent Agenda for items B1-B6

Moved By: L. Mitchell

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 reports B1-B6 as part of a Consent Agenda this 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

Ayes: All Present  
Nays: None  
Motion Carried

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Other:

None

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

Mrs. Testani has contacted the Board and administration concerning questions she received from the public. The Board in general expressed interest in updates on Graduation, Section X spectator guidelines, updated COVID guidelines and bringing the students back full time.

Administration is meeting now to discuss the new guidelines from the CDC and Section X on social distancing. Mr. Kendall hopes to open the school fully before next year to help acclimate the kids back into this routine. Graduation will hopefully take place outdoors this year and if the attendance goes over 200 individuals everyone will be required to have their vaccine card or a COVID test 72 hours prior. It is still unclear if this applies to the students and workers at the event.

The district has been awarded roughly 4.5 million to be spent over 3 years by the state. The parameters for how this money can be spent are still being hashed out by the state, however the district will only have until July 1 to put this plan in place.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved By: L. Zweifel

Supported By: E. Testani

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby adjourn at 6:24 pm.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Next meeting held on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mariah Pearson  
Board Clerk