

Ogdensburg City School District  
Board of Education  
Ogdensburg, New York

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**DATE:** May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**KIND OF MEETING:** Regular Meeting

**WHERE HELD:** OFA Cafeteria

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ronald Johnson, Pamela Luckie, Lawrence Mitchell, Michael Myers (6:06), Connor Sutton, Elizabeth Testani

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Craig Lalonde, Vicky Peo, Laurie Zweifel, 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. 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 April 15, 16, 19, 20, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29, 2021 and May 3, 4, 5, 2021

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 accept the recommendations as presented this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Acceptance of Board of Education Minutes

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 Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes held on April 19<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 #7552 Student Gender Identity

Moved By: L. Mitchell

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 adopt the Revised Board of Education Policy #7552 Student Gender Identity as presented this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: Michael C. Myers

Motion Carried

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION DIVISION

**Report 2:**

Recognition of the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2021

No action necessary, information only.

**Report 3:**

First Review of 2021-022 Ogdensburg City School District Health Services Policy Manual

M. Myers expressed concern with the word “appear” in regards to symptoms, citing it in the Department of Health Guidelines.

E. Testani has recommended students and staff members should not be able to come back to school if they have a fever. This would be a change to the wording in the manual to read “may not return”.

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**Report 4:**

First Review and Discussion of Proposed Changes to the 2021-2022 Code of Conduct

M. Myers recommended an update to page 9 denoting the Department of Health Guidelines supersede the facemask regulations.

**Report 5:**

First Review and Discussion of Ogdensburg City School District Revised District-Wide School Safety Plan/Communicable Disease-Pandemic Plan for 2021-2022

No action necessary – First review and discussion only.

**Report 6:**

Co-Curricular Activities Treasurer's Quarterly Report

No action necessary – First review and discussion only.

**Report 7:**

Internal Auditor's Quarterly Report

No action necessary – First review and discussion only.

**Report 8:**

Sports Merger for the 2021-2022 School Year with Canton Central School District-Girls Varsity Hockey

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 request with the Canton Central School District in Girls Varsity Hockey for the 2021-2022 school year, on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**PERSONNEL DIVISION**

**Report 9:**

Request for Medical Leave of Absence

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 grant a MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE to

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the Staff Member identified in Exhibit A, with such leave to commence on or about August 5, 2021, and terminate on or about October 4, 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.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 10:**

Request for Medical Leave of Absence

Moved By: P. Luckie

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 grant a MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE to the Staff Member identified in Exhibit A, with such leave to commence on or about June 14, 2021, and terminate on or about June 15, 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.

Ayes: Ronald Johnson, Pamela Luckie, Michael Myers (6:06), Connor Sutton, Elizabeth Testani

Nays: None

Abstain: Lawrence Mitchell

Motion Carried

**Report 11:**

Retirement of Secondary Social Studies Teacher

Moved By: M. Myers

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 retirement of CHRISTOPHER MCROBERTS, SECONDARY SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER, effective June 30, 2024.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 12:**

Resignation of Teaching Assistant

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 KEVIN PEARSON as TEACHING ASSISTANT, effective May 17, 2021.

Ayes: All Present

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Nays: None  
Motion Carried

**Report 13:**

Resignation of Modified Baseball 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 KEVIN PEARSON as MODIFIED BASEBALL COACH, effective May 15, 2021.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 14:**

Appointment of Teacher of Speech and Language Disabilities

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 appoint TAMARA ROSEMYER as TEACHER OF THE SPEECH AND LANGUAGE DISABILITIES, BA+45+M, STEP 20, at a salary of \$68,228.00, effective September 1, 2021, status probationary (probationary period is September 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, 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 two (2) of the three (3) preceding years, and if the teacher received 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 15:**

Appointment of Part-Time, On-Call Labors

Moved By: L. Mitchell

Supported By: P. Luckie

RESOLVED: Having the approval of the Superintendent of School, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint MATTHEW SHOLETTE as PART-TIME ON-CALL LABORER, at a salary of \$12.50 per hour, effective May 1, 2021.

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Having the approval of the Superintendent of School, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint AVERY LOVE as PART-TIME ON-CALL LABORER, at a salary of \$12.50 per hour, effective May 1, 2021.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 16:**

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
JAMES FOX

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

**Report 17:**

Appointment of Unpaid Spring Coaches

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 appoint JOSEPH LYNCH as UNPAID VARSITY GOLF COACH, (1<sup>st</sup> year), for the 2020-21 spring season.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint MATTHEW TESSMER as UNPAID VARSITY GOLF COACH, (7<sup>th</sup> year), for the 2020-21 spring season.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint SHANNON LAFAVE as UNPAID VARSITY SOFTBALL COACH, (3<sup>rd</sup> year), for the 2020-21 spring season.

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 VARSITY SOFTBALL COACH, (2<sup>nd</sup> year), for the 2020-21 spring season.

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Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint STEPHEN PEARSON as UNPAID VARSITY BASEBALL COACH, (7<sup>th</sup> year), for the 2020-21 spring season.

Having the approval of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby appoint RICK LEDWITH as UNPAID WRESTLING COACH (All Levels), (2<sup>nd</sup> year), for the 2020-21 spring season.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Other:

None

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

C. Sutton thanked Bob Ladouceur and the AV club for their providing an opportunity for parents to watch their children play over the winter season.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Moved By: L. Mitchel

Supported By: M. Myers

RESOLVED: That, the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg City School District does hereby adjourn at 6:30 pm.

Ayes: All Present

Nays: None

Motion Carried

Next meeting held on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mariah Pearson  
Board Clerk