

OGDENSBURG BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 2, 2021 Agenda
6:30 p.m. Regular Session

The Regular Session of the Ogdensburg Board of Education is called to order at _____ p.m. (via Zoom Video Conference)

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE: Read by _____:

"This is to advise the general public and to instruct that it be recorded in the Minutes that in compliance with Chapter 231 of the Public Laws of 1975, entitled the "Open Public Meetings Act", Ogdensburg Board of Education, caused notice of this meeting to be posted at the Office of Ogdensburg Board of Education, mailed to the newspapers circulated in the district and to the Municipal Clerk of the Borough of Ogdensburg, and be posted at the Ogdensburg Elementary School and the school website, setting forth the time, date, and location of this meeting."

FLAG SALUTE

THE AMERICAN'S CREED, by William Tyler Page, 1917

"I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed, a democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country, to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies."

ROLL CALL:

Ms. Corban _____ Ms. Walsh _____ Ms. Donegan _____
Mr. Donegan _____ Mr. Conklin _____ Ms. Gough _____
Ms. Lamonica _____

Also in attendance:
Superintendent/Principal, Mr. David Astor
Board Secretary, Mr. Rich Rennie

PRESENTATION(S)

OPEN SESSION #1

COMMITTEE REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS

Board Business:

Reminder, School Officials and Board Members must file the Personal/Relative and Financial Disclosure Statements pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq. of the School Ethics Act. If you are required to file, you should have received an email from the NJ Ethics Commission (tentatively scheduled to open on 2/1/21 and we'll have 30 days from that point to complete).

Superintendent Evaluation tool should open (or open soon) on NJSBA.org

Will be working on 2021-2022 District Goals at the June 1, 2021 Board meeting with Kathy from NJ School Boards

Personnel/Program:

Facilities/Finance:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Drills for the previous month:

Fire Drill: 1/18/21

Security Drill: 1/21/21

Shelter in Place Drill: 1/27/21

Bus (Van) Drill: 1/28/21

HIB's for the previous month: none

Congrats to Mr. Reeth: Next Gen Personal Finance / Nearpod

CORRESPONDENCE:

COR 01: Correspondence from Ms. Byrne dated January 25, 2021

BOARD BUSINESS

MOTION presented by _____ and seconded by _____ to approve:

BB 01: Approval of Minutes: January 5, 2021 Reorganization Meeting

BB 02: Approval of Minutes: January 5, 2021 Regular Meeting

BB 03: Appointments and Delegates

- a. Appointment, by the President, of delegate and alternates to the New Jersey and Sussex County School Board Associations:

Delegate Ms. Donegan
State/County Alternate Ms. Walsh

b. Appointment, by the President, of a Member and one alternate to the Sussex County Educational Services Commission Board of Directors:

Member Mr. Conklin
Alternate Ms. Walsh

c. Appointment, by the President, of a Member and one alternate to the New Jersey School Board Legislative Delegate:

Member Ms. Gough
Alternate Mr. Donegan

d. Appointment, by the President, Board members to serve a one-year term on following Board standing committees:

Personnel/Program: Ms. Donegan (Chair), Ms. Walsh, Ms. Gough
Facilities / Finance: Mr. Donegan (Chair), Mr. Conklin, Ms. Lamonica
Negotiations: Ms. Corban, Ms. Walsh, Ms. Lamonica
Ad Hoc Committee: Ms. Donegan

BB 03: Resolution

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING GOVERNOR MURPHY TO INCLUDE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT PERSONNEL IN THE OFFICIAL EXPERT VACCINE ALLOTMENT PANEL'S DEFINITION OF FRONTLINE WORKERS

WHEREAS, the Ogdensburg Board of Education recognizes that the United States, the State of New Jersey and local health authorities, as well as the World Health Organization, have declared a public health emergency regarding the Coronavirus or COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the federal and state authorities have put in place guidance detailing the precautionary measures schools must implement to stop its spread of this disease; and

WHEREAS, public schools have a profound impact on millions of students, families and staff and are charged with the care, education, nourishment of their students and are an integral part of the health and safety of our communities; and

WHEREAS, our district has responded to the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, providing students and staff members with the technology and resources necessary to ensure the efficient delivery of instruction, virtually and in-person; and

WHEREAS, the board has a substantial public interest in protecting the health and safety of its students, staff, and community and ensuring that the district can provide staff and students with a safe and effective educational environment that supports student achievement; and

WHEREAS, the board recognizes that this health emergency made it necessary to close schools and reinvent the educational programs in a virtual setting and that this may have an adverse impact on student achievement and the emotional and social wellbeing of students; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Vaccination Plan published by the State of New Jersey Department of Health (December 15, 2020, pgs. 36-37) prioritizes the availability of vaccines to “essential workers” in Phase 1B of the vaccine protocol; and

WHEREAS, school district staff at all levels are essential to the day-to-day operations of this district, responsible for the thorough and efficient education of all students and their social and emotional wellbeing, are critical for virtual and in-class instruction and are “essential workers;”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Ogdensburg Board of Education finds a substantial public purpose exists to request that Governor Murphy give appropriate priority in the statewide administration of the COVID-19 vaccine to all public school district personnel.

COVID-19 Vaccination Plan published by the State of New Jersey Department of Health, see: <https://nj.gov/health/legal/covid19/NJ%20Interim%20COVID-19%20Vaccination%20Plan%20-%20Revised%2012-15-20.pdf>

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the member of the insert legislative district number legislative district delegation, Assembly Speaker Craig J. Coughlin, Senate President Stephen M. Sweeney, Governor Phil Murphy, and to the New Jersey School Boards Association

Ms. Corban _____	Ms. Walsh _____	Ms. Donegan _____
Mr. Donegan _____	Mr. Conklin _____	Ms. Gough _____
Ms. Lamonica _____		

PERSONNEL/PROGRAM

MOTION presented by _____ and seconded by _____ to approve:

P/P – 01 RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, affirms the Superintendent’s Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying Report for January 2021 as presented on February 2, 2021 with Board options to affirm, reject or modify the report.

P/P – 02 RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves submission to the Sussex County Executive Superintendent of Schools to waive the requirements for SEMI participation based on the evidence that the District will have 19 Medicaid eligible classified students for the 2021/2022 School Year.

P/P – 03 RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves a leave of absence for Mrs. Stephanie Byrne to commence on or about March 29, 2021. Mrs. Byrne intends to use 40.5 accumulated sick days during the disability period, then wishes to be placed on Family Medical Leave in accordance with FMLA and NJFLA. Mrs. Byrne plans on returning to her current position at the beginning of next school year (September 2021). All leaves are in accordance with current federal and state laws.

P/P - 04 RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the appointment of Ms. Jen Hunter as a maternity fill in for Ms. Byrne’s class for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year. Ms. Hunter will be paid at the Step 1, BA daily rate for her days worked (Estimated start date 3/29/21).

P/P – 05 RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoints the following para-professional staff members in positions which are represented by the Ogdensburg Education Association, for the 2020-2021 school year. Part time schedules to be determined:

				2020-2021		
Name		Step	Per Hour			
Brielle Hilbert	Aide	Hourly	\$15.78			

P/P – 06 RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves Jason Havel as a substitute custodian for the 2020/2021 school year at the hourly rate of \$13.86. All hires will be contacted on an ‘as needed basis’ and require appropriate paperwork and approvals.

Ms. Corban _____ Ms. Walsh _____ Ms. Donegan _____
Mr. Donegan _____ Mr. Conklin _____ Ms. Gough _____
Ms. Lamonica _____

FACILITIES/FINANCE

MOTION presented by _____ and seconded by _____ to approve:

F/F – 01 RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education approves the January 2021 Check Register for checks from 001301 through 015837 with January Payroll transfers of \$305,813.66 and accounts payable of \$157,985.53 for a total of \$463,799.19

F/F – 02 RESOLVED that Ogdensburg Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10, accepts that as of December 2020 no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10.

F/F - 03 RESOLVED that the Ogdensburg Board of Education accepts the Board Secretary’s and Treasurer’s monthly financial reports for December 2020

F/F – 04 RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education accepts, in compliance with N.J.A.C 6A:23A-16.10, line item transfers for the month of December 2020, to ensure that no line items are over-expended, and the Board acknowledges that this/these transfer(s) may increase / decrease the maximum dollar limit established as part of the budget process for various budget lines.

F/F – 05 RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education accepts the following amendment to the ESEA Grant funds for the 2020/2021 school year as follows:

Transfer the following fund FROM Title IVA TO 100-100 line of Title I-A:

Transferring the following from Title IV-A

100-300	Instruction:	-\$1,000
100-600	Instruction:	-\$9,000
	Total:	-\$10,000

The updated allocation for Title I-A would be

100-100	Instruction:	\$31,300
100-600		\$279
200-200	Support Services:	\$12,520
	Total:	\$44,099

F/F - 06 Motion to approve a shared service agreement with The Hardyston Township Board of Education for emergency nursing services, as needed, at a rate of \$280.00 per day (20-21 Agreement is attached)

F/F – 07 RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education approves the following check registers for fourth quarter (Dec 2020):

Activities Account	\$27,784.58
Athletics Account	\$2,904.76
Cafeteria Account	\$2,563.21
Unemployment	\$77,634.82

Ms. Corban _____ Ms. Walsh _____ Ms. Donegan _____
Mr. Donegan _____ Mr. Conklin _____ Ms. Gough _____
Ms. Lamonica _____

OPEN SESSION #2

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION presented by _____, and seconded by _____ to accept the following declaration of Executive Session as presented @ _____ p.m.:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ogdensburg Board of Education adopts the following resolution:

"WHEREAS, The Open Public Meeting Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975 permits the exclusion of the public from a meeting in certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Ogdensburg Board of Education is of the opinion that such circumstances presently exist;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Ogdensburg Board of Education, County of Sussex, State of New Jersey that a closed session of this Board of Education, where the public shall be excluded, will be held at this time for the purpose as stated below; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any action of the Board with regard to the closed session discussions shall be disclosed to the public at a later date and to the extent that the same is not prejudicial to the interests of the parties involved and would not result in a possible invasion of their right to privacy."

Topics include:

Ms. Corban _____ Ms. Walsh _____ Ms. Donegan _____
Mr. Donegan _____ Mr. Conklin _____ Ms. Gough _____
Ms. LaMonica _____

RE-ENTER PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION presented by _____, and seconded by _____ that the
Ogdensburg Board of Education returns to Public Session at _____ p.m.

Ms. Corban _____ Ms. Walsh _____ Ms. Donegan _____
Mr. Donegan _____ Mr. Conklin _____ Ms. Gough _____
Ms. Lamonica _____

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

ADJOURN

MOTION presented by _____, and seconded by _____ that the
Ogdensburg Board of Education adjourn at _____ p.m.

Ms. Corban _____ Ms. Walsh _____ Ms. Donegan _____
Mr. Donegan _____ Mr. Conklin _____ Ms. Gough _____
Ms. Lamonica _____