OGDENSBURG BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes: January 3, 2023

1. CALL TO ORDER: Rich Rennie, Board Secretary

The Regular Session of the Ogdensburg Board of Education is called to order at 5:37 p.m. in the Library of the Ogdensburg School, 100 Main Street, Ogdensburg, New Jersey, 07439.

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. 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."

4. OPEN PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE: Read by Rich Rennie, Board Secretary,

"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, be posted at the Ogdensburg School and its website setting forth the time, date, and location of this meeting."

5. SCHOOL ELECTION RESULTS – from November 2021

Mr. Richard Rennie, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, read the election results and gave the Oath of Office to the following new and incumbent board members: Oaths duly sworn and Code of Ethics affirmed by re-elected and current members:

• (3-year term): Ms. Heather Shinn

• (3-year term): Mr. Daniel Mortensen

• (2-year term): Ms. Alyssa Allen

• (1-year term): Mr. Lazaro Menendez

ROLL CALL:

AYE: Ms. Corban, Ms. Walsh, Mr. Donegan, Ms. Allen ABSENT: Ms. Schinn, Mr. Mortensen, Mr. Menendez

Also attending: Superintendent/Principal, David Astor, and Business Administrator, Rich Rennie

ORGANIZATION MEETING

1. The President shall be elected by a public roll call vote of a majority of Board members in attendance. In the event of lack of a majority, those two nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will become the candidates for a second vote. In the event a tie prevents selecting only two nominees, those nominees involved in the tie shall also become candidates for the second vote. Third and successive votes will be cast in the same manner as the second, if necessary, until one candidate receives the necessary majority. In the event no majority is reached, after thirty days from the beginning of the election, the County Superintendent of Schools shall appoint a president.

The Vice President shall be elected by the same procedure as the President. All votes shall be recorded by the Secretary.

Mr. Rennie calls for nominations for President:

(1)	Mr. Donegan	Ms. Walsh	Ms. Corban
		Moved	Seconded
(2)	N/A		
		Moved	Seconded

MOTION to close nominations moved by Ms. Donegan, and seconded by Ms. Walsh

AYE: Ms. Corban, Ms. Walsh, Mr. Donegan, Ms. Allen ABSENT: Ms. Schinn, Mr. Mortensen, Mr. Menendez

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mr. Donegan - First Nominee

AYE: Ms. Corban, Ms. Walsh, Mr. Donegan, Ms. Allen ABSENT: Ms. Schinn, Mr. Mortensen, Mr. Menendez

ROLL CALL VOTE:

(2)	N/A							
Second Nominee								
Mr. Donegan elected as President.								
THE BOARD PRESIDENT PRESIDES OVER MEETING:								
3.	Election of Vice-Preside	ent of the Board:						
The President calls for nomination of Vice-President:								
(1)	Ms. Corban	Ms. Walsh	Ms. Allen					
) ()	Moved	Seconded					
(2)N/A	Moved	Seconded					
(1)	Ms. Corban First Nominee							
ROL	L CALL VOTE:							
		, Mr. Donegan, Ms. Allen						
ABSENT: Ms. Schinn, Mr. Mortensen, Mr. Menendez								
Ms. Corban elected as Vice-President.								

MOTION presented by Mr. Donegan and seconded by Ms. Corban to approve:

The Ogdensburg Board of Education Members have the required Board of Ethics Training Session as required under N.J.A.C. 6:3-1.3 and N.J.A.C. 6A:30.

1. RESOLVED, that the new Jersey School Board Association "Code of Ethics" shall be considered the official Code of Ethics of the Ogdensburg Board of Education:

· I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes should be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.

· I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools which meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex or social standing.

· I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.

· I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are run well.

I will recognize that the authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action which may compromise the board.

· I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the school for personal gain of friends.

I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the school. But in all matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.

· I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief school administrative officer.

I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.

I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on such complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

2. Appointments and Delegates – TABLED until Feb Board Meeting

3. RESOLVED that the Ogdensburg Borough Board of Education re-appoints Mr. Richard Rennie, as the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, for the ensuing calendar year 2022, in accordance with 18A:17-5, and chairs the reorganization meeting to conduct the election, and furthermore,

4. RESOLVED that the Ogdensburg Borough Board of Education re-appoints Linda Padula, Treasurer and Custodian of School Monies, for the ensuing calendar year 2022, in accordance with 18A:17-31

AYE: Ms. Corban, Ms. Walsh, Mr. Donegan, Ms. Schinn ABSENT: Ms. Allen, Mr. Mortensen, Mr. Menendez

A. BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

MOTION presented by Ms. Corban and seconded by Ms. Walsh to approve the following actions as presented:

1-A. RESOLVED that the Ogdensburg Board of Education designates Lakeland Bank as the depository of funds and approve the authorized signatures for the following accounts for the ensuing calendar year, 2023:

ACCOUNTS	DESCRIPTION	SIGNATORIES
Agency Account	8000239	Business Administrator Board Treasurer
Athletics Account	640404314	Superintendent/Principal Business Administrator
General Fund Account	410005339	Board President Business Administrator Board Treasurer
Milk/Cafeteria Account (Enterprise Fund)	8000174	Superintendent/Principal Business Administrator
Payroll Account	8000212	Board Treasurer
Scholarships Account	994020791	Business Administrator
Student Activities	8000166	Superintendent/Principal Business Administrator
Unemployment Account	640402524	Business Administrator
Summer Savings Account	#1314	Business Administrator Board Treasurer

2-A. RESOLVED that the Ogdensburg Board of Education approves the use of facsimile signatures on school warrants and documents when permitted, with the permission of the signatories for the ensuing calendar year, 2023, and be it further,

- 3-A. RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education approves Lakeland Bank and New Jersey Cash Management Fund as depositories for investment purposes for the ensuing calendar year, 2023, and be it further,
- 4-A. RESOLVED that the Ogdensburg Board of Education approves reimbursement at the prevailing state rate of \$0.35 per mile for all administrative and other school personnel for use of their private vehicle while traveling on official school business, for the ensuing calendar year 2023, and furthermore,
- 5-A. RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education approves the renewal of the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund of \$250.00 to be distributed by the Business Administrator or his designee for office and school related expenditures limited to warrants \$50 or less but not including sales tax, for the ensuing calendar year 2023, and furthermore,
- 6-A. RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education appoints the Business Administrator as claims auditor and authorize the Business Administrator and the Superintendent to verify and pay bills as needed between meetings which will be listed as paid at the next board meeting for the ensuing calendar year 2023, and furthermore,
- 7-A. RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education authorizes the Business Administrator to approve such budget transfers as are necessary between board meetings for the ensuing calendar year 2023 and furthermore,
- 8-A. RESOLVED that the Ogdensburg Board of Education designates the following newspapers as the official newspapers of the Board, for the ensuing calendar year 2023

New Jersey Herald, Newton, NJ (Primary Newspaper) The Star Ledger, Newark, NJ (alternate, as needed)

- 9-A. RESOLVED that the Ogdensburg Borough Board of Education re-appoints Mr. Richard Rennie, as the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, for the ensuing calendar year 2023, in accordance with 18A:17-5, and chairs the reorganization meeting to conduct the election, and furthermore,
- 10-A. RESOLVED that the Ogdensburg Borough Board of Education re-appoints Linda Di Lorenzo, Treasurer and Custodian of School Monies, for the ensuing calendar year 2023, in accordance with 18A:17-31.

AYE: Ms. Corban, Ms. Walsh, Mr. Donegan, Ms. Allen ABSENT: Ms. Schinn, Mr. Mortensen, Mr. Menendez

B. POLICY, PROCEDURES, REFERENCES

MOTION presented by Ms. Corban and seconded by Ms. Allen to approve the following actions as presented:

- 1-B. RESOLVED that the Ogdensburg Board of Education approves all existing policies, by-laws, job descriptions, rules and regulations and contracts now in force and effect, in accordance with the Policies and Procedures (Governance Manual) of the Ogdensburg Board of Education prepared by the Strauss Esmay, adopted on October 20, 2009, and include all revisions and additions which were subsequently adopted and in accordance with New Jersey state rules and regulations for the ensuing calendar year, 2023.
- 2-B. RESOLVED that the Ogdensburg Board of Education adopts the existing courses of study, course guides and curriculum and re-affirms the approval of the five-year schedule for curricula review and revision of textbooks: Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, Science, World Language, Comprehensive Health and Physical Education, Civics, Computer Science and Design Thinking, Career Readiness, Life Literacies, Key Skills, Visual and Performing Arts, Library Media, Gifted and Talented, and Social/Emotional Competencies for the ensuing calendar year 2023
- 3-B. RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education adopts the textbooks (Attachment #1) to be used for the ensuing calendar year 2023, which have been in effect during the present school year, subject to change by recommendation of the administration and order of the Board of Education:
- 4-B. RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education approves the establishment of the following Board committees, with members to be assigned by the Board President, for the ensuing calendar year 2023:

Personnel/Program
Negotiations
Facilities/Finance
Board Business

5-B. RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education approves District memberships in the following organizations, for the ensuing calendar year 2023:

ACES Energy Cooperative
ACTS Communications Technology Services
Educational Services of Morris County
Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission
Educational Services Commission of NJ
New Jersey School Board Association
NJSBA's Cooperative Pricing System
NJSBA's Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES)
New Jersey Association of School Business Officials

Rockaway Township Bidding Consortium
The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS Buying Cooperative)
Educational Services Commission of Sussex County
Sussex County Regional Cooperative
Sussex County School Board Association
US Communities
PECCM

6-B. RESOLVED that the Ogdensburg Borough Board of Education, in the County of Sussex, in the State of New Jersey, elects to schedule one regular session meeting per month which shall convene at 6:30 p.m. on the first (1st) Tuesday of each month, at the Ogdensburg Elementary School, Library/Media Center, 100 Main Street, Ogdensburg, NJ, 07439, unless otherwise noted, and according to the following schedule:

Regular Session

January 3, 2023 Reorganization
February 7, 2023
March 7, 2023
April 4, 2023
May 2, 2023 *Public Hearing/Reappointment
June 6, 2023
July 5, 2023* (Wednesday)
August 1, 2023
September 5, 2023
October 3, 2023
November 7, 2023
December 5, 2023
January 2, 2024 Reorganization

In the event that said schedule is hereafter revised, the Board Secretary is hereby instructed to direct notice to the New Jersey Herald and Borough Hall, and post at the Ogdensburg Elementary School and Ogdensburg School District website at least 48 hours before the revised meeting date.

7-B. RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education approves conducting all board sessions utilizing generally accepted parliamentary procedures to conduct board business. The agendas will comprise the following order of business with additional topics to be added when necessary:

Regular Session: Open Public Meeting Notice Flag Salute The American's Creed Roll Call

Presentations

Open Session # 1

Committee Discussions (work session)

Administrative Reports

Correspondence

Board Business

Negotiations

Personnel/Program

Finance/District Operations

Open Session # 2

Executive Session

Re-enter Public Session

Other Board Business

Adjourn

AYE: Ms. Corban, Ms. Walsh, Mr. Donegan, Ms. Allen ABSENT: Ms. Schinn, Mr. Mortensen, Mr. Menendez

PUBLIC QUESTIONS (#1) AND COMMENTS

Ms. Cooke thanked Admin for Breakfast after break, and looks forward to working with everyone in the new year.

ADJOURNMENT of Annual Reorganization Meeting

With no further action or discussion required of the Ogdensburg Board of Education at this time, a motion was presented by Ms. Corban, and seconded by Ms. Allen to adjourn the meeting at 5:50 p.m.

REGULAR SESSION OF THE OGDENSBURG BOARD OF EDUCATION called to order at 5:50pm

PRESENTATIONS: N/A

OPEN SESSION #1:

COMMITTEE REPORTS/DISCUSSIONS

Board Business: N/A **Personnel/Program:** N/A **Facilities/Finance:** N/A

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Astor wished everyone a Happy New Year and offered congratulations to all BOE members, and thanked all of the staff for their extremely hard work. Announced a sub-committee of teachers and Admin to help shape what we would like the district to like over the next 5 years.

Drills for the previous month:

Fire Drill: 12/13/22Shelter: 12/22/22

HIB's for the previous month: 2 (both unfounded)

CORRESPONDENCE

• **COR 01:** Correspondence from Lisa Casselano (12/27/22), informing the District of her decision to resign

BOARD BUSINESS

MOTION presented by Ms. Corban and seconded by Ms. Allen to approve:

BB 01: Regular Session Minutes of Dec 6, 2022

BB 02: RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the attached Budget Calendar and Dates for 2023 School Election & Budget Procedures for Type II districts with Nov Elections (info for Type II districts begin on page 7 of attached).

AYE: Ms. Corban, Ms. Walsh, Mr. Donegan, Ms. Allen ABSENT: Ms. Schinn, Mr. Mortensen, Mr. Menendez

PERSONNEL/PROGRAM

MOTION presented by Ms. Corban and seconded by Mr. Donegan 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 December 2023 as presented on January 3, 2023 with Board options to affirm, reject or modify the report.

P/P - 02 WHEREAS, pursuant to law, District employees may generally not be hired or appointed except by a majority vote of the full membership of the Board after recommendation by the Superintendent, except in situations where the Board provides otherwise; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that there may be certain instances in which the Chief School Administrator may be required to hire staff in order to fill unforeseen vacancies or on an emergent basis to address student and District needs prior to the next scheduled Board meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education hereby authorizes the Superintendent to recommend and appoint a person to fill a sudden vacancy which occurs by reason of unforeseen circumstances or due to emerging District needs, when such vacancy or need arises between scheduled Board meetings, subject to notification of such action to the Board President and ratification of that action by the Board at the next Board meeting; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education also authorizes the Superintendent to appoint, at his discretion, substitute teachers as necessary to achieve these goals, subject to the above requirements; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this authority shall remain in effect until January 2024 and shall be approved on an annual basis by the full board.

P/P -03 RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves Carrie Centi as a substitute teacher for the 2022-2023 school year at the rate of \$100.00 per day. Hire contingent upon the required state and federal criminal history background checks, in accordance with N.J.S.A. CH 116, P.L. 1986 and completion of required employee paperwork, including pre-employment verification.

P/P – 04 RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following trip(s) for the 2022-2023 school year:

6-8th Grade (Mr. DeLear) Wallkill High School Multidistrict concert rehearsal 1/31/23 and 2/1/23	3
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- **P/P 05** RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves Craig Kalucki as a substitute teacher for the 2022-2023 school year at the rate of \$100.00 per day. Hire contingent upon the required state and federal criminal history background checks, in accordance with N.J.S.A. CH 116, P.L. 1986 and completion of required employee paperwork, including pre-employment verification.
- **P/P 06** RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves Craig Kalucki as a substitute custodian for the 2022/2023 school year at the hourly rate of \$15.00 per hour (part time schedule, as needed basis). Hire contingent upon the required state and federal criminal history background checks, in accordance with N.J.S.A. CH 116, P.L. 1986 and completion of required employee paperwork, including pre-employment verification.
- **P/P 07** RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves Ashley Sheldon as a Long Term leave replacement for K-4 science and K-5 social studies.
- **P/P 08** RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, accepts with regret the resignation request of Lisa Casselano effective 1/12/2022.

AYE: Ms. Corban, Ms. Walsh, Mr. Donegan, Ms. Allen ABSENT: Ms. Schinn, Mr. Mortensen, Mr. Menendez

FACILITIES/FINANCE

MOTION presented by Ms. Walsh and seconded by Ms. Allen to approve:

- **F/F 01** RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education approves the attached <u>December 2022</u> Check Register for checks from 016766 through 040108 for a total of \$398,850.25
- **F/F 02** RESOLVED that Ogdensburg Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10, accepts that as of November 2022 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 November 2022
- **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 <u>November 2022</u>, 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 approves the submission of the 2021/2022 school year encumbrances disposition to the County Business Administrator, that as of December 1, 2022 there the following purchase orders outstanding from the prior school year over \$5,000: Purchase Order #200410 Da-Lor (Univents) for \$11,330 *Purchase order was paid and closed on December 7, 2022

F/F - 06 RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Ogdensburg Board of Education desires to control consumption and cost of energy to benefit taxpayers and reduce its carbon footprint thereby helping the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Ogdensburg Board of Education desires to reduce administrative costs and to scrutinize all energy bills to eliminate cover charges or inappropriate fees charged by public utilities;

WHEREAS, the Ogdensburg Board of Education desires to have real time data all energy consumption, for the purpose of improved energy management and educational programming, and reporting of said usage in a simple ready to utilize format when required:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ogdensburg Board of Education enter into a contract with AVID EXCHANGE, New Jersey to provide the following services at the listed rates using state contract 73693:

Provide the New Jersey Energy Tracking System which includes setting up of all energy bills in a relational database, reporting from the database utility bill and other information in standard or customer specific reports.

- Processing all utility bills electronically after checking for billing errors.
- Tariff analysis to ensure Ogdensburg Board of Education is being provided the best rates.
- Current rate for service is \$4.00 per bill

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution takes effect immediately on January 3, 2023 through January 5, 2024

F/F - 07 RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Ogdensburg Borough Board of Education, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey authorizes Parette Somjen Architects to submit all necessary plans and paperwork to the Department of Education concerning the Unit Ventilator

Replacement at Ogdensburg Elementary School to serve as an application to the Office of School Facilities and an amendment to the District's Long Range Facility Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this project shall be a "Regular Operating District Grant" project and the Board of Education is seeking State funding but will fund the remaining portion of the Project through the District's Capital Reserve Account.

F/F – 08 RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, that the Ogdensburg Borough Board of Education, in the County of Sussex, New Jersey authorizes Parette Somjen Architects to submit all necessary plans and paperwork to the Department of Education concerning the Partial Window Replacement at Ogdensburg ES to serve as an application to the Office of School Facilities and an amendment to the District's Long Range Facility Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this project shall be partially funded through ESSER III Grants and will fund the remaining portion of the Project through the District's Capital Reserve Account.

F/F – 09 RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education accepts the CRRSA Consolidated, EESER II, Learning Acceleration and Mental Health Funds (project period: 3/13/2020 - 9/30/2023) as follows:

CRRSA-ESSER II								
100-100	Salaries:		\$25,005					
100-600	Instructional Supplies		\$67,904					
200-200	Benefits		\$10,001					
400-720	Building		\$5,331					
			Total:	\$108,238				
Learning Acceleration								
Instruct	ion							
	100-100	Salaries:		\$12,200				
	100-600	Instructional Supplies		\$4,470				
Support Services								
	200-200	Benefit	S	\$4,880				
	200-400	Prof &	Tech Serv	\$1,500				
			Total:	\$25,000				
Mental Health								
Instruction								
	100-300	Purchas	sed Services:	\$3,000				
	100-600	Instruct	tional Supplies	\$1,286				

Instruction

200-400 Prof & Tech Serv \$40,714

Total: \$45,000

AYE: Ms. Corban, Ms. Walsh, Mr. Donegan, Ms. Allen ABSENT: Ms. Schinn, Mr. Mortensen, Mr. Menendez

OPEN SESSION #2

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EXECUTIVE SESSION - N/A

OTHER BOARD BUSINESS

ADJOURN

MOTION presented by Mr. Donegan, and seconded by Ms. Schinn that the Ogdensburg Board of Education adjourn at XXX p.m.

AYE: Ms. Corban, Ms. Walsh, Mr. Donegan, Ms. Allen ABSENT: Ms. Schinn, Mr. Mortensen, Mr. Menendez

Respectfully submitted,

Rich Rennie Board Secretary