

OGDENSBURG BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 4, 2025 Agenda

6:30 p.m. Regular Session

The Regular Session of the Ogdensburg Board of Education is called to order at _____ p.m.

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:

Mr. Mortensen _____	Mr. Gorsky _____	Ms. Kondik _____
Mr. Donegan _____	Mr. Menendez _____	Ms. Schinn _____
Ms. Allen _____		

Also attending:
Superintendent/Principal, David Astor and Board Secretary, Ivana Gray

PRESENTATION(S)

OPEN SESSION #1

At this time, members of the public are invited to address the Board. Please note that public comments on the agenda items will be made in accordance with District Policy 0167 – Public Presentation at Board Meetings. Statements made by participants may be limited to three minutes in duration. If you would like to address the Board, please state your name and address before making your statement to the Board. Thank you.

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. Due by April 2025

Superintendent Evaluation tool should be open soon on NJSBA.org

Personnel/Program:

Facilities/Finance:

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Drills for the previous month:

- Fire drill: February 24, 2025
- Security drill: February 10, 2025
- Van / Bus evacuation:

HIB REPORT *All policies and procedures have been followed and met; the report is based on the recommendation of the Superintendent.*

HIB's for the previous month: 1

NJ QSAC was 2/25/25

Please check your BOE folders for information regarding bus / van evacuations (folder is March 2025 / previous bus/van evacuation info)

CORRESPONDENCE:

COR 01:

BOARD BUSINESS

MOTION presented by _____ and seconded by _____ to approve:

BB 01: Approval of Minutes: February 4, 2025 Meeting

BB 02: RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the Budget Calendar and Dates for 2025 School Election & Budget Procedures for Type II districts with Nov Elections (attached)

BB 03: Tentative Budget

The Superintendent recommends approval to adopt the Tentative Budget for FY 2025-2026:

BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2025-2026 School Year using the 2025-2026 state aid figures and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline (complete draft of budget being submitted to the County Office, from NJ Homeroom, is attached for BOE review):

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service	TOTAL
2025-2026 Total Expenditures	\$5,562,533	\$1,068,511	\$0	\$6,631,044
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$2,758,855	\$1,068,511	\$0	\$3,827,366
Taxes to be Raised	\$2,803,678	\$0	\$0	\$2,803,678

And to advertise said tentative budget in the New Jersey Herald in accordance with the form required by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the Ogdensburg Board of Education located at 100 Main Street, Ogdensburg, NJ 07439 on May 6, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2025-2026 School Year.

BB 04: Maintenance Reserve Withdrawal

BE IT RESOLVED that as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2(d) the general fund appropriations include a \$50,000 withdrawal from the Maintenance Reserve Account for use on required maintenance activities for a school facility as reported in the comprehensive maintenance plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-20.5.

BB 05: Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement 2025-2026

WHEREAS, the Ogdensburg Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Ogdensburg Board of Education established \$15,000 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$ 6,190.07 as of this date; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$15,000 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Mr. Mortensen _____	Mr. Gorsky _____	Ms. Kondik _____
Mr. Donegan _____	Mr. Menendez _____	Ms. Schinn _____
Ms. Allen _____		

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 February 2025 as presented on March 4, 2025 with Board options to affirm, reject or modify the report.

P/P – 02 First Reading of the following District Policies & Regulations for re-approval (no updates / changes in the policies were made):

- 1140 - AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM**
- 1523 - COMPREHENSIVE EQUITY PLAN (M)**
- 2260 - AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL AND CLASSROOM PRACTICES COMPLAINT PROCEDURE (M)**
- 2260R - AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL AND CLASSROOM PRACTICES COMPLAINT PROCEDURE (M)**
- 5750 - EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY (M)**
- 5750R - EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY COMPLAINT PROCEDURE (M)**
- 5755 - EQUITY IN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES (M)**

- 2416 - PROGRAMS FOR PREGNANT PUPILS (M)
- 5752 - MARITAL STATUS AND PREGNANCY (M)
- 5512 - Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
- 5751 - SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF STUDENTS (M)
- 5751R - SEXUAL HARASSMENT OF STUDENTS (M)
- 2622 - STUDENT ASSESSMENT (M)
- 2610 - EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM EVALUATION (M)
- 2423 - BILINGUAL AND ESL EDUCATION (M)
- 2423R - BILINGUAL AND ESL EDUCATION (M)
- 1510 - RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH HANDICAPS OR DISABILITIES/POLICY ON NON-DISCRIMINATION (M)
- 1510R - RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH HANDICAPS OR DISABILITIES/NON-DISCRIMINATION (M)
- 3240 - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS AND SCHOOL LEADERS (M)
- 3240R - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR TEACHERS AND SCHOOL LEADERS
- 4240 - EMPLOYEE TRAINING
- 4240R- EMPLOYEE TRAINING
- 2460.1R - SPECIAL EDUCATION – LOCATION, IDENTIFICATION, AND REFERRAL (M)
- 2460.8R - SPECIAL EDUCATION - FREE AND APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION (M)
- 2460.9R - SPECIAL EDUCATION - TRANSITION FROM EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAMS TO PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS (M)
- 2460.15R - SPECIAL EDUCATION – IN-SERVICE TRAINING NEEDS FOR PROFESSIONAL AND PARAPROFESSIONAL STAFF (M)
- 2460.16R - SPECIAL EDUCATION - INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIAL TO BLIND OR PRINT-DISABLED PUPILS (M)
- 2411 - GUIDANCE COUNSELING (M)
- 2411R - GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING (M)
- 2422 - COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION (M)

P/P - 03 RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the following Extended School Year Program for Summer 2025:

ESY 2025 Dates: July 7th , 2025 to July 31st , 2025

- Preschool (including those entering Kindergarten): 8:30 to 12:00 (Monday through Thursday)
- LLD program: 8:30 to 12:00 (Monday through Thursday)
- Grades K-4 (include some students entering 5th grade): 8:30 to 12:00 (Monday through Thursday)
- Grades 5, 6, 7th: 9:00 to 11:00 (Tuesdays and Thursdays, two hours a week of one-on-one or small groups, no more than three students).

P/P – 04 RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following trip(s) for the 2024-2025 school year:

Pre-school (Carr / Rosier / Byrne / Hunter)	Kiddie Dome in Kinnelon	March 21, 2025
Ms. Winton	Crayola Experience	April 9, 2025

P/P – 05 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 15 Medicaid eligible classified students for the FY 2026. FY 2026 Reimbursement Revenue Projection is attached.

P/P - 06 RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the appointment of Earl Hornyak Sr. as a substitute teacher for the 2024-2025 school year at the rate of \$120.00 per day.

P/P - 07 RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the appointment of Devin Horlacher as a substitute teacher for the 2024-2025 school year at the rate of \$120.00 per day.

P/P – 08 RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approve the following request for professional development for Mr. Rich Rennie: NJASBO Annual Conference (June 4-6, 2025) in Atlantic City, NJ. Total estimated cost: \$882.91.

P/P – 09 RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, approves the revised attached Sussex County Education Services commission rates for the 25-26 school year. (Attached).

Mr. Mortensen _____ Mr. Gorsky _____ Ms. Kondik _____
 Mr. Donegan _____ Mr. Menendez _____ Ms. Schinn _____
 Ms. Allen _____

FACILITIES / FINANCE

MOTION presented by _____ and seconded by _____ to approve:

F/F – 01 RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education approves the attached check Register through February 2025 for checks from 018592 through 040224 for a total of \$559,667.77.

F/F – 02 RESOLVED that Ogdensburg Board of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10, accepts that as of January 2025 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 January 2025.

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 January 2025, 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 attached Monthly Transfer Report for the month of January 2025.

F/F - 06 RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education, approves the attached application for use of school facilities for Ogdensburg Historical Society (for March 14, 2025).

F/F – 07 RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education, approves the attached Tuition Contract Agreement between the Ogdensburg BOE and Mount Olive BOE for the education of student (LID # 65019475) for the 24-25 school year. Tuition rate of \$11,764.68.

F/F – 08 RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education, approves the attached Tuition Contract Agreement between the Ogdensburg BOE and Mount Olive BOE for the education of student (LID # 65020017) for the 24-25 school year. Tuition rate of \$11,764.68.

F/F - 09 RESOLVED, that the Ogdensburg Board of Education, approves the attached application for use of school facilities for PTO (for March 21, 2025).

Mr. Mortensen _____	Mr. Gorsky _____	Ms. Kondik _____
Mr. Donegan _____	Mr. Menendez _____	Ms. Schinn _____ (abstain F/F 01)
Ms. Allen _____		

OPEN SESSION #2

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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: N/A

Mr. Mortensen _____	Mr. Gorsky _____	Ms. Kondik _____
Mr. Donegan _____	Mr. Menendez _____	Ms. Schinn _____
Ms. Allen _____		

RE-ENTER PUBLIC SESSION

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

Mr. Mortensen _____	Mr. Gorsky _____	Ms. Kondik _____
Mr. Donegan _____	Mr. Menendez _____	Ms. Schinn _____
Ms. Allen _____		

Other Board Business:

N/A

ADJOURN

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

Mr. Mortensen _____

Mr. Gorsky _____

Ms. Kondik _____

Mr. Donegan _____

Mr. Menendez _____

Ms. Schinn _____

Ms. Allen _____