

OCUSD #220
BOARD MINUTES
January 16, 2018
Regular Board Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m.
2. Roll call, present were Dr. Wills, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Haugh, and Dr. Baker. Absent were Mr. Buck, Mr. Guzman and Mr. Zimmermann
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Motion to go into closed session. Motion carried.
5. Closed session began at 5:37 p.m.
6. Closed session adjourned at 6:20 p.m.
7. Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.
8. Motion to approve the following resignations:
 - Elizabeth Myers as district custodian
 - Pam Pottorff as Oregon High School Nurse
 - Kelly Albrecht as Oregon Elementary counselor
 - Felicia Carreno as Oregon High School Junior Class co-dean
 - Deanna Koruba as Oregon High School Junior Class co-dean
 - Mary Welty as DLR Junior High SecretaryMotion carried.
9. Motion to approve the following employments:
 - Angela Sowl as Oregon High School Secretary
 - Lauren Akre as Oregon Elementary special education aide
 - Sandra Blume as Transportation Secretary
 - Elizabeth Myers as district bus driverMotion carried.
10. Dr. Wills read aloud the district mission statement “educate students to be to be lifelong learners who are productive, responsible citizens.”
11. Recognitions:
 - Mrs. Virgil recognized Jordan DeWilde for his outstanding work and presentation at the IAEA conference. Mrs. Virgil has received an e-mail from the head of the board commending Mr. DeWilde on his work. Mr. DeWilde stated that his presentation was on the project called “Painting in Peace” which took place after the Ferguson riots. Community Members had painted pictures of positive reinforcement on the boarded up windows after the riots. Mr. DeWilde has presented the project to his class then asked his students to create art of their own that presented positive messages. This was displayed in the halls of the elementary school last year. Mr. DeWilde has been invited to present again at the southern region’s conference later this year.
 - Mr. Nelson recognized Ms. Cremeens for her work with Beyond Textbooks. She has provided a cease and desist form for students to sign who are unable to get along until an intervention plan is in place.
12. Public Comment – None

13. Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Dr. Mahoney updated the board on the current status of revenues and expenditures and also reviewed a few of the bills for the month of November. Motion carried.

14. Motion to approve the resolution with Lee/ Ogle County to participate in the Enterprise Zone. Motion carried.

15. Administrator Reports

- Mr. Nelson informed the board that the first community welding class was taking place on the evening of January 16, 2018. Instructor from Highland has come in to teach the class. Mr. Knuth will be holding a meeting with local manufacturers to determine what they are seeing from our student welders after high school and what skills are still needed. In the Boost program all students passed first semester. Board asked about the status of our dual credit program and changes to come. OHS is having issues finding teachers who are qualified to teach dual credit classes. Board asked about the SAT and why we chose this assessment. Dr. Mahoney informed the board that we did not chose this assessment, the state did. The district will be starting over in collecting assessment data to determine what areas of curriculum need to be addressed in the classroom.
- Mrs. Virgil updated the board on the latest parent and staff dinner at Oregon Elementary. Dinner was served to all families in attendance. Students and parents were then separated. Students participated in STEAM projects that they were able to take home and show their parents. Parents received a presentation on brain development in children. This program was provided by University of Illinois extension office and the elementary will be hosting a monthly event for the remainder of this school year. U of I extension office will also be hosting a simulation of living in poverty for all staff. Mrs. Virgil invited the board to participate in the project. The board asked about the reading assessments listed in the school improvement plan. Mrs. Virgil explained that it is a two-part assessment; first part is how much can the student read in a timed period and the second is how much can the student comprehend of that reading.

16. New business -None

17. Old business - None

18. Other matters before the board

- Dr. Mahoney asked board members to forward him agenda items to be cover for the board retreat on February 10th.
- Dr. Mahoney updated the board on the water tests completed in all buildings. Oregon Elementary had one drinking fountain that exceeded lead levels which has been shut down and will be replaced. There were several sinks that had excess levels as well. These sinks have been marked with signs that read "water from sinks not for drinking." These sinks and faucets will be replaced during the next Health, Life, Safety 10-year survey. These issues are due to equipment, not due to the water source coming into the building.

19. President's Prerogative – None

20. Motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

21. Meeting ended at 7:23 p.m.