

OCUSD #220
BOARD MINUTES
April 17, 2017
Regular Board Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by Mr. Smith at 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll call, present were Smith, Wills, Griffin, Buck, Haugh and Guzman.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Motion by Wills, second by Griffin to go into closed session. All voted aye. Motion carried.
5. Closed session began at 6:03 p.m.
6. Closed session adjourned at 6:28 p.m.
7. Meeting called to order by Smith at 6:35 p.m.
8. Motion by Haugh, second by Wills to approve the following resignations:
 - Erin McMaster as OHS Science Teacher
 - Bruna Du Pre as OHS Special Education Aide
 - Phil Yordy as OHS Student Council Advisor
 - Nate Rogers as OHS Assistant Football CoachRoll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Haugh, second by Griffin to approve the following retirement:
 - Trudy Whalen as district bus driverRoll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Haugh, second by Buck to approve the following employments:
 - Dawn Manser as Crossing Guard at DLR Junior High
 - Logan Cann as DLR Girls' Basketball Coach
 - Rachel White as OES Fourth Grade Teacher
 - Erin Welker as OES Third Grade Teacher
 - Tiffany Rufer as OES Fourth Grade Teacher
 - Cynthia Kilmer as OES Second Grade Teacher
 - Brandi Herbig as OES Fourth Grade Teacher
 - Gretchen Nelson as OES First Grade Teacher
 - Amysara Tomlinson as OES Preschool Teacher
 - Megan Adams as OH English TeacherRoll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried. Mr. Smith spoke on behalf of Trudy Whalen's retirement stating she had been such an asset to the district and thanked her for her services.
11. Dr. Mahoney presented the district's mission statement "educate students to be lifelong learners who are productive, responsible citizens."
12. Recognitions:
 - Dr. Mahoney recognized Mr. Smith's tenure with the district as a school board member. Mr. Smith spoke about his years as a member and stated that he believed the district was moving in the right direction and thanked everyone for his opportunity to be a member. Dr. Mahoney presented Mr. Smith with a plaque noting his 15 years of service.
 - Mr. Wills spoke on behalf of the board to recognize Dr. Mahoney for completing his doctorate in education. The board presented Dr. Mahoney with a new name plate for his desk and a card.

13. Presentations:

- OHS Drama and Music program presented to the board. Ellen Reckamp, Olivia Stafford, Katherine Sheridan and Andy Eckardt presented to the board. Review of fall events including Autumn on Parade and Highland Choral Festival. Choir hosted a fall choral SPOOKtacular in which students could attend the concert in their Halloween costumes. ILMEA district festival was held which included auditions for IMEA. The choir program received new costumes as well as new choral risers. Ms. Sheridan thanked the board and community members who helped make it possible. Marching Band theme this year was Dreams of Birdland. Marching Band performed at football games, competitions as well as parades. Madrigals participated at the Candlelight Walk, held their annual dinner at Stronghold and hosted a Christmas concert. Ms. Sheridan thanked Stronghold for being such a great group to work with for their annual dinner. The band attended the Augustana Honor Band Festival as well as IEMA All State Festival. Spring had the solo and ensemble contest in which the district received all division 1 and 2 for scores. Roger Amm provided a choir clinic for students. The 23rd annual Band Extravaganza will be held May 16th for students in grades 5 – 12. Little Shop of Horrors was the spring musical. Spring band events include the jazz dance, graduation performance and a trip to Disney World. Both Eckardt and Sheridan thank the board for all of their continued support for their programs. Sheridan discussed the new community choir and how to become involved.
- Little Free Library Dr. Reed-Houck, Mrs. Vickers, Mrs. Himert, Mrs. Wells and Mrs. Johnson presented to the board. Studies show that children should hear 1000 books before starting kindergarten in order to be properly prepared to begin learning to read. 50% of OES students are low income which can place obstacles in the learning process. 90 minutes of on level instruction should be provided for strong reading levels. Little Free Libraries are to help provide books to students who otherwise may not access to such. The committee reviewed all of the Little Free Libraries currently available to students within the district, one which is located in the Mt. Morris trailer park and another that will soon be placed in Dillehay Park in Mt. Morris. The committee has donated over 500 books to the program and there are currently over 50,000 Little Libraries worldwide.

14. Public Comment - None

15. Motion by Haugh, second by Wills to approve the consent agenda as presented. Dr. Mahoney notified the board that the district was informed by the state that we will not be receiving 3 of the 4 final categoricals for state revenue, which means the district will have an additional \$700,000.00 deficit at the end of the year. Wills asked if there is any type of action the district can take against this issue. Dr. Mahoney informed board there was potential for the district to become part of a lawsuit against the state. More information would be provided later. Roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

16. Motion by Wills, second by Haugh to approve the HLS amendment for installation of new carpet in OHS classrooms 120, 121, 123, 128, and 125. Remove old carpet and replace with new with a not to exceed cost of \$30,000.00. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

17. Motion by Buck, second by Wills to approve the bid for the OHS welding lab renovation project to Scandrol Construction with a bid of \$169,371.00.

18. Motion by Haugh, second by Guzman to approve the intergovernmental agreement between Oregon CUSD 220 and Rochelle CCSD 231 for continued professional food services during the 2017-2018 school year. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

19. Motion by Haugh, second by Guzman to approve the following board policy updates:

- 2:100 Board Member Conflict of Interest; 4:15 Identity Protections; 5:120 Employee Ethics, Conduct, and Conflict of Interest; 5:230 Maintaining Student Discipline; 5:285 Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers; 5:300 Schedules and Employment Year; 6:70 Teaching About Religions; 7:100 Health, Eye and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students

Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

20. First reading of student handbook updates for the 2017-2018 school year presented to the board.

21. Administrator Reports:

- Amy Stephenitch from Ogle County Educational Coop. and Kelli Virgil, OES Principal, presented on special education services for the district. The district currently has 191 students with an IEP (individual education plan). Stephenitch reviewed all of the services provided to students. Stephenitch reviewed the specialized programs which include PLUS, PACE, SOAR and STEP. Listed local employers who currently employ special needs students. Virgil informed the board that we are able to offer more programs and services to our students due to our collaboration with the cooperative.
- Crandall informed the board that student participation in services hours has increased. Student with 10 hours or more of service hours is currently up to 58%.
- Nelson recognized Ms. Cremeens for her organization of the annual service day for OHS. He also thanked Mrs. Cerveney, district transportation director, for organizing all transportation for the day.
- Mr. Hickerson reviewed the 6th grade field trip to Springfield, IL. He reviewed events the students were able to attend. He informed the board that costs were completely covered for all students to attend and commended the students on their behavior for the day.

22. New Business:

- Dr. Mahoney informed the board that the district would be taking over the Preschool for All program previously run by the Regional Office of Education. The district will receive the grant funds as a flow through with the ROE this year with expectations that we would receive those funds directly in the future. The program will continue to be held at DLR with Mr. Crandall providing day to day administration. Professional development and evaluations will be part of the OES preschool team.

23. Old Business: May 10, 2017 will be special meeting to seat new board

24. Other matters before the board: None

25. President's Prerogative: Smith thank everyone again for their service during his term with the Oregon School Board.
26. Motion by Wills, second by Haugh to adjourn. All voted aye. Motion carried.
27. Meeting ended at 7:48 p.m.

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