

OCUSD #220
BOARD MINUTES
February 20, 2024
Regular Board Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 6:15 p.m.
2. Roll call, present were Wills, Guzman, Griffin, Haugh, Baker, Nesemeier, and Buck.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Motion by Buck, second by Guzman to go into closed session.
Voice vote, 6-0. Motion carried.
5. Closed session began at 6:16 p.m.
6. Closed session adjourned at 6:32 p.m.
7. Meeting called to order by Wills at 6:34 p.m.
8. Public Comment:
 - a. Bruce Obendorf requested information regarding the bus barn/storage shed project over the summer as well as details regarding the budget with staff salaries and benefits from FY23 to FY24. He also commended the staff and personnel that he and his wife have worked with this year, they have been very impressed with the interactions with all of them.
9. Motion by Guzman, second by Haugh to approve the following employment motions:
Resignations:
 - a. Dy Mowry as Student council advisor effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school yearEmployments:
 - b. Brittany Kundert as Jr High Special Education teacher beginning with the 2024-2025 school yearTermination:
 - c. Jennifer Perrine as Custodian effective January 19, 2024Retirements:
 - d. Jan Pattat as Spanish teacher at the end of the 2023-2024 school yearRoll call vote, 6-0. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Buck, second by Nesemeier to expel Student A, held in abeyance pending successful completion of alternate placement by administration.
Roll call vote, 5-1. Motion carried.
11. Wills read aloud the district mission statement "Educate students to be to be lifelong learners who are productive, responsible citizens" followed by the school board members reading aloud the board affirmation "I am dedicated to our mission. I am passionate about our students' education. I am committed to the success of our kids, our staff, and our community. It's great to be an Oregon Hawk!"
12. Recognitions:
 - a. Mr. Huels recognizes the 5th Grade Student Advisory Group: Gabe Hammer (present at the meeting), Novalee Bicknese, Harmony Coy, Shelby Harbaugh, and Lexi Sarver. He commends them for creating the group and always being prepared to present ideas to make the school better, a great reminder that we are here to serve students!
 - b. Dr. Deininger introduces Dom Cozzi and Angela Blumeyer as members of the OJSHS Special Education department that received ISBE's Those Who Excel Award of Excellence in the Team category.
 - c. Dr. Mahoney shares the other winning categories include Lesley Sheffield, Award of Meritorious Service in the Community Volunteer category; Jill Corcoran, Award of Meritorious Service in the Educational Service Personnel category; Laura Smith, Award of Special Recognition in the Student Support Personnel category; Angela Mahoney, Award of Special Recognition in the Teacher category.

13. Motion by Buck second by Guzman to approve the consent agenda as presented. Dr. Mahoney highlights some of this month's expenses.
Roll call vote, 6-0. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Haugh, second by Guzman to approve the Bus Aide MOU to allow aides with a passenger endorsement to drive students to placements.
Roll call vote, 6-0. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Baker, second by Buck to approve an Increase in the Custodial starting wage.
Roll call vote, 6-0. Motion carried.
16. Administrator Reports:
 - a. Mr. Huels –
 - i. Shares that Stanford University did a study on student's academic improvement after COVID. In comparing all schools in the county as well as Dixon Public Schools, OES students performed at or higher than the schools in the comparison. This was based on standardized test scores.
 - ii. Shares that mid-year benchmarking is complete. The school did not meet its whole school WIG (Wildly Important Goal), however, both 2nd and 3rd grades did meet theirs and were able to choose from a 'menu' of celebrations. 2nd graders enjoyed donuts and 3rd graders enjoyed sitting at any table during lunch.
 1. In looking at national norms provided by NWEA, OES's Math growth is currently in the 73rd percentile, significantly above the national average.
 - b. Dr. Deininger –
 - i. Shares that 7th and 8th graders have also completed mid-year benchmarking.
 - ii. SAT/PSAT practice test has been completed and is cautiously optimistic about the performance. The test has moved completely online, and the SAT will now be a 2-hour test versus 3 hours in length as it is now an adaptive test.
 - iii. Profile of a Graduate is moving forward, many groups have provided input as to what they believe and OCUSD 220 graduate should be. The most inciteful so far has been the student group. There is a community group occurring 2/21/24 and a survey will go out publicly for any final input once the groups are complete.
 - iv. Invites the board to attend the high school musical during the first full weekend in March. If for no other reason, to experience the seating in the theatre as it is original to the building and the performing arts programs will be holding a fundraiser in efforts to replace the seating. Our top-notch programs deserve top-notch performing areas.
 1. Board discussion surrounding SAT timing change and how that occurs. Mr. Larsen explains that adaptive testing allows for quicker assessment of levels of students by making the questions more or less challenging as the student responds, meaning that a level can be reached quicker than previous standardized tests.

17. FOIA Requests – Informational Only:

- a. Illinois Retired Teachers Association requesting the name and email address of any certified staff (teachers, administrators, nurses, counselors, etc.) who are retiring this year. Request received 1/17/24, response sent 1/17/24.
- b. SmartProcure requesting all current employee/staff contact information (name, position, department, business phone, email, and address). Request received 1/26/24, response sent 1/26/24.
- c. Aaron Mudge requesting an opportunity to inspect or obtain copies of public records that details communication between any OCUSD 220 Administrator and 3rd parties pertaining to the 1% Sales tax referendum Request received 2/7/24, response sent 2/13/24.

18. New business:

- a. Dr. Mahoney shares details of the OCUSD Athletic Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame will include current and previous alum of Oregon High School as well as Mt Morris High School. Nominations will be submitted to committee members (comprised of many community members from both Oregon and Mt Morris), inductees will be announced the week of Aug 19th, there will be game recognition at the Homecoming football game on Sept 13th, and a HOF Banquet on Sat, Sept 14 at the Rock River Center in Oregon.

19. Old business:

- a. Dr. Mahoney asks the board if they would like him to pursue more information regarding the City of Oregon New Home Incentive Program. The board is interested in more details.

20. President's Prerogative: None

21. Motion by Haugh, second by Guzman to adjourn.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

22. Meeting ended at 7:11 p.m.

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