

OCUSD #220
BOARD MINUTES
June 20, 2023
Regular Board Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Roll call, present were Wills, Buck, Griffin, Nesemeier, Guzman, Haugh, and Baker.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Public Comment: Bruce Obendorf shared experiences with providing a home for two homeless students from the district, encouraging the board to consider providing more resources towards homeless families and commending OJSHS for all they do to support them as well.
5. Motion by Guzman, second by Haugh to approve the following employment motions:
Resignations:
 - a. Nick Alexander as Assistant Football Coach
 - b. Ashley Anderson as OES Instructional Aide
 - c. June Danekas as Full-time Custodian
 - d. Chiffon Gadow as OES Special Education Aide
 - e. Kristen Lookingland as Jr High Yearbook Advisor
 - f. Angela Mahoney as Jr High Track CoachRoll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.
6. Motion by Guzman, second by Baker to approve the following employment motions:
Employments:
 - a. McKenzie Dusing as 1st Grade Teacher for the 23-24 School year
 - b. Elizabeth Egyed as Kindergarten Teacher for the 23-24 School year
 - c. Megan Miller as Special Education Aide for the 23-24 School year
 - d. Janine Wilson as OES PreK Aide for the 23-24 School year
 - e. Kristin Mitchell as OES Special Education Aide for the 23-24 School year
 - f. Samantha Goldman as OES Special Education Aide for the 23-24 School yearRetirements:
 - a. Diane Brink as of August 1, 2023
 - b. Jeff Donmeyer – Retiring at the end of the 2026-2027 School year
 - c. Michelle Bothe – Retiring at the end of the 2026-2027 School yearRoll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.
7. 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!”
8. Motion by Buck, second by Guzman to approve the consent agenda as presented. Dr. Mahoney highlights revenue received to date and reminds the board that the final tax payment should be received by the end of the month.
Roll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Guzman, second by Baker to approve the Authorization for the Superintendent to hire staff and pay any necessary bills during the month of July as there is no July meeting. Board discusses the option to hold a meeting if an issue arises.
Roll call vote. 4-2. Motion carried.

10. Motion by Buck, second by Haugh to approve the renewal of Property/Casualty Costs & Worker's Compensation Costs for FY2024.
Roll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Haugh, second by Nesemeier to approve the HFS Intergovernmental Agreement.
Roll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Guzman, second by Griffin to approve the renewal of the IL State Library Services Program Agreement for FY 2024. Board discusses new law in Jan 2024 which eliminates the right for Governing Bodies banning books if entered into this agreement.
Roll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.
13. Motion by Haugh, second by Griffin to approve the Dual and Articulated Credit MOU between Rock Valley College and OCUSD 220.
Roll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Haugh, second by Guzman to approve the retirement agreement for Alice Starkey.
Roll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Buck, second by Haugh to approve removing Kelli Virgil from the OES Activity Fund Account and the OES Special Ed Account.
Roll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Guzman, second by Nesemeier to approve adding Randi Webb to the OES Activity Fund Account and Ryan Huels to the OES Special Ed Account.
Roll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Nesemeier, second by Buck to approve the Milk Bid Recommendation for Prairie Farms Dairy.
Roll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Haugh, second by Griffin to approve the Byron Power Station Real Property Tax Assessment Settlement Agreement. Dr. Mahoney shares this settles multiple tax appeals dating back to 2012.. Another appeal will not be able to occur until 2028, allowing better budget planning. This settlement creates a \$25,000 reduction across all funds for the district from the anticipated FY 24 tax revenue.
Roll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Nesemeier, second by Baker to approve the following Board Policy Updates:
 - a. 2:80 Board Member Oath and Conduct; :80-E Board Member Code of Conduct; 2:170 Procurement of Architectural, engineering, and Land Surveying Services; 2:220-E4 Open Meeting Minutes; 2:220-E7 Access to Closed Meeting Minutes and Verbatim Recordings; 2:220-E8 Board of Education Records Maintenance Requirements and FAQs; 5:230 Maintaining Student Discipline; 6:10 Educational Philosophy and Objectives; 6:190 Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities; 6:240 Field Trips; 7:275 Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment; 7:330 Student use of Buildings – Equal Access; 8:25 Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School; 8:95 Parental Involvement; 2:240-E1 PRESS Issue Updates; 4:45 Insufficient Fund Checks and Debt Recovery; 4:100 Insurance Management; 7:305 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries

20. FOIA Requests – Informational Only:

- a. SmartProcure requesting purchasing records from 4/17/2023 to current. Request made June 14, 2023; response sent June 14, 2023.

21. Administrator Reports:

- a. Mr. Huels –
 - i. Introduced Janine Wilson, new Special Ed Aide
 - ii. Shares his enthusiasm for the excitement of new staff coming to the district, many of which attended school here themselves.
 - iii. Shares that summer school for 3rd-6th grade will occur in July to allow for a refresher in ELA/Math for students before returning for the school year.
 - 1. Thanks the school board for providing district transportation to all students to be able to attend.
- b. Mrs. Virgil thanked the board for all their support and work for the students of the district as well as her personally.
- c. Dr. Deininger –
 - i. Shares an overview of the preliminary SAT/PSAT results.
 - ii. Shares that she is proud of the growth in the culture at OJSHS. Feedback from surveys done with students and parents was positive and upbeat on the culture at OJSHS.
 - iii. Shares her appreciation of having dedicated staff at the district. States that over 50% of staff are attending extra professional development events throughout the course of the summer to help both professionally and personally. States that the OJSHS staff is committed to supporting students in all ways possible.
- d. Baker inquires about the NEXUS service through the ROE and asks if it is being utilized to support families in need.
 - i. Mahoney shares that OCUSD utilized the NEXUS program and all the services that it provides more than any other district in the region.

22. New business: None

23. Old business: Dr. Mahoney shares progress pictures of the Bus Barn and Excavation of the public/private partnership outdoor seating/patio area.

- a. Update on Bus Barn: Anticipated completion by the end of July.

24. Other matters before the board: None

25. President's Prerogative: Wills thanks the Obendorf's for their efforts in helping to support students in need. He assures the public that the board consistently spends time looking for ways to get families more involved and to support our students as best as possible. He appreciates the issues that were brought to the board's attention.

26. Motion by Guzman, second by Nesemeier to adjourn.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

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

Board President – OCUSD #220

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