

OCUSD #220
BOARD MINUTES
May 16, 2022
Regular Board Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by Wills at 5:30 p.m.
2. Roll call. Present were Wills, Baker, Nesemeier, Buck, Duke, and Guzman. Griffin was absent.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Motion by Guzman, second by Baker to go into closed session.
Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
5. Closed session began at 5:32 p.m.
6. Closed session adjourned at 6:50 p.m.
7. Meeting Called to order by Wills at 7:00 p.m.
8. Public Comment:
 - a. Melinda Johnson, Amanda Jacinto, Steve Bartel, Shirley Shuller, and Becky Morris spoke regarding the pending expulsion of three students at Oregon High School.
 - b. Dave Berg shared comments regarding the efforts of the district towards bullying, specifically regarding the bullying survey given to students within the district. Dawson Berg added his own comments and perspective as well.
9. Motion by Guzman, second by Duke to approve the following employment motions:
Resignations:
 - a. Jamie Fulton as DLR Special Education Teacher
 - b. Kim Radostits as Freshman Class DeanEmployments:
 - a. Bailey Elliot as Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach
 - b. Dominic Marchetti as 5th Grade Math Teacher
 - c. Alyssa Passmore as 4th Grade Teacher
 - d. Karly May as High School Science Teacher
 - e. Angi Sowl as FY23 Sophomore Class DeanRoll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Guzman, second by Duke to approve the following employment motions:
Extensions:
 - a. Shawn Gadow as Technology Director
 - b. Ryan Huels as Assistant PrincipalRoll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Guzman, second by Buck to approve the following employment motions:
Extensions:
 - a. Bill Nesemeier as Director of Building and GroundsRoll call vote. 4 aye, 1 abstain. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Guzman, second by Baker to approve the following employment motions:
Renewals:
 - a. Heidi Deininger as Principal
 - b. Kip Crandall as Principal
 - c. Kelli Virgil as Principal
 - d. Susie Hanlin as Bookkeeper
 - e. Sheila Calhoun as Administrative Assistant
 - f. Mandi Callaway as Administrative Assistant
 - g. Steve Stinson as Network Administrator

- h. Steve Burrs as Custodial Director
 - i. Kelly Gilmour-Pace as Food Service Director
 - j. Zach VanVelzer as Mechanic
 - k. Liz Myers as Director of Transportation
- Roll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.
13. Motion by Buck, second by Baker to expel students A & B through March FY23 with the expulsion held in abeyance of successful completion of an alternative placement program.
Roll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Buck, second by Duke to approve the hearing officer's disciplinary report for and the administration's available supports and interventions as the written decision of this Board of Education for the expulsion of students C, D, and E.
Roll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.
15. 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 student's education. I am committed to the success of our kids, our staff, and our community. It's great to be an Oregon hawk!"
16. Recognitions:
- a. Dr. Mahoney recognized this year's recipients of the FY23 Etnyre Grant: Kristin Boyer, Grace McAvoy, Angela Reynolds, Rachel Cover, Jodi Thomas, Olivia Guerra, Olivia Phalen, Nate Rogers, and Jarrett Reynolds.
 - b. Carrie O'Neal and students presented details of their shoe drive service project. From 2015 to the present \$13,489 total has been raised to send children in Africa to school.
 - c. Kelli Virgil recognized Beth Taylor, Robyn Johnson, Jodi Thomas, Heather Mendoza, Jennifer Youngren, Jeff Stultz, Ronda Himert, Martha Schultz, and Mary Gardner for their efforts and work procuring the recent author visit and family night at OES. She thanked the Etnyre Grant and the Mount Morris Public Library for the financial contributions that made this event a success.
 - d. Kelli Virgil recognized and thanked the Myrna Hart foundation for the \$4,000 donated to the OES reading program.
17. Shannon Cremeens gave a presentation on Bullying Prevention sharing the details and feedback received from a recent survey given to students, identifying areas of strength and areas of improvement. Research is happening based on the responses and the next steps include Systematic prevention, increase response education, and creating a cycle for review and revision.
18. Motion by Buck, second by Guzman to approve the Consent Agenda items. Dr. Mahoney outlined some of the district's bills for the month.
Roll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Duke, second by Baker to approve the edits to the FY23 School Fees.
Roll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Guzman, second by Duke to approve the 6-month review of board minutes for October 2021 through March 2022.
Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
21. Motion by Wills, second by Guzman to appoint Guzman as the IASB delegate.
Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
22. Motion by Nesemeier, second by Baker to approve the District Discipline Improvement Plan. Dr. Mahoney clarified that this plan has been being followed throughout the school year; this was created in hopes of creating a proactive approach to discipline.

Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

23. Motion by Baker, second by Guzman to approve the Board meeting Dates for 2022-2023. Dr. Mahoney explained that there will be three (3) Tuesdays next year due to MLK, Jr Day, Presidents' Day, and Juneteenth.

Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

24. Motion by Wills, second by Nesemeier to approve Griffin as OCEC Governing Board Member.

Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

25. Motion by Nesemeier, second by Buck to approve the Dual Credit MOU between Rock Valley College and OCUSD 220. The board asked how many courses OHS currently offers. Dr. Deininger explained that there are currently ten (10) classes available for dual credit as well as six (6) advanced placement (AP) courses.

Roll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.

26. Motion by Duke, second by Guzman to approve an Early Graduation request.

Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

27. Motion by Nesemeier, second by Guzman to approve fully funding OHS Girls' Soccer.

Roll Call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.

28. Dr. Mahoney shared the available options for the DLR property. He shared information he received regarding mothballed buildings on the NIU campus. The board discussion included the bid process for selling the building as-is, minimum bid options, results of the minimum bid not being met, and using a realtor. They also discussed keeping the building operational for a certain time period (6 months) to see how things work at OJSHS or using the building for small groups (PreK, extracurriculars, etc.) to allow time for the college interested to raise money to be able to purchase the property. The board agreed that before moving forward with the selling of the property, they would like to offer to transfer it to the Village of Mt. Morris. Dr. Mahoney will set up a meeting with the Village President and move forward with discussions with attorneys to sell if the Village is not interested.

29. FOIA Requests:

- a. Dorene Albaugh requesting information regarding amaze.org or any similar programs used within the district. Requested on May 4, 2022. Response sent May 5, 2022.

30. Administrator Reports:

- a. Kelli Virgil-

- i. OES will be honoring retirees on Wednesday at 2:15, with food trucks at 2:30. She invited the board members to attend.
 - ii. Field Days and Park West days will happen during the last week of school.

- b. Kip Crandall-

- i. Recognized performances from IESA State Track Sectional
 - 1. Quinn Plescia – 1600m
 - 2. Cooper Johnson – over 2ft passed his personal record at shot put
 - 3. Addison Rufer, Skylar Bishop, Sarah Eckardt, and Abbie Ludwig – 4x400 relay
 - ii. All end of the year activities (Friday) have been organized by the Leader in Me student leadership team

- c. Heidi Deininger-

- i. Wrapping up the year with bright spots:
 - 1. Leaders for Change have been a great asset this year

2. SAT scores are now available for students to view and she has received positive feedback from the students.
3. A representative from ISBE met with staff and students regarding CTE courses and the feedback was that the students are very enthusiastic about the program.

31. New business: None

32. Old business: None

33. Other matters before the board: None

34. President's Prerogative

35. Motion by Buck, second by Guzman to adjourn.

Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

36. Meeting ended at 8:18 p.m.

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