

OCUSD #220
BOARD MINUTES
November 15, 2021
Proposed Property Tax Levy Public Hearing

1. Public Hearing called to order by Wills at 6:41 p.m.
2. Roll call, present were Wills, Griffin, Baker, Buck, and Guzman. Nesemeier and Duke were absent.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Motion by Guzman, second by Buck to open Public Hearing for a proposed property tax levy increase. Voice vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
 - a. Dr. Mahoney presents a reminder of the types of funds used in the tax levy and presents the anticipated revenues based on the assessors estimated EAV. He shares that the district asks for higher amounts on the levy in the event that actual EAV is higher than the estimate.
5. Motion by Guzman, second by Buck to close the public hearing for a proposed property tax levy increase. Voice vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
6. Public Comment:
 - a. Bruce Obendorf shared comments on Dr. Mahoney's presentation.
7. Motion by Guzman, second by Buck to approve the proposed property tax levy increase. Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
8. Other Matters before the Board: None.
9. Public Hearing Adjourned at 6:45.

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Public Hearing on the Closure of DLR and information on the 22-23 Jr/Sr High School Plan

1. Public Hearing called to order by Wills at 6:48 p.m.
2. Roll call, present were Wills, Griffin, Baker, Buck, and Guzman. Nesemeier and Duke were absent.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Motion by Buck, second by Guzman to open Public Hearing on the closure of DLR and information on the 22-23 Jr/Sr High School Plan. Voice vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
5. Presentation by Dr. Mahoney to explain the rationale for DLR Closure and the Jr/Sr High School plan details.
 - a. Dr. Mahoney shares the 3 public hearings that will be held are:
 - i. Administrative and student support structure, Lunch, and Location plans
 - ii. Courses and Scheduling
 - iii. Transportation
 - b. Dr. Mahoney shared the rationale for the initial recommendation which included ongoing budget deficits, cost of repairs at DLR, ongoing declining enrollment, existing space in both OHS and OES, increased elective opportunities for Jr. high students at the new Jr/Sr high, and improved department collaboration
 - c. Dr. Deininger presents on the Admin and student support structure, Mr. Crandall presents on the planning for lunches as well as the location for classes to alleviate as many Jr High/Sr. High 'crossovers' as possible.
6. Motion by Buck, second by Griffin to close the public hearing on the closure of DLR and information on the 22-23 Jr/Sr High School Plan. Voice vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
7. Public Comment:
 - a. Connie Augsburg, Bruce Obendorf, and Karen Urish expressed concerns regarding the space at OHS being sufficient to house both Jr & Sr high students.
 - i. Admin the plan for utilizing the classrooms available. More information will be shared at the next two public hearings once staff is more aware of what changes may happen. Dr. Deininger confirmed that there are enough classrooms for the Junior and Senior High School teachers.
 - b. Carrie Berg and Stephanie Haugh asked about student supports available and scheduling changes.
 - i. Dr. Deininger explained that counseling and specialized services will be done by optimizing the staff. Counseling will be available to students to fit their needs, the outline for counseling is the foundation and adjustments can be made if needed.
 - ii. The start and end times will be the same for both the Jr and Sr High students. Some spaces will be shared, but not at the same time – ie: band will be house in the same room, but Jr high students will have band class at a different time from Sr. High. Sharing space will allow for more collaboration between the two bands as well.
 - iii. Dr. Deininger stated that it is the staff's intent to serve our special education students in a manner that aligns staff's strengths with our student population
 - c. Bryan Buzard and Diana Steinmetz inquired about bussing and student drop off.

- i. Dr. Mahoney stated that more information will be shared at the final public hearing after collaboration has happened with the transportation department.
 - d. Sally Wessels, Robin Obendorf, Sylvia Saunders, and Carol Reckmeyer shared concerns about curriculum especially related to the electives being offered and OCUSD students leaving campus to take classes elsewhere.
 - i. Deininger shared that OCUSD has opportunities for students through multiple different programs to offer industry certifications and training for all students, including student that are not college bound. She stressed that she feels very strongly that OCUSD offers great opportunities to all of our students. Student groups have helped create classes that are everyday life focuses (Freshman Seminar and Consumer Ed). Dr. Mahoney added the offerings available for dual credit courses on our campus have grown as well.
 - ii. Dr. Deininger also explained the required courses for graduation as well as how electives can be made available to students as they progress through their HS years.
 - iii. Dr. Deininger explained that the middle school concept (teachers teaming) will still remain in effect at the new Jr/Sr High School next year. 7th and 8th grade teachers will continue to meet in groups to best serve our students needs.
 - e. Angi Sowl and Aaron Mudge shared their opinions on the 22-23 Jr/Sr High School plan and appreciation of the board in making the decision to make changes.
 - f. Rob Urish read aloud 105 ILCS 5/10-22.13: a new law regarding school closures.
 - i. Dr. Mahoney and the board responded by assuring Mr. Urish that the board's attorney is guiding the board with the new law.
 - g. Bruce Obendorf, Jeff Bold, Sally Gray, Karen Urish, Rob Urish, and Ferol Labash all shared many concerns regarding the board's perception of the closure of DLR. Many stressed that the decision to close DLR could be delayed.
 - i. Mike Guzman responded multiple times with respect for each person's opinions and while the board isn't able to fully answer all of the questions presented, he does believe the closure of DLR is an opportunity for the district to improve.
 - ii. Mike Anderson thanked Mr. Guzman for his comments.
8. Other Matters before the Board: None.
9. Public Hearing Adjourned at 8:04.

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November 15, 2021
Regular Board Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by Wills at 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll call, present were Wills, Griffin, Baker, Buck, and Guzman. Nesemeier and Duke were absent. Guzman left at 8:10pm.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Motion by Guzman, second by Buck to go into closed session.
Voice vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
5. Closed session began at 5:57 p.m.
6. Closed session adjourned at 6:34 p.m.
7. Meeting called to order by Wills at 8:05 p.m.
8. Motion by Guzman, second by Griffin to approve the following employment motions:
Reassignment:
Julie White – 6 hour to 3-hour bus driver
Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
9. The School Board Members read aloud the affirmation followed by Dr. Wills who read aloud the district mission statement “educate students to be to be lifelong learners who are productive, responsible citizens.”
10. Recognitions:
 - a. Mr. Lawton recognized Ella Danhorn for her achievement in advancing out of Sectional to the IHSA State Finals where she place #149 out of 256 overall runners.
 - b. Mr. Lawton recognized State gold and Co-op swimmers for their successes this season.
11. Presentations:
 - a. Mr. Larsen presented on ISBE School Report Card Designation. He explained that not all of the data is available due to many schools not being in session during the fall so not having norms for comparison. He showed the districts goals and the indicators and weights model to show what the district does know on the data available.
12. Public comment:
 - a. Rob Urish asked about comparison to other similar districts
 - i. Mr. Larsen explained that he normally does do that, but without the data from the state, he is unable to access other school district data. In a usual year, we fall amid the middle of the bell curve.
 - ii. Dr. Baker explained that Mary Jo Griffin and herself are involved with the curriculum committee and commends the district on its work.
13. Motion by Buck, second by Molly to approve the FY21 Audit.
 - a. Jerry Funk from Wipfli shared highlights:
 - i. Federal government has not issued all requirement for full audit. Only the Annual Financial Report is available. It was a Clean Audit.
Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
14. Annual Statement of Affairs – Informational only – on the website for viewing.

15. Motion by Buck, second by Griffin to approve the consent agenda as presented. Dr. Mahoney shared information regarding some of the bills paid by the district this month. Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Griffin, second by Baker to approve the 6-month review of board minutes for April 2021 through September 2021. Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Griffin, second by Buck to approve the ISBE School Report Card designations as presented. Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
18. Administrator Reports:
 - a. Heidi Deininger thanks the school board for the hard work and hours they dedicate to our district. She is proud to work with the members to make the district great. She reports that OHS has transitioned to a computer based PSAT testing platform. The feedback from students after the fall PSAT was excitement over being able to see the score building as the test progressed. The instant scoring has also allowed the teachers to dig in and instantly find areas needed for growth. Another practice will be taken before the SAT in the spring.
 - b. Kip Crandall reports his thankfulness for being able to host an in-person Veteran's Day program at DLR again. The students and staff did an excellent job and the 24 guests and guest speaker Erin Dietrich were very pleased with the welcome they received honoring them.
He also shared information regarding new professional development, ThinkCerca, and the success the staff is seeing with it.
 - c. Ryan Huels reports that Channel 13 WREX will be visiting OES Friday, November 19 to show case the reading dogs and interview Kristen Boyer and the reading team about the reading dog program being implemented. The dogs are all loved by both students and staff.
 - d. Dr. Mahoney recognizes Mr. Crandall, the DLR Staff, and the students for an excellent job raising money for a student fighting for cancer.
19. New business: None
20. Old business : None
21. Other matters before the board: Dr. Baker shared information regarding the recommendations proposed to the school board to vote on at the Triple I Annual Conference. Dr. Baker will be serving as a delegate and voting based on the board's decisions this year.
22. President's Prerogative: None
23. Motion by Buck, second by Griffin to adjourn.
24. All voted aye. Motion carried.
25. Meeting ended at 8:44 p.m.

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