

OCUSD #220
BOARD MINUTES
April 18, 2016
Regular Board Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by Mr. Smith at 5:30 p.m.
2. Roll call, present were Smith, Obendorf, Griffin, Haugh, Wilken, and Buck. Absent was Wills.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Motion by Buck, second by Haugh to go into closed session. All voted aye. Motion carried.
5. Closed session began at 5:32 p.m.
6. Closed session adjourned at 6:17 p.m.
7. Meeting called to order by Smith at 6:30 p.m.
8. Motion by Wilken, second by Haugh to approve the following resignations:
 - Amber Wright resigned as cook for Oregon Elementary
 - Alan Nordman resigned as Oregon High School Head Bowling Coach
 - Joyce Yoakum resigned as bus driver for the district
 - Erin McMaster resigned as Oregon High School JV Soccer Coach
 - Justyn Laxner resigned as Oregon High School Head Soccer CoachRoll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Wilken, second by Buck to approve the following employments:
 - Kelli Virgil as Principal for Oregon Elementary
 - Daniel Gale as Health/Art Teacher for DLR Junior High
 - Jacob Taylor as a bus driver for the districtRoll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Wilken, second by Obendorf to approve the following retirements:
 - Joyce Howlett to retire at the end of the 2015-2016 school yearRoll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
11. Smith read aloud the district mission statement “educate students to be to be lifelong learners who are productive, responsible citizens.”
12. Recognitions:
 - Mrs. Tilton recognized the First Grade Team for bringing the NIU Stem team to the school. Mr. Huels and Ms. Peterson submitted a grant to the Foundation for the funding to bring the group to the elementary school. NIU brought over 20 interactive Stem stations for the children to participate in and several parents volunteered to help run the stations.
 - Mrs. Tilton recognized the Kindergarten Team for their realignment of the Kindergarten Screening process to help streamline it for both students and parents. The process caught the attention of Stillman Schools who came this year to observe the screening process.
 - Mrs. Virgil recognized Lori Peterson for leading the I-READ program at Oregon Elementary. Not only does it provide reading services for students, but it is also a strong mentor program for the students who participate.
13. Club Presentation:

- OHS Music and Drama program presented to the board. A review of fall projects included the Highland Fall Choral Festival, Autumn on Parade, Fall Choral Spectacular, ILMEA District Festival and the Oregon grades 5-12 choir album. Marching Band's show for this year was Star Wars Episode MMXV. The band performed the show at the home football games, 3 parades, 2 field competitions and a play-a-thon. Winter programs included the Candlelight Walk, Madrigal Dinner, Christmas Concert and Christmas Caroling. Students participated in the Augustana Honor Band, Big Northern Conference Festival, and the IMEA All State Festival. The spring includes the IHSA competitions, the spring musical, and Band Extravaganza. Upcoming events for the end of the school year include the Jazz Dance, Choir Pop Concert, Spring Concert, Memorial Day Performance and a trip to see Sponge Bob the Musical. Ms. Sheridan stated that the elementary school had the largest 5th Grade band and choir in school history. She also stated that Ms. Donnelly has been adding several additional choir performances for grades 1st through 4th. Mr. Eckardt extended his thanks on behalf of the music program to the board for their continued support and he expects the program to continue to grow.
14. Lori Peterson arrived after the club presentation. Ms. Peterson informed the board that she has been working with churches, Rotary, Lions and other local organizations to recruit volunteers for the program. She stated Facebook has been a good resource too. She reviewed how the program works with the students and the strong relationships created between the students and the volunteers. She also stated how important it is to include community service and volunteerism in our daily lives.
 15. Public comment – Alan Nordman stood to speak regarding his time as the bowling coach for Oregon High School. He thanked the board for their support over the years. He commended all of the athletic directors that he had worked with in his tenure as coach and stated what an honor it was to be able to coach for the years he did. Mr. Nordman then spoke as a parent and thanked staff and administration for the support his son received during his years as a Hawk. His son had personal struggles during his education beginning in 4th grade. He commended Mr. Crandall for helping his son succeed and graduate Junior High. He commended Mr. Nelson, counseling staff and teaching staff for supporting his son when he made bad decisions in high school rather than giving up on him. Mr. Nordman said it was an honor to have his children go through the Oregon education system.
 16. Motion by Haugh, second by Buck to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mahoney reviewed a few of the invoices that were paid for the month. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
 17. Motion by Obendorf, second by Griffin to approve the cooperative agreement with Byron to provide swim team opportunities for students. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
 18. Motion by Wilken, second by Obendorf to approve the Resolution to authorize acceptance of the contract and by laws document of the Illinois Scholastic Cooperative and authorizing membership in the ICS. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
 19. Motion by Buck, second by Haugh to approve the 2016-2017 Athletico Agreement which provides athletic training services to the district. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

20. First reading of student handbooks for the 2016-2017 school year. Haugh pointed out gender and equality language and that it is not the same language through each handbook. Mr. Mahoney stated it would be reviewed before next meeting. Haugh also discussed the dress code language and how it seems more biased towards females in the DLR and High School handbooks. Mr. Mahoney stated this would also be looked at before the next meeting and informed the board all of the changes in language may not be finalized prior to the start of the next school year, but steps will be taken to begin the updating process.
21. Administrator Reports – Ms. Watson, Ms. Holmes and Mr. Huels presented the Senate Bill 100 that recently passed and how it affects protocol for student discipline moving forward. The bill requires there be no “zero tolerance” language nor prescribed discipline measures. There cannot be non-exclusionary measures; school must focus on how to keep the disciplined student in school. If student is suspended educational services still have to be provided. Parents must be informed in writing of what the student did to receive the discipline and how long the discipline will be. Suspensions can only be a maximum of 10 days and expulsions can only be a maximum of 2 years. With expulsions, a re-engagement program must be in place for the student returning to the classroom.
Mrs. Vigil recognized Penni Welte for her work on the Autism Awareness Poster competition.
22. New business – Mr. Crandall informed the board that Ms. O’Neil collected 1211 pairs of shoes for the Shoes for the Poor Project. The goal set was 1000.
23. No old business before the board
24. No other matters before the board
25. No President’s Prerogative
26. Motion by Wilken, second by Obendorf to adjourn. All voted aye. Motion carried.
27. Meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

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