

**OCUSD #220**  
**BOARD MINUTES**  
June 19, 2017  
Regular Board Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by Dr. Wills at 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll call, present were Wills, Buck, Haugh, Guzman, Zimmermann and Baker. Absent was Griffin.
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 6:02 p.m.
6. Closed session adjourned at 6:27 p.m.
7. Meeting called to order by Wills at 6:30 p.m.
8. Motion by Buck, second by Haugh to approve the following resignations:
  - Logan Cann as DLR Track Coach
  - David Boyer as OHS Head Baseball Coach
  - Audra Cronauer as OES Third Grade Teacher
  - Laura Volkening as OES Third Grade Teacher
  - Faith Watson as OES Special Education TeacherRoll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Buck, second by Guzman to approve the following leaves:
  - Nicole Brady maternity leave beginning approximately Sept. 11, 2017
  - Katherine Donnelly leave of absence for the 2017-2018 school yearRoll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried
10. Motion by Buck, second by Haugh to approve the following employments:
  - Fred McCarty as Part Time Custodian
  - Justin Ebert as OHS Assistant Football Coach
  - Garret Barnas as OHS Assistant Football Coach
  - Lori Knoechel as OES Fifth Grade Teacher
  - Carmon Conderman as OES Third Grade TeacherRoll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Buck, second by Guzman to approve the employment of Ryan Huels as the Assistant Principal of Oregon Elementary School beginning July 1, 2017. Roll call vote. Buck, Haugh, Guzman and Baker voted aye. Zimmermann voted Nay. Majority rules. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Buck, second by Haugh to approve the retirement of Darren Knuth at the end of the 2020-2021 school year. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
13. Motion by Buck, second by Zimmermann to approve the contract renewal of Dr. Thomas Mahoney as Superintendent. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
14. Dr. Wills presented the district's mission statement "educate students to be lifelong learners who are productive, responsible citizens."
15. Public Comment – Dr. Mahoney introduced Ryan Huels to the school board as the new Assistant Principal for OES. Mr. Huels stood and thanked the board for the opportunity.
16. Motion by Haugh, second by Baker to approve the consent agenda as presented. Dr. Mahoney reviewed the revenues due from the state that he didn't expect the district to receive by the end of the fiscal year. He also explained how the district reports revenues on a cash basis rather than an accrual basis. With this, the district will receive a tax payment at the end of June that

should actually be for the next fiscal year, but because the district is on a cash basis it will reflect at the end of this fiscal year. Roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.

17. Motion by Haugh, second by Buck to approve the Milk bid for food service to Muller Pinehurst for the 2017-2018 school year. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Buck, second by Zimmermann to approve the bonding of district treasurer Pat Donahue. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Haugh, second by Guzman to approve the resolution to enter certain litigation in St. Clair County as one of a number of School Board plaintiffs challenging certain aspects of school funding upon the happening of certain events. The Superintendent is authorized to act to effectuate the Board's intentions in this matter. Dr. Mahoney reviewed the lawsuit which currently includes 17 school districts against the state for non-payment of revenues. Dr. Mahoney stated he is working with the attorney on a memorandum of understanding to protect all involved school districts if additional fees incur during the extent of the lawsuit. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Buck, second by Haugh to approve the cooperative agreement with Winnebago School District for a combined bowling team for school years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
21. Motion by Baker, second by Zimmermann to approve the renewal of the property and liability insurance with Prairie State Insurance Cooperative. Dr. Mahoney noted there is a slight decrease in premiums. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
22. Motion by Haugh, second by Buck to approve the change in registration fees for the 2017-2018 school year. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
23. Motion to approve the change in DLR Promotion to DLR Honor Night/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration has been tabled until the July Board meeting.
24. Motion by Buck, second by Haugh to appoint Mary Jo Griffin as the governing board member for the Ogle County Educational Cooperative. All voted aye. Motion carried
25. Administrator Reports:
  - Shawn Gadow, Director of Technology, presented on the department's year. He presented the results of the annual staff survey which showed an increase in satisfaction with equipment and service. Survey showed a slight decline in response time to technical issues. Projects for the year included new staff laptops, new computer tables for OHS labs, Windows 10 upgrade, separated phone and wireless system, new computers for OHS library lab, all switches replaced, internet speed increase, wireless captive portal and the introduction of staff training for 2017-2018. Mr. Gadow surveyed other school districts regarding their bandwidth per student. Survey responses show our district is at the same levels as Byron and Stillman Valley.
  - Haugh asked OHS about the gap on the math results for the PSAT and what is being done. Mr. Nelson stated he is reviewing results and putting new programs in place to assist with the math program, especially for freshmen class.
  - Haugh asked OES what supports are in place for the ELL program. Virgil stated Mr. Majewski does a great deal of co-teaching with other certified staff in the district,

including special education. He also has a paraprofessional that works closely with him during the school day.

- Baker asked about the counseling reports and stated she was interested in what types of issues counselors are dealing with in regards to students. Ms. Cremeens was in attendance and gave an overview of what the OHS monthly report consists of. She stated that perhaps the counseling department could put together a presentation to review what issues are dealt with and what interventions are in place. It was also stated that perhaps a quarterly report would be better for the board.
- Baker asked about the OHS discipline report and what in school versus out of school suspensions consist of and what causes the numbers to fluctuate. Ms. Cremeens gave an overview of what infractions make up the discipline report and what state legislature changes have been put in place that could reflect the change in the numbers.
- Baker asked about the E-Rate report and how it affects us financially. Gadow explained that it is a federal program that offers discounts and rebate for technological services in the district. The refunds are based on the district's free and reduced and Medicare population. The discounts to services can change from year to year based on the E-Rate guidelines.
- Nesemeier updated the board on the summer maintenance projects. The OHS welding lab is 30% complete. Welding stations were installed this week with wiring to take place in the next week or two. Most of OHS should be re-painted by the time the school year begins. ADA chair lift installation should be complete with inspection to be passed.

26. New Business: None

27. Old Business: None

28. Other matters before the board:

- Zimmermann asked about student handbook policy and how it is enforced. In visits to the high school he has noticed violation of cell phone policy and dress code policy. He asked how other buildings address the issues. Virgil stated OES does not allow cell phones in the classroom. If so, phones are taken to the office until the end of the school day. First offense student can pick up phone after school. Second offense and after parents have to come to the school office to pick up the phone. Virgil stated OES does not have many issues with dress code. Mr. Crandall was not in attendance to answer for DLR.

29. President's Prerogative: None

30. Motion by Buck, second by Haugh to adjourn. All voted aye. Motion carried.

31. Meeting ended at 7:55 p.m.

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