

**OCUSD #220**  
**BOARD MINUTES**  
November 21, 2016  
Regular Board Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by Mr. Smith at 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll call, present were Smith, Wills, Griffin, Buck, Haugh and Guzman. Absent was Wilken.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Motion by Wills, 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 6:25 p.m.
7. Meeting called to order by Smith at 6:30 p.m.
8. Motion by Wills, second by Buck to approve the following resignations:
  - John Bothe as OHS Head Football Coach.Roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Wills, second by Guzman to approve the following employments:
  - Lyndsey McDonnell as district crossing guard
  - Johannah Tomita as long term substitute for Allison AlbrechtRoll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried
10. Motion by Wills, second by Haugh to approve the following retirements:
  - Marilyn Geiken to retire the end of the 2016-2017 school year
  - Kathryn Hoffman to retire the end of the 2016-2017 school yearRoll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
11. Smith read aloud the district's mission statement "educate students to be lifelong learners who are productive, responsible citizens." Smith also noted that while attending the IL Assoc. of School Boards Conference over the weekend he had the opportunity to sit and listen to Joan Lunden who also stated that we need to educate students to be lifelong learners.
12. Recognitions:
  - Mr. Hickerson recognized Donna Hite, Joyce Callaway, Jill Corcoran and Heather Tinsman for their work in collecting and balancing funds for the Oregon Elementary candy bar sales fundraiser. With the added responsibility the employees were still able to keep up with their daily assignments.
  - Mr. Nelson introduced Mr. Sitze, Mr. Davidson, Valeria Pflucker-Viteri, Ellen Recamp and Chance Merrell for their recent presentations regarding their participation in the Open Program. Pflucker-Viteri and Recamp presented at the Rural Conference at Ohio State. Keynote speaker actually offered Recamp a job opportunity after graduation from college. Davidson noted the professionalism of the presentation by the students. Merrell spoke at the IL Assoc. of School Boards Conference. He stated what an honor it was to speak to administrators and board members and to watch them listen and take notes on the topic.
  - Mahoney recognized Erin Folk, Park District Executive Director, as well as other staff of the district for all of their volunteered time to help the district install the new Oregon

Elementary playground. Board members commended the park district for the welcomed change the relationship with the school district has taken.

13. Presentations:

- Oregon Elementary Writing Committee presented by Ms. Himert and Dr. Schuster-Houck. They asked administration if they could do a book review of Writing Pathways and create a kindergarten through sixth grade curriculum. Himert and Schuster were granted the opportunity. The curriculum would include extensive reading of the genre being written, modeling or showing how writers compose and revise, daily time to write, and reflection and sharing of their writing. The curriculum would investigate what the end of year would look like for students and prepare instruction around it. Quarterly writing prompts would be completed. Students would be assessed on the Calkins rubric for vertical and horizontal alignment which would allow teachers to look at grades ahead and grades prior. Teachers are working together to create an aligned curriculum and student writing samples would be used in alignment as well as provide students writing ideas.
- Dungeons and Dragons presented to the board. Steve Stinson is the advisor and acts as the GM who establishes the creation of the story to take place with the players. Students told of a story that involved a detective who was strong in justice and morals. He was able to capture a monster and use him to find the master dragon in order to capture. Students also told of another story in which they went to take down the king and ran into a group of his men. Rather than fight each other, they came together to take down the king as a whole. Once the king was taken over, the group worked together to create a democracy. Mahoney asked how they remember the continuing stories and the students stated that the stories are so goal oriented they are easy to remember. All stories are done on pen and paper.

14. Public Comment – None

15. Motion by Buck, second by Guzman to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mr. Mahoney reviewed the invoices for finalizing the OES playground installation. Roll call vote, all voted aye. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Wills, second by Haugh to approve the tax levy as presented. Mr. Mahoney reviewed the levy as it was presented in the preliminary in October. He had made no changes since then. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Griffin, second by Guzman to approve the six month review of board minutes. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Buck, second by Griffin to approve the Oregon Park District Corporate Membership Agreement for 2017. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Wills, second by Haugh to approve the 2016-2017 Risk Management Plan. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Wills, second by Buck to approve the 2017-2018 Oregon High School course guide. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
21. Motion by Buck, second by Guzman to approve the following Health, Life, Safety Amendments:

- OES – replace exterior gym doors and main lobby exterior door for Etnyre wing (approximate cost \$82,625.00)
- DLR – replace sewer piping above ceiling in classroom 117 (approximate cost \$6,725.00)

Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

22. Motion by Wills, second by Guzman to approve the following changes to the DLR activity account:

- Remove Home Ec., Life Skills, Music and Newsletter line items due to more than 12 months of inactivity
- Add Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and Food For Thought Line Items
- Change title of STUCO to Magazine Sales to STUCO – School Fund Raiser

Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

23. Motion by Buck, second by Griffin to approve the destruction of recorded closed session minutes as listed below:

- February 2005, July – September 2008, July – November 2008, July 2010 - June 2011, July 2011 – June 2012, July 2012 – June 2013 and July 2013 – June 2014.

Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

24. Administrator Reports:

- PARCC results were presented by Mr. Larsen. He reviewed historical data on the PARCC test development. National standard assessment tests are required. 3 states currently use PARCC. More states moved to Smarter Balance or their own assessment. The PARCC will go away for high school students as the SAT counts as a national assessment. There are five levels of assessment ratings for the PARCC exam. English Language Arts, Math and Science are assessed on PARCC. PARCC is aligned to common core standards and our curriculum as intended. Larsen reviewed our district's assessment scores. 20-30% passing the subject assessed. He reviewed assessment data from 2005 to current. Decline in results due to realignment of assessment test and cut scores. Overview of district with state and we are in the 31<sup>st</sup> percentile which is low average. He showed the results of MAP test which shows greater student success. Believes part of the issue could be the questions themselves on PARCC and what is expected in an answer. Tools that students are not familiar with. He reviewed the high school with other Lee and Ogle county schools and we were in one of the lower percentiles. Could be looking at a different assessment after this year as Illinois only signed a three year agreement with PARCC.

25. New Business: None

26. Old Business: None

27. Other matters before the board: Mahoney provided the board with dates for the OHS staff meet and greet. Dates available would be November 30<sup>th</sup>, December 1<sup>st</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>. Advise Mahoney on what dates and work and which two board members plan to attend.

28. President's Prerogative:

- Smith reviewed the programs he attended at the IL School Board Annual Conference. Smith discussed the community engagement workshop and it was nice to see that we

are on the right path. He attended the Transgender student workshop that was beginning the process to help district inform students and staff. He also attended the School Board President Roundtable and found that other district presidents' were meeting with their union representatives and superintendent on a regular basis. He asked if that would be possible. Mahoney stated it would.

- Guzman attended our district's Open Program presentation and commended Chance on his speaking presence. Open Program presentation can be seen at the fair on December 7<sup>th</sup> or at the school presentation on December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Haugh attended the Friday key-note speaker who spoke on the "invisible" students and making sure we are accounting for each student, their success and participation.
- Griffin attended the Art in Curriculum and stated how important the arts are in the classroom for overall success of students and to find that niche for students who may not know what to participate in.
- Wills commended the Open Program and thank all of our staff in the direction we are moving as a district.

29. Motion by Wills, second by Haugh to adjourn. All voted aye. Motion carried.

30. Meeting ended at 8:10 p.m.

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