

OCUSD #220
BOARD MINUTES
April 18, 2022
Regular Board Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by Wills at 6:05 p.m.
2. Roll call. Present were Wills, Griffin, Baker, and Nesemeier. Buck, Duke, and Guzman were absent.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Motion by Nesemeier, second by Griffin to go into closed session.
Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
5. Closed session began at 6:07 p.m.
6. Closed session adjourned at 6:39 p.m.
7. Meeting Called to order by Wills at 6:42 p.m.
8. Public Comment:
 - a. Andy Eckardt shared results from Band & Choir State Contest. All performances received superior ratings and currently, the Oregon High School is in 3rd place in the state. He thanks the board and administration for all they have done to support the school, especially throughout COVID, to keep the school open and to keep our programs running. He is very appreciative as a parent, community member, and teacher of the efforts our district has made.
 - b. Aaron Mudge thanked the administrators and Dr. Mahoney for reaffirming that the district supports the beliefs and principles of parental rights and applauds them for siding with parents.
9. Motion by Nesemeier, second by Griffin to approve the following employment motions:
Resignations:
 - a. Dominic Cozzi as Sophomore Class Dean
 - b. Erik Walton as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach
 - c. Eliza Soyars as Special Education TeacherEmployments:
 - a. Broc Kundert as Permanent substitute for Jr/Sr High School and OHS Head Football CoachReassignments:
 - a. Nate Girton from JH Boys Basketball Coach to HS Boys Basketball Assistant CoachRoll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
10. Wills read aloud the Resolution Authorizing Notice of Honorable Dismissal for Educational Support Personnel. Motion by Baker to approve the Reduction in Force by dismissing Travis Ebens, second by Griffin.
Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
11. 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!"
12. Recognitions:
 - a. David Boyer commended his 8th grade homeroom class for their efforts in running a fundraiser for an 8th grade student with cancer. He introduced Aniyah Sarver, Cooper Johnson, and Nole Campos who presented details about the fundraiser including

\$1,849.12 raised, service hours earned, and gave a thank you to all of the volunteers that helped make the fundraiser a success.

- b. Heidi Deininger recognized Kim Radostits for being named ISBE Teacher of the Year. From 600 nominees across the state of Illinois, Miss Rad was selected as one of eleven regional teachers of the year and from that, was then named the teacher of the year. Dr. Deininger shared that she “has never known a teacher like Miss Rad and there is no one that deserves this honor more.”
 - i. Kim spoke stating that she “could not feel more loved.” She shared that this experience is already indescribable and she keeps reflecting on the saying “I take me, with me, everywhere I go.” She emphasized that not only will she be taking herself on her journey throughout districts across the state, but will also be taking Hawk Country with her. Without the opportunities she has received as an Oregon teacher to learn and grow, she would not be where she is now. She believes small towns do big things and she is ready to show that to the state. She closed her comments by sharing her excitement for the upcoming year and thanking everyone for the nomination.
13. Motion by Nesemeier, second by Baker to approve the Consent Agenda items. Dr. Mahoney outlined some of the district’s bills for the month.
Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
14. Dr. Mahoney shared details regarding options of how to move forward with the DLR complex. He outlined estimated costs for keeping the complex, keeping the property and demolishing the building, selling the complex, and transferring the property to another governmental agency. He also shared information regarding an offer from a group that is trying to start a college in the Mt. Morris community but has a 3-year timeline for when they plan on moving forward. A document was shared with the board members and Dr. Mahoney asked them to consider options in preparation for more discussion and a decision at the May board meeting stating the longer a building remains vacant, the worse it is for the community.
15. The board discussed upcoming dates for the 2022 Board Retreat. Dr. Mahoney will reach out to the absent board members and discuss possible dates in July with them. If all seven members aren’t available, they may do an evening retreat one night on a weekday versus a Saturday morning retreat.
16. Motion by Nesemeier, second by Griffin to approve the OHS Heat Exchanger HLS amendment. Dr. Mahoney explained that a heat exchanger had gone out in the 36 wing of the high school.
Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Griffin, second by Nesemeier to approve the OES and OJHSH student handbooks 2022-2023. Baker submitted a few more edits for the handbooks.
Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Griffin, second by Nesemeier to approve the student registration fees for the 2022-2023 school year. Baker requested a description of what the waiver available is on the fee spreadsheet.
Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
19. FOIA Requests:
 - a. SmartProcure requesting purchasing records for 12/20/21 - 03/21/22. Request received March 21, 2022. Response sent March 21, 2022.
 - b. Ogle County News requesting the name of Employee A and a copy of the settlement agreement approved at March 21, 2022 Open Board Meeting. Request received March 22, 2022. Response sent March 22, 2022.
20. Administrator Reports:

- a. Kelli Virgil-
 - i. The final family night focused on The Leader in Me Habit 7 – Sharpen the Saw with Mr. Huels doing an amazing read aloud during dinner followed by the 3rd grade teachers taking students and their families into their rooms for activities.
 - ii. IAR testing finished April 15 and MAP testing begins April 25
 - iii. The week of April 25 will be a busy one – Author visit, open house, and a book fair – excited to have some normalcy back!
- b. Kip Crandall-
 - i. The student leadership team met with the adult leadership team this week and scheduled an End of Year celebration for Saturday, May 7th. Staff and families are invited to attend from 4-5pm with students attending from 5-7pm
 - ii. Each grade level has earned over 1,000 service hours
 - iii. Over 3,000 pairs of shoes have been raised for Carrie O’Neil’s homeroom shoe service project in its lifespan
- c. Heidi Deininger-
 - i. Prom will be held April 30. Grand March will be outside at 7pm, with the dance following immediately in the OHS gym until 11pm
 - ii. Seniors are getting excited for graduation on May 21 at 7pm.
 - iii. PSAT and SAT testing was completed April 13. This is the first time that PSAT’s have been required by the state. Juniors will be taking the Illinois Science Assessment on April 27th.
 - iv. Proud of the teachers and all of their hard work coming off of a pandemic this year.
 - v. Great changes are happening in the athletic department and looking forward to what Oregon Athletics will be in the future.

Baker asked how orientations were being handled for new students to alleviate fears. Dr. Deininger explained that presentations had been made to 6th graders, Hailey Taylor (an Open Program student) has developed a mentoring program for incoming 7th graders, and there will be multiple open houses held throughout the summer to introduce students to the building.

Nesemeier inquired about receiving state averages for PSAT. Dr. Deininger and Mr. Larsen explained that because this is the first year the state has required all schools to participate, no average has been set yet.

- 21. New business: None
- 22. Old business: None
- 23. Other matters before the board: None
- 24. President’s Prerogative
- 25. Motion by Griffin, second by Nesemeier to adjourn.
Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
- 26. Meeting ended at 7:35 p.m.

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