

**OCUSD #220**  
**BOARD MINUTES**  
May 20, 2024  
Regular Board Meeting

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll call, present were Wills, Guzman, Buck, Baker, Nesemeier, and Haugh. Griffin and Baker were absent.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Motion by Haugh, second by Nesemeier to go into closed session.  
Voice vote, 4-0. Motion carried.
5. Closed session began at 6:00 p.m.
6. Baker arrived at 6:09 p.m.
7. Closed session adjourned at 6:33 p.m.
8. Meeting called to order by Wills at 6:35 p.m.
9. Motion to open the E-Learning Plan Public Hearing by Buck, second by Haugh.  
Voice vote. 5-0. Motion carried.
  - a. Dr. Mahoney presents the background and rationale for having an E-Learning plan and gives an overview of what the plan will look like. He clarifies special Education guidelines are also outlined in the plan. He shares data from a parent survey, stating that roughly 70% of parents prefer E-Learning over a snow day that has to be made up at the end of the year. The plan will be presented to the board for approval at the June 2024 meeting.
  - b. Public Comment:
    - i. Aaron Mudge shares his opinions against the E-Learning plan.
    - ii. Cari Berg shares her opinions in favor of the E-Learning plan.
10. Motion to close the E-Learning Plan Public Hearing by Guzman, second by Haugh.  
Voice vote. 5-0. Motion carried.
11. Open Session began at 6:56 p.m.
12. Public Comment:
  - a. Aaron Mudge shares his thoughts and concerns regarding social media posts and discussions held in the comment section of the post.
13. Motion by Buck, second by Guzman to Deny the Suspension Appeal for Student A.  
Roll call vote. 4-1. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Guzman, second by Buck to approve the following employment motions:  
Resignations:
  - a. Felicia Carreno as Library Aide effective August 11, 2024
  - b. Amanda Gyirbaky as Full-time Custodian
  - c. Stacy Solmo as Bus Aide effective May 14, 2024Employments:
  - d. James Waugh as Bus Aide
  - e. Casandra Webb as 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher 2024-2025 school year
  - f. Erin Bunton as OJSHS Full-time SubstituteLeave of Absence:
  - g. Felicia Carreno April 19, 2024 – August 11, 2024
  - h. Joyce Callaway through August 2024
  - i. Emily Nelson 2024-2025 school yearRetirements:
  - j. Sherry Marnich as Custodian effective November 1, 2024

Roll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.

15. Motion by Guzman, second by Baker to approve the Retirement Agreement for Mindy Thomas for \$8,700.00.

Roll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.

16. Recognitions:

- a. Darin DeHaan recognized the school district for their collaboration with the City of Oregon Police and Fire Departments for the May 8 Walk or Bike ride event. He has received nothing but positive comments since.
- b. 2024 Etnyre Foundation Grant Award winners: Brittany Kundert, Olivia Phalen, Amber Kerce, Cynthia Kilmer, Nate Rogers, Sarah Messenger, Yvonne Drake, Dominic Cozzi, Carmon Conderman, Seth McMillan, and Erin Moloney. An overall total of \$22,446.56 was awarded!

17. Motion by Buck, second by Guzman to approve the consent agenda items. Dr. Mahoney outlines some of the month's expenses.

Roll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.

18. Motion by Haugh, second by Guzman to approve the OES & OJSHS Student Handbooks for FY25.

Roll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.

19. Motion by Guzman, second by Nesemeier to approve the 6-month review of board minutes for October 2023 through March 2024.

Roll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.

20. Motion by Buck, second by Nesemeier to approve the Breakfast and Lunch prices for the 2024-2025 school year. Dr. Mahoney explains that the prices are set by the federal government and are not changing this year.

Roll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.

21. Motion to approve the Health Insurance Renewal for Sept. 1, 2024 through Aug. 31, 2025. Dr. Mahoney explains that there is a 4.75 increase in the rate, which is the lowest increased received in some time largely due to the overall good health of staff and health & wellness programs the staff are involved in.

Roll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.

22. Motion to approve the Renewal of Property/Casualty Costs & Worker's Compensation Costs for FY 2025. Dr. Mahoney explains that there is an overall 21% increase due to the extensive hail damage that occurred in April 2023 and a 5-year lookback at Workman's Comp claims.

Roll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.

23. Motion to approve the 2-year Rock River energy Gas Contract.

Roll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.

24. Motion to approve the Dual Credit MOU between Highland Community College and OCUSD 220.

Roll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.

25. Motion to approve removing Tom Mahoney from the following district accounts effective July 1, 2024:

- a. General Fund
- b. OCUSD Wellness Account
- c. OCUSD Tech Activity Account
- d. Imprest Activity Account
- e. OES Activity Account and Special Ed Activity Account
- f. OJSHS Activity Account

- g. Letterman's Activity Account
- h. Hawk Activity Fund
- i. BMO Financial Group Corporate Account

Roll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.

26. Motion to approve adding PJ Caposey to the following district accounts effective July 1, 2024:

- a. General Fund
- b. OCUSD Wellness Account
- c. OCUSD Tech Activity Account
- d. Imprest Activity Account
- e. OES Activity Account and Special Ed Activity Account
- f. OJSHS Activity Account
- g. Letterman's Activity Account
- h. Hawk Activity Fund
- i. BMO Financial Group Corporate Account

Roll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.

27. Wills appoints Haugh as the IASB Delegate.

28. Motion by Guzman, second by Nesemeier to approve Griffin as the OCEC Governing board member.

Roll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.

29. Motion to approve the following Board Policy Update, Dr. Mahoney explains that the attorney has modified it to align all policies on Suspension of Staff:

- a. 5:240 Suspension

Roll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.

30. FOIA Requests – Informational Only:

- a. Painters District Council No. 30 requesting a copy of invoices/receipts for paint purchases made and/or paid by Oregon CUSD 220 over the past five years. Request received 5/1/24, response sent 5/1/24.

31. Administrator Reports:

- a. Mr. Huels
  - i. Preliminary IAR data shows growth across all grades in ELA with 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade showing the most growth. 5<sup>th</sup> grade Math showed significant growth as well. He attributes the growth to the hard work of the staff embracing changes in interventions and curriculum.
  - ii. Of the 53 current teachers, 52 currently intend on returning for 2024-2025.
- b. Dr. Deininger
  - i. Cautiously optimistic regarding preliminary test results as ISBE standards are not aligned with the College Board standard. Both ELA and Math show increases for our Juniors. IAR results for the Hr. High are phenomenal. She attributes the success to all staff being all in.
  - ii. Graduation was a good day, there were a lot of great things to celebrate with the class of 2024.
  - iii. Geering up for summer school, both traditional and the Math Academy
- c. Wills expresses the impressive work that the staff has done and how it is shown in the students' scores. He asks about the state switching from SAT to ACT, Mr. Larsen shares some of the details

regarding the switch and states that the district is going through the process to be ready for the change.

32. New business:

a. Guzman commends the Girls' Soccer team for their amazing season!

33. Old business:

a. The Hall of Fame Committee accepted 62 nominations for the inaugural season of the Oregon Hawk Hall of Fame.

34. President's Prerogative: None

35. Motion by Nesemeier, second by Haugh to adjourn.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

36. Meeting ended at 7:15 p.m.

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