

OCUSD #220
BOARD MINUTES
November 21, 2022
Regular Board Meeting

1. Closed session began at 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll call, present were Wills, Griffin, Baker, and Nesemeier. Buck, Guzman, and Duke were absent.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Motion by Nesemeier, second by Griffin to go into closed session.
Voice vote, 4-0. Motion carried.
5. Closed session began at 6:02 p.m.
6. Closed session adjourned at 6:30 p.m.
7. Meeting called to order by Wills at 6:32 p.m.
8. Public Comment:
 - a. Rob Urish spoke regarding the improved standardized test scores and the Illinois Report Card results as well as being interested in the Truth in Taxation Hearing and the audit information.
 - b. Bruce Obendorf shared his interest in hearing the auditor's presentation and encouraged the board members to consider specific questions for the auditor.
9. Motion by Baker, second by Nesemeier to expel Student A through the FY24 school year with the expulsion held in abeyance of successful completion of an alternative placement program.
Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
10. 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!"
11. Recognitions:
 - a. Dr. Mahoney recognized Coach Jim Spratt for his induction into the ITCCCA's Coaches Hall of Fame Class of 2023 stating that Coach Spratt has had huge success with the track program.
 - b. Dr. Mahoney presented the 3rd, 4th, and 7th grade teams and commended them for their work with our students and the results their students earned on the IAR test. Dr. Wills thanked all the teachers for their endless efforts in the support of our students.
 - c. Dr. Wills presented Mary Jo Griffin with the Established Board Member certificate from the Illinois Association of School Boards for her 23 years of service as a Board Member.
12. Motion by Baker, second by Griffin to open the Truth in Taxation hearing.
Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
13. Dr. Mahoney presents a reminder of the types of funds used in the tax levy and presents the anticipated revenues based on the assessor's estimated EAV. Ogle County anticipates our EAV will increase by 6.19%. Because of the assessor's increase, the District is required to hold a truth-in-taxation hearing. The result of the 6.19% increase should yield an additional \$500,000 in revenue for the district in its operating funds.

14. Motion by Griffin, second by Baker to close the Truth in Taxation Hearing.
Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Griffin, second by Nesemeier to approve the Tax Levy as presented.
Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
16. Dr. Mahoney shared that the Annual Statement of Affairs (ASA) is a report required by the State of IL to be filled out using details from the district's audit every November. As the audit is not yet available, the auditors supplied a draft that included the information needed to complete the ASA. The ASA will be published in the November 25, 2022, Oregon Republican Reporter.
17. Motion by Nesemeier, second by Griffin to approve the consent agenda as presented. Dr. Mahoney highlighted some of the monthly financials.
Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Baker, second by Nesemeier to approve the 6-month review of board meeting minutes for April 2022 through September 2022.
Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Nesemeier, second by Griffin to approve the Tree Lighting trip to Washington DC for ISBE ornament designers.
Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried
20. Dr. Mahoney explains that the district audit is not yet available as the auditors are behind with all their districts in the finalization of the AFR and the Single audit findings. The auditors are estimating that a draft will be available within a week and a final in December. The audit is required to be filed in Springfield on December 15, 2022.
21. Dr. Mahoney explained the tentative plan for the OJSHS Gym Entrance Memorial Flagpole Project and opened the floor for the board members to ask any questions or give any additional feedback. Dr. Wills shared that he has spent time outside of that entrance and agrees that making it more welcoming is a great idea, especially now that it will be utilized more as that gym is the primary home gym of Jr High sports.
22. Motion by Griffin, second by Nesemeier to approve the Board Policy Update for 2:200 Types of Board of Education Meetings.
Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
23. FOIA requests – Informational Only: None
24. Administrator Reports:
 - a. Mr. Larsen presented the ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) Summative ratings. He explained the timeline, metrics, and use of the data within the act. Overall, each of the buildings at Oregon CUSD 220 earned a performance level of Tier 2 – Commendable.
 - b. Mrs. Virgil shares that OES has had many visitors observing different areas of the school. There have been teachers from surrounding communities observing classrooms as well as a principal from Rockford observing TLIM practices.
Mrs. Virgil explained the Pass Plan for 6th graders with performance and emotional deficits which make them ill prepared to move onto the next grade level. Information will be sent home to families on the FY23 plan for making the transition to OJSHS better.

- c. Mr. Huels shares that Miss Cremeens and himself are beginning to work with 5th and 6th grade students about “See something, say something” and are excited to extend those teachings to the 1st through 4th grades as well.
 - d. Dr. Deininger shares that 9th, 10th, and 11th graders have completed the fall PSAT practice exam and there has been a mixed review of the scores as the test is electronic compared to the true pencil and paper SAT. The scores do show areas of focus and the OJSHS staff are focused on developing intervention systems to give students extra support academically.
Dr. Deininger is excited to see the commitment to service projects during Hawk Huddles. The holiday projects are beginning to come together and there is a lot going on. OJSHS has also received visits from other schools implementing TLIM and it is exciting to know our schools are a destination others want to visit.
- 25. New business: None
 - 26. Old business: None
 - 27. Other matters before the board: None
 - 28. President’s Prerogative: None
 - 29. Motion by Griffin, second by Nesemeier to adjourn.
All voted aye. Motion carried.
 - 30. Meeting ended at 7:31 p.m.

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