

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom class for their efforts in running a fundraiser for an 8<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - 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 6<sup>th</sup> graders, Hailey Taylor (an Open Program student) has developed a mentoring program for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> 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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Board President – OCUSD #220

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Board Secretary – OCUSD #220

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**BOARD MINUTES**  
May 16, 2022  
Regular Board Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by Wills at 5:30 p.m.
2. Roll call. Present were Wills, Baker, Nesemeier, Buck, Duke, and Guzman. Griffin was absent.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Motion by Guzman, second by Baker to go into closed session.  
Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
5. Closed session began at 5:32 p.m.
6. Closed session adjourned at 6:50 p.m.
7. Meeting Called to order by Wills at 7:00 p.m.
8. Public Comment:
  - a. Melinda Johnson, Amanda Jacinto, Steve Bartel, Shirley Shuller, and Becky Morris spoke regarding the pending expulsion of three students at Oregon High School.
  - b. Dave Berg shared comments regarding the efforts of the district towards bullying, specifically regarding the bullying survey given to students within the district. Dawson Berg added his own comments and perspective as well.
9. Motion by Guzman, second by Duke to approve the following employment motions:  
Resignations:
  - a. Jamie Fulton as DLR Special Education Teacher
  - b. Kim Radostits as Freshman Class DeanEmployments:
  - a. Bailey Elliot as Junior High Boys' Basketball Coach
  - b. Dominic Marchetti as 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher
  - c. Alyssa Passmore as 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
  - d. Karly May as High School Science Teacher
  - e. Angi Sowl as FY23 Sophomore Class DeanRoll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.
10. Motion by Guzman, second by Duke to approve the following employment motions:  
Extensions:
  - a. Shawn Gadow as Technology Director
  - b. Ryan Huels as Assistant PrincipalRoll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.
11. Motion by Guzman, second by Buck to approve the following employment motions:  
Extensions:
  - a. Bill Nesemeier as Director of Building and GroundsRoll call vote. 4 aye, 1 abstain. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Guzman, second by Baker to approve the following employment motions:  
Renewals:
  - a. Heidi Deininger as Principal
  - b. Kip Crandall as Principal
  - c. Kelli Virgil as Principal
  - d. Susie Hanlin as Bookkeeper
  - e. Sheila Calhoun as Administrative Assistant
  - f. Mandi Callaway as Administrative Assistant
  - g. Steve Stinson as Network Administrator

- h. Steve Burrs as Custodial Director
  - i. Kelly Gilmour-Pace as Food Service Director
  - j. Zach VanVelzer as Mechanic
  - k. Liz Myers as Director of Transportation
- Roll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.
13. Motion by Buck, second by Baker to expel students A & B through March FY23 with the expulsion held in abeyance of successful completion of an alternative placement program.  
Roll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Buck, second by Duke to approve the hearing officer's disciplinary report for and the administration's available supports and interventions as the written decision of this Board of Education for the expulsion of students C, D, and E.  
Roll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.
15. 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!"
16. Recognitions:
- a. Dr. Mahoney recognized this year's recipients of the FY23 Etnyre Grant: Kristin Boyer, Grace McAvoy, Angela Reynolds, Rachel Cover, Jodi Thomas, Olivia Guerra, Olivia Phalen, Nate Rogers, and Jarrett Reynolds.
  - b. Carrie O'Neal and students presented details of their shoe drive service project. From 2015 to the present \$13,489 total has been raised to send children in Africa to school.
  - c. Kelli Virgil recognized Beth Taylor, Robyn Johnson, Jodi Thomas, Heather Mendoza, Jennifer Youngren, Jeff Stultz, Ronda Himert, Martha Schultz, and Mary Gardner for their efforts and work procuring the recent author visit and family night at OES. She thanked the Etnyre Grant and the Mount Morris Public Library for the financial contributions that made this event a success.
  - d. Kelli Virgil recognized and thanked the Myrna Hart foundation for the \$4,000 donated to the OES reading program.
17. Shannon Cremeens gave a presentation on Bullying Prevention sharing the details and feedback received from a recent survey given to students, identifying areas of strength and areas of improvement. Research is happening based on the responses and the next steps include Systematic prevention, increase response education, and creating a cycle for review and revision.
18. Motion by Buck, second by Guzman to approve the Consent Agenda items. Dr. Mahoney outlined some of the district's bills for the month.  
Roll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Duke, second by Baker to approve the edits to the FY23 School Fees.  
Roll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Guzman, second by Duke to approve the 6-month review of board minutes for October 2021 through March 2022.  
Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
21. Motion by Wills, second by Guzman to appoint Guzman as the IASB delegate.  
Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
22. Motion by Nesemeier, second by Baker to approve the District Discipline Improvement Plan. Dr. Mahoney clarified that this plan has been being followed throughout the school year; this was created in hopes of creating a proactive approach to discipline.

Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

23. Motion by Baker, second by Guzman to approve the Board meeting Dates for 2022-2023. Dr. Mahoney explained that there will be three (3) Tuesdays next year due to MLK, Jr Day, Presidents' Day, and Juneteenth.

Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

24. Motion by Wills, second by Nesemeier to approve Griffin as OCEC Governing Board Member.

Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

25. Motion by Nesemeier, second by Buck to approve the Dual Credit MOU between Rock Valley College and OCUSD 220. The board asked how many courses OHS currently offers. Dr. Deininger explained that there are currently ten (10) classes available for dual credit as well as six (6) advanced placement (AP) courses.

Roll call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.

26. Motion by Duke, second by Guzman to approve an Early Graduation request.

Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

27. Motion by Nesemeier, second by Guzman to approve fully funding OHS Girls' Soccer.

Roll Call vote. 5-0. Motion carried.

28. Dr. Mahoney shared the available options for the DLR property. He shared information he received regarding mothballed buildings on the NIU campus. The board discussion included the bid process for selling the building as-is, minimum bid options, results of the minimum bid not being met, and using a realtor. They also discussed keeping the building operational for a certain time period (6 months) to see how things work at OJSHS or using the building for small groups (PreK, extracurriculars, etc.) to allow time for the college interested to raise money to be able to purchase the property. The board agreed that before moving forward with the selling of the property, they would like to offer to transfer it to the Village of Mt. Morris. Dr. Mahoney will set up a meeting with the Village President and move forward with discussions with attorneys to sell if the Village is not interested.

29. FOIA Requests:

- a. Dorene Albaugh requesting information regarding amaze.org or any similar programs used within the district. Requested on May 4, 2022. Response sent May 5, 2022.

30. Administrator Reports:

- a. Kelli Virgil-

- i. OES will be honoring retirees on Wednesday at 2:15, with food trucks at 2:30. She invited the board members to attend.
- ii. Field Days and Park West days will happen during the last week of school.

- b. Kip Crandall-

- i. Recognized performances from IESA State Track Sectional
  - 1. Quinn Plescia – 1600m
  - 2. Cooper Johnson – over 2ft passed his personal record at shot put
  - 3. Addison Rufer, Skylar Bishop, Sarah Eckardt, and Abbie Ludwig – 4x400 relay
- ii. All end of the year activities (Friday) have been organized by the Leader in Me student leadership team

- c. Heidi Deininger-

- i. Wrapping up the year with bright spots:
  - 1. Leaders for Change have been a great asset this year

2. SAT scores are now available for students to view and she has received positive feedback from the students.
3. A representative from ISBE met with staff and students regarding CTE courses and the feedback was that the students are very enthusiastic about the program.

31. New business: None

32. Old business: None

33. Other matters before the board: None

34. President's Prerogative

35. Motion by Buck, second by Guzman to adjourn.

Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

36. Meeting ended at 8:18 p.m.

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**OCUSD #220**  
**BOARD MINUTES**  
June 20, 2022  
Regular Board Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by Wills at 6:00 p.m.
2. Roll call. Present were Wills, Buck, Griffin, Baker, Nesemeier, Duke, and Guzman.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Motion by Guzman, second by Buck to go into closed session.  
Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
5. Closed session began at 6:02 p.m.
6. Closed session adjourned at 6:18 p.m.
7. Motion by Griffin, second by Duke to recess into Public Hearing for amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.  
Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
8. Public Hearing began at 6:31 p.m.
9. Public Hearing adjourned at 6:42 p.m.
10. Public Comment:
  - a. Bruce Obendorf requested that the board publish a timeline for the decisions being made regarding the DLR property.
11. Motion by Guzman, second by Duke to approve the following employment motions:  
Resignations:
  - a. Brian Mitchell as High School Boys' Basketball Coach
  - b. Brandon Meyer as High School Social Studies teacher, Assistant Baseball Coach, and Assistant Football Coach
  - c. Olyvia Rand as Senior Class Dean
  - d. Ranae Taylor as Yearbook Advisor
  - e. Darci Thrasher as OES Recess Aide
  - f. Walt Peeling as OES Recess Aide
  - g. Addison Kitzmiller as JV Girls' BasketballEmployments:
  - a. Angela Blumeyer as OJSHS Special Education teacher
  - b. Chelsey Diehl as OES Full-time Substitute
  - c. Karly May as Assistant HS Volleyball Coach
  - d. Bridget Rasner as OES Special Education Paraprofessional
  - e. Erin Moloney as OJSHS Special Education teacherReassignments:
  - h. Courtney Barcai from 3.5 hour to 5 hour OES Recess Aide
  - i. Broc Kundert from Full-time Substitute to High School Social StudiesLeave of Absence:
  - j. Aaron Mendoza requesting the first semester of the 2022-2023 school year.Roll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.
12. 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!"
13. Recognitions:

- a. Janae Bothe, IHSA State Championship in 1A Shotput. Oregon has now had an IHSA State Champ for two (2) years in a row!
  - b. Liz Mois, First Team Class 2A All-State selection as a catcher by the Illinois Softball Association
- 14. Motion by Guzman, second by Duke to approve the consent agenda items. Dr. Mahoney outlined some of this month's bills.  
Roll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.
- 15. Motion by Nesemeier, second by Baker to approve the renewal of the Property/Casualty Costs & Worker's Compensation for FY 2023.  
Roll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.
- 16. Motion by Duke, second by Baker to approve the renewal of the Illinois State Library Agreement for FY 2023.  
Roll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.
- 17. Motion by Guzman, second by Buck to approve the 2022-2023 Dental renewal. Dr. Mahoney explained that there were two (2) options for renewal this year; 1-year at a fixed rate with no increase or 2-year with a 4% increase. He elected the 2-year option to lock in a rate for multiple years in hopes to avoid any higher increases due to inflation.  
Roll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.
- 18. Motion by Buck, second by Guzman to approve increasing the Substitute daily pay rate from \$95 to \$110 and a long-term rate of \$130 per day after 20 days  
Roll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.
- 19. Motion by Buck, second by Griffin to approve School Meal prices for the 2023 school year to be set at \$3.25 for lunch (\$0.40 for reduced) and \$1.50 for breakfast (\$0.30 for reduced). Discussion from the board regarding lunch fees being charged as the Federal Lunch program is not awarding free lunches to schools this year. Dr. Wills recommended offering guidance to families as lunch money has not had to be collected in the past few years.  
Roll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.
- 20. Motion by Guzman, second by Griffin to approve the Milk Bid recommendation to be awarded to Prairie Farms in Rockford, also known as Muller Pinehurst Dairy.  
Roll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.
- 21. Motion to approve the following Board Policy updates:
  - a. 2:230 Public Participation at Board of education Meetings and Petitions to the Board;
  - 2:220-E8 Exhibit – Board of Education Records Maintenance Requirements and FAQs;
  - 4:70 Resource conservation; 5:80 Resource Conservation; 5:80 Court Duty; 8:80 Teaching About Controversial Issues; 6:290 Homework; 7:15 Student and Family Privacy Rights; 7:285 Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program
- 22. Motion by Guzman, second by Buck to approve the Resolution for the Sale of Real Property for DLR. Dr. Mahoney highlighted details of attending the Village of Mt. Morris Board Meeting to answer questions and present the option of transferring the property to the village. Dr. Mahoney shared that Mt. Morris Board Member Jerry Stauffer stated that he believe that the DLR building was in great shape and that there was nothing wrong with it during the meeting. Dr. Mahoney also shared that he indicated to the Mt. Morris Village Board that the District would consider providing additional money to the Village if they were to accept the transfer of the property.

The village board members submitted a letter to the OCUSD 220 board declining the option to have the property transferred. He then outlined the bid process for the board. Dr. Wills read aloud the Resolution Authorizing Sale of Real Property.

Roll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.

23. Dr. Mahoney presented an idea to transition from an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion Night to an 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Honors Night moving forward. He included points that in transitioning to one building, the students are not promoted into the High School anymore and many of the awards are suited for all students, not just academic achievers. The awards include service, behavior, and role modeling that make it suitable for all students to achieve. The board discussed their personal thoughts and feelings as well as shared some feedback received from district families supporting the change.

24. Motion by Nesemeier, second by Guzman to approve the Band/Honors Choir Nashville Trip for June 2023.

Roll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.

25. FOIA Requests: None.

26. Administrator Reports:

a. Kelli Virgil-

- i. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers have been working on aligning the pacing guide of HMH Anywhere, a new online curriculum, to the standards rubric for OES. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be piloting this program in FY23.
- ii. The Leader in Me Lighthouse teams have been working with Ryan and Kelli on next year's SIP goals and preparing for the "1<sup>st</sup> 8 Days" Leader in Me curriculum to start the school year off.

b. Heidi Deininger-

- i. Emphasized the 8<sup>th</sup> grade honors night will recognize all four of the OCUSD pillars: Academics, Activities, Service, and Leadership.
- ii. Shared updates on SAT scores. Dr. Deininger stated that while 53% of the OHS Juniors met the SAT standard for college readiness the state has a high cut score which resulted in only 22% of OHS Juniors meeting the ISBE score. She shared that this year's scores were disappointing, but she feels this year's Junior class was hit the hardest academically by COVID and remote learning. She explained that PSAT scores for the next two classes are higher but again, the norms set by the State of IL are different from the College Board, so it is hard to predict student success on the ISBE score.
- iii. Cell phone 'lockers' have been purchased for each classroom to help enforce the 'out of sight policy'. Research has shown how students having constant access to cell phones creates serious academic distractions. Looking forward to seeing what changes happen when access to cell phones and the distractions they cause is limited in the upcoming school years.

27. New business: None

28. Old business: None

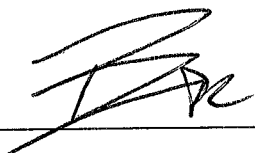
29. Other matters before the board: None

30. President's Prerogative

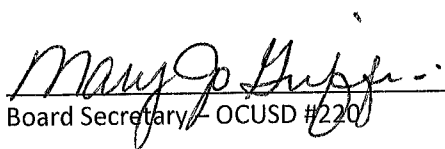
31. Motion by Guzman, second by Nesemeier to adjourn.

Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

32. Meeting ended at 7:30 p.m.

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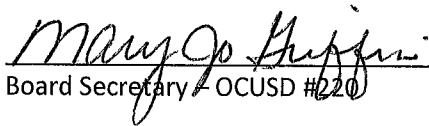
**OCUSD #220  
BOARD MINUTES  
June 20, 2022**

**Public Hearing for Amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget**

1. Public Hearing called to order by Wills at 6:31 p.m.
2. Roll call. Present were Wills, Buck, Griffin, Baker, Nesemeier, Duke, and Guzman.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Motion by Griffin, second by Duke to open Public Hearing for Amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.  
Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
5. Presentation by Dr. Mahoney to explain the reasoning for amending the budget.
  - a. Personal property tax has significantly increased this fiscal year. Dr. Mahoney reported that he reached out to the IL Department of Revenue for an explanation for the increase in revenue and they did not provide one. This is not anticipated to occur next year.
  - b. CARES revenue monies were added to the original budget, as that information was not available when the budget was initially created and approved.
  - c. Data entry errors were corrected in fund 50/51
6. Public Comment:
  - a. Bruce Obendorf shared his calculations of the difference between the original budget versus the amended budget and asked that information regarding where excess monies were being spent, how the ESSER grants have been utilized (Specifically CARES III), and inquired as to if the June 30, 2022 expenditure report is going to show the updated budget numbers.
  - b. Aaron Mudge expressed his concern about the security and safety of our staff and students after the recent school-related incidents in other states. If there is extra money in the budget, he asks the board to consider more safety measures, tightening protocols, and perhaps a School Resource Officer in each building.
7. Motion by Baker, second by Nesemeier to close the public hearing for amending the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget.  
Voice vote. All voted Aye. Motion carried.
8. Motion by Griffin, second by Guzman to approve the Amended budget.  
Roll Call Vote. 6-0. Motion carried.
9. Public Hearing Adjourned at 6:42.



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July 18, 2022  
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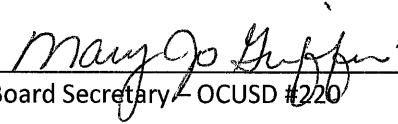
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4. Motion by Baker, second by Griffin to go into closed session.  
Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
5. Closed session began at 5:31 p.m.
6. Closed session adjourned at 6:37 p.m.
7. Public Comment:
  - a. Amy Smith, Education Coordinator for the "Little Explorers" Daycare center, requested that the board please consider bringing bussing services to the center even though they are in the walking zone. She stated that in the times we live in, five blocks is a long way for young students to walk. She also invited the board to visit the center as it is a great addition to the community.
  - b. Alan Milhouse, founder of "Little Explorers," shared his story of how the center came to be and the intentions for it to continue to grow and be a great community addition for the next 100 years. He invited the board to tour the center and asked for a bus route to be given to the center. Multiple busses drive past the center on the way to and from their regular routes and he requests that they be added to the route.
  - c. Jodi Heuerman, Lead Educator for "Little Explorers," shared letters from parents requesting the addition of bussing services to and from the center.
  - d. Bruce Obendorf discussed his findings of the end of year financial results for the district. He reminded the board to ask questions and insure they understand the financial aspects of the district. He also thanked the board for allowing alumni to tour the DLR building over the Fourth of July weekend. He has received great feedback from many that were excited to walk the halls of the building again.
8. Motion by Guzman, second by Baker to approve the following employment motions:  
Resignations:
  - a. Quinn Virgil as OHS Special Education Teacher
  - b. Doug Engle as OHS Track CoachEmployments:
  - a. Jeff Hendricks as HS Clay Target Club Sponson
  - b. Tracy Burchardt as PreK Paraprofessional
  - c. Dominic Marchetti as Assistant Football Coach
  - d. Nick alexander as Assistant Football Coach
  - e. Aaron Mullins as Full-time Bus Driver
  - f. Tegan Zshornack as 3.5-hour Recess Aide
  - g. Reaine Wilson as 1-year Spanish Teacher
  - h. Brittany Kundert as OJSHS Full-time SubstituteReassignments:
  - a. Kristy Eckart from HS Girls' Basketball Asst. Coach to JH Girls' Basketball CoachRetirements:
  - a. Kelly Handschuh retiring at the end of the 2025-2026 school year
  - b. Miles Beske retiring at the end of the 2025-2026 school yearRoll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.

9. Motion by Guzman, second Griffin to approve the Medical Leave of Absence for John Spaine. Roll call vote. 0 aye, 4 nay. Motion failed.
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. Motion by Guzman, second by Baker to approve the consent agenda items. Dr. Mahoney outlined the end of fiscal year 2022 revenue and expenditures surplus and deficit. He attributed the increase in revenue to a one-time increase in the Personal Property Replacement Tax and the National Food Program, as well as the early tax payment that was intended for FY23 but received in FY22. Dr. Mahoney reminded the Board of the importance of backing out the early tax payment to see the actual surplus balance. In May, the Tort fund balance was -\$87,000 because of the tax distributions. This was in spite of a \$900,000 surplus shown on the FY 21 audit. Backing out the early tax payment from the audited balances provides a truer picture of the District's financial help. Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
12. Motion by Guzman, second by Griffin to approve the bonding of Treasurer Pat Donahue for the 2022-2023 School year. Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
13. Motion by Guzman, second by Baker to approve the High School Clay Target Club. Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
14. Motion by Griffin, second by Baker to approve removing Meagan Meyer from the DLR activity account and adding Heidi Deininger and Janet Greenwood. Dr. Mahoney explained that while still transitioning into OJSHS, the activity will remain separate. They will become one combined account in FY24. Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Guzman, second by Griffin to approve adding Kip Crandall to the High School Activity Account. Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
16. FOIA Requests:
  - a. SmartProcure requested purchasing records from 03/16/22-Present on June 19, 2022. Response sent June 21, 2022.
17. Administrator Reports – Administrators are at a conference in Michigan, all reports were presented in the board packet
18. New business: None
19. Old business:
  - a. Dr. Mahoney updated the board on the progress of the bid process of the DLR property. Two people toured the building on the July 11 walkthrough date, one other has requested a bid packet, and the St. Anthansius College has scheduled a walkthrough for the beginning of August. Dr. Mahoney is currently anticipating at least three bids.
20. Other matters before the board: None
21. President's Prerogative
22. Motion by Guzman, second by Griffin to adjourn. Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
23. Meeting ended at 7:08 p.m.



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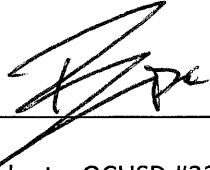


**OCUSD #220**  
**BOARD MINUTES**  
August 15, 2022  
Regular Board Meeting

1. Closed session began at 5:30 p.m.
2. Roll call: present were Wills, Griffin, Buck, Baker, Guzman and Duke. Nesemeier was absent.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Motion by Guzman, second by Buck to go into closed session.  
Voice vote, 5-0. Motion carried.
5. Closed session began at 5:30 p.m.
6. Nesemeier arrived at 5:52 p.m.
7. Closed session adjourned at 6:24 p.m.
8. Meeting called to order by Wills at 6:30 p.m.
9. Public Comment: None
10. Motion by Guzman, second by Duke to approve the following employment motions:  
Resignations:
  - a. Jacqui Ferris as OES ParaprofessionalEmployments:
  - b. Wendy Stevens as OJSHS Special Education teacher
  - c. Leanna Stanley as 3.5-hour Recess Aide
  - d. Sandra Goodwin as 3.5-hour Recess Aide
  - e. Steven Wyatt as Bus Aide
  - f. Carol Cline as Freshman Class Dean
  - g. Jarrett Reynolds as Junior Class DeanReassignments:
  - a. Teagan Zshornack from 3.5-hour Recess Aide to OES Special Education Aide
  - b. Angela Reynolds from Junior Class Dean to Senior Class DeanRoll call vote. 6-0. 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. Dr. Mahoney recognized Kelli Virgil for being named the Illinois Principal's Association State Director for the Northwest Region
  - b. Kelli Virgil recognized the Preschool for All Program for achieving the Gold Circle of Quality in ExceleRate Illinois, commending PreK teachers Yvonne Drake and Amy Tomlinson for their great work with the students and families.
  - c. Adam Larsen recognized Mandi Callaway for her work with the district's State Reporting requirements.
13. Motion by Buck, second by Guzman to approve the consent agenda as presented. Dr. Mahoney updated the board on the financials for the month.  
Roll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.

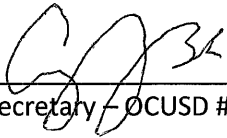
14. Dr. Mahoney presents information on the FY23 budget. The preliminary budget shows a deficit of \$208,434. He informs the board that if the Illinois Personal Property Replacement Tax revenues are high again this year, the district will not experience an operational budget deficit.
15. Motion by Guzman, second by Duke to approve the Real Estate Purchase Agreement from Fred Kenney for the DLR property.
  - a. Dr. Mahoney outlined the district receiving three (3) bids: \$1007.00, \$30,100.00, and \$51,000.00. Then he recommended the Board accept the high bid of \$51,000.00 submitted by Fred Kenney.Roll call vote. 4 ayes, 2 abstain. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Buck, second by Baker to approve the Dual Credit MOU between Highland Community College and OCUSD. Dr. Deininger shared that OHS currently offers 12 dual credit courses through area community colleges.  
Roll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Guzman, second by Nesemeier to approve the 6<sup>th</sup> grade participation in IESA Jr. High Track. Dr. Mahoney states that 6<sup>th</sup> grade already participates in other IESA sports including Jr. High cross country and wrestling. Now that the Jr. High track practices will be at OJSHS, it makes it possible to extend track to 6<sup>th</sup> grade, also.  
Roll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Duke, second by Griffin to approve the 2022-23 Corporate Membership Proposal for the Oregon Park District.  
Roll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Duke, second by Guzman to approve eliminating the inactive Home Ec, Concessions, and Life Skills DLR activity accounts.  
Roll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Guzman, second by Duke to approve following Board Policy Updates:
  - a. 4:20 Fund Balances; 5:180 Temporary Illness or Temporary IncapacityRoll call vote. 6-0. Motion carried.
21. FOIA requests:
  - a. SmartProcure requested records for all current employee/staff contact information (Name, positions, department, work phone number, work email address, and office address) July 26, 2022. Response sent July 28, 2022.
22. Administrator Reports:
  - a. Mrs. Virgil shared details regarding OES's Meet-the-Teacher night, beginning of the year teacher institute day, and the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School Celebration. She also stated that the building is gearing up for their upcoming fundraiser.
  - b. Dr. Deininger shared details regarding OJSHS's Back to School night, Curriculum night, and details regarding the new ebb & flow of having 200 more students in the building than in the past. She also shared that the overall parental response to the new cell phone policy has been "thank you."
23. New business: None
24. Old business: None
25. Other matters before the board: None

26. President's Prerogative: None
27. Motion by Guzman, second by Buck to adjourn.  
All voted aye. Motion carried.
28. Meeting ended at 6:54 p.m.



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**OCUSD #220**  
**BOARD MINUTES**  
September 19, 2022  
Regular Board Meeting

1. Closed session began at 5:30 p.m.
2. Roll call: present were Wills, Buck, Baker, and Nesemeier. Griffin, Guzman, and Duke were absent.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Motion by Buck, second by Baker to go into closed session.  
Voice vote, 4-0. Motion carried.
5. Closed session began at 5:31 p.m.
6. Guzman arrived at 5:48 p.m.
7. Closed session adjourned at 6:24 p.m.
8. Meeting called to order by Wills at 6:30 p.m.
9. Public Comment:
  - a. Charity Brehm shared her concerns and beliefs regarding biological identity and the teaching of it to students. She stated that she does not believe that this is happening in the district. She thanked the board for caring and having the best intentions for our children.
  - b. Doreen Albaugh shared experiences of her children being bullied and asked the Board to review the athletic code.
  - c. Aaron Mudge shared concerns about the implementation of any SEL curriculum and the amount of money spent on SEL nationally. Mr. Mudge asked the board to allow him to raise his children and asked that the school stick to academic growth.
10. Motion by Guzman, second by Baker to approve the following employment motions:  
Resignations:
  - a. Scott Beck as a bus aide effective September 15, 2022Employments:
  - b. Derek Rufer as Asst. OHS Boys' Basketball CoachReassignments:
  - a. Stacey Solmo from 3-hour bus aide to 6-hour bus aideRetirements:
  - c. Kim Stukenberg as custodian effective September 19, 2022Roll 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. Shannon Cremeens recognized Alexys Davis, Abigail Rogers, and Ryan Fox for receiving the National Rural & Small-Town Award for their AP scores; they scored 3 or higher on 2 or more AP exams
  - b. Kelli Virgil recognized Jodi Thomas and Robyn Johnson for being identified by ROE 8 as a teacher-leader within our area for the ROE 8 teacher-leader group.
13. Presentations:

- a. Dr. Mahoney shared the district's Social Emotional Family Infographic. He thanked Miss Cremeens and other counseling department staff for the work they did to produce the infographic for OCUSD families. Dr. Mahoney stated that the District's goal is to be transparent with our families. The information will be sent to families in the next week. Dr. Wills thanks Ms. Cremeens and the rest of the Counseling staff for the work they did on the project.
14. Motion by Guzman, second by Buck to approve the consent agenda as presented. Dr. Mahoney shared some of the financials for the month.  
Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
15. Motion by Nesemeier, second by Baker to approve the bid for a new Etnyre Playground to be installed next summer. Dr. Mahoney shared that the new equipment will be paid for by a donation from the Lawrence Foundation and OES fundraising.  
Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
16. Motion by Guzman, second by Baker to approve the purchase of three (3) new 71 passenger busses for the 23-24 SY at \$359,016.00.  
Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
17. Motion by Buck, second by Guzman to approve the purchase of two (2) 2019 Activity Busses for 23-24 SY at \$133,202.00.  
Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
18. Motion by Guzman, second by Nesemeier to approve 3-year leases of six (6) busses (four (4) 71 passenger and two (2) wheelchair) for 23-24 SY at an annual lease of \$162,544.00.  
Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
19. Motion by Baker, second by Buck to approve the 22-23 Risk Management Program.  
Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
20. Motion by Nesemeier, second by Buck to approve the FY22 Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefit Report.  
Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
21. Motion by Guzman, second by Nesemeier to approve the FY22 IMRF Compensation and Benefit Report.  
Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
22. Motion by Buck, second by Baker to approve the retirement agreement for Kim Stukenberg at \$4,350.00  
Roll call vote. 4-0. Motion carried.
23. Motion by Guzman, second by Nesemeier to approve OJSHS Registrar as a new OESPA classification.  
Voice vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
24. FOIA requests: None
25. Administrator Reports:
  - a. Mr. Crandall shared OJSHS SIP plan details as well as updated that the transition into one JSHS has gone remarkably well. He shared that our H.S. students have been repeatedly seen helping our Jr. High students.

- b. Mrs. Virgil shared that fall MAP scores have shown more retention between spring and fall in 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grades than she has ever seen before. Building-wide content meetings and vertical articulation are proving to have a great positive impact within the building. Also, the building raised \$20,000 during the fall fundraiser and celebrated with a “Day of Awesome!”

26. New business:

- a. Dr. Mahoney shared details regarding some upcoming building projects
- i. New bus barn & athletic storage shed – Dr. Mahoney stated that the new bus barn would be needed as a result of closing DLR and the current storage for maintenance equipment is not sufficient.
  - ii. AC for BHC – ISBE grant will help offset the \$100,000 cost. Dr. Mahoney shared that this project would dehumidify the BHC and lower the temperature during high heat months.
  - iii. Patio upgrade at the OHS gym entrance off Hawk Drive. Dr. Mahoney stated that he and Mr. Tremble discussed enhancing the area around the flagpole as community members walk up to the OJSHS gym entrance.

27. Old business: None


28. Other matters before the board: None

29. President’s Prerogative: None

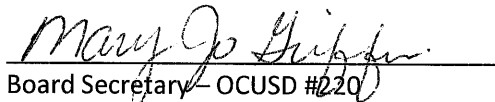
30. Motion by Guzman, second by Buck to adjourn.

All voted aye. Motion carried.

31. Meeting ended at 7:12 p.m.



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