

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 8th Grade Promotion Night to an 8th 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. 2nd grade teachers have been working on aligning the pacing guide of HMH Anywhere, a new online curriculum, to the standards rubric for OES. 2nd and 4th 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 "1st 8 Days" Leader in Me curriculum to start the school year off.

b. Heidi Deininger-

- i. Emphasized the 8th 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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