

**OCUSD #220**  
**BOARD MINUTES**  
January 19, 2016  
Regular Board Meeting

1. Meeting called to order by Mr. Obendorf at 5:30 p.m.
2. Roll call, present were Obendorf, Griffin, Haugh, Wills, Wilken and Buck. Absent was Smith.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Motion by Wills, second by Buck to go into closed session. All voted aye. Motion carried.
5. Closed session began at 5:32 p.m.
6. Closed session adjourned at 6:13 p.m.
7. Meeting called to order by Obendorf at 6:35 p.m.
8. Motion by Buck, second by Wills to approve the following extended leave of absence:
  - Audra Cronauer to extend medical leave until the end of the 2015-2016 school year.Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
9. Motion by Buck, second by Haugh to approve the following employments:
  - Joshua Cain as district bus driverRoll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.
10. Obendorf read aloud the district mission statement “educate students to be to be lifelong learners who are productive, responsible citizens.”
11. Recognitions – Mrs. Tilton recognized staff members Kelly Albrecht, Jordan DeWilde, Stacey Glendenning and Jen Kenney for their development of Christmas around the World at Oregon Elementary. Albrecht gave an overview of how the event came to be developed by the four employees presenting. The event was held in the Oregon Elementary gym with a meal provided for those who attended. Some of the countries recognized were Mexico, Netherlands, China, Germany, Italy and England. Boosters also joined in the event and the event had a very good turnout for the first year.
12. Club Presentation:
  - OHS Book Club presented by Bethany Sulser and Mrs. Mowry. The students came to Mrs. Mowry with a huge interest in reading wanting to create the book club. The book club meets once a week during the school year and once a month during the summer. Books read have been Blind, Paper Towns and the Ripper. There are currently nine members in the club. The club is selling candy and chips in the library to help raise funds to have an author come to Oregon High School and speak.
13. Mr. Larsen presented the HMH Efficacy study. Larsen reviewed the seven year contract the district had signed with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt to provide new textbooks for the district, professional development for staff through the Leadership in Learning which is part of HMH, and the evaluation of the program up to this point with Press Associates, which is not affiliated with HMH. Larsen reviewed the timeline with the board from the selection process of the vendor to provide the contract of services to the current date of staff professional development and training. Data team trainings are part of the process with staff to review what is and what is not working in the contract. Press Associates created a questionnaire for staff members to complete. Once completed Press Associates gathered and analyzed the data to provide the

district feedback. Teachers reported an increase in common core and state assessment implementation. Teachers reported an increase in RCD implementation. Teachers are not relying completely on HMH materials as their primary resource. There is no clear relationship between implementation and student achievement at this time. Mr. Larsen reviewed the future direction of the remaining contact between HMH and the district

14. Mr. Larsen presented the PARCC results to the board from the previous school year. Reviewed the history of previous assessments used which included ISAT and PSAE. These two assessments were used to monitor the No Child Left Behind target goals. National Standards created Common Core curriculum. Assessment testing by each state assists in determining federal funding and Larsen provided a map of the US showing which states used what type of assessment process. Reviewed the performance rating level for PARCC which is a 1 – 5 scale. The PARCC test assessed English Language Arts and Math skills as aligned to common core. Science is to be added in the upcoming test. At this time we don't know what meets and exceeds on the PARCC exam truly means and if the cut scores correlate to future success. Larsen reviewed the results of ELA and Math for the district. All grades tested in district fell under the 50 percentile but we don't know what this means with no previous PARCC data and no correlation to previous assessment testing. In comparison to other IL school districts OHS placed in the 45<sup>th</sup> percentile, DLR placed in the 51<sup>st</sup> percentile and OES placed in the 33<sup>rd</sup> percentile. Dr. Schuster and Mrs. Himert presented on a teacher's perspective of the PARCC exam. Due to the length of the exam student suffer fatigue and frustration. The reading levels of the exam are several levels higher than the grade level receiving the exam causing frustration. The technical skills required to take the online version exam well exceed the skill levels of the majority of elementary students. These requirements also affect the essay requirements on the PARCC exam.
15. Wrap Around Services were presented by Mr. Hickerson, Ms. Cremeens, Mrs. Pottorff and Mr. Boyer. The project is to provide services to students to ensure the district meets the mission statement and that a student's focus is on learning in the classroom. The full committee was introduced to the board. The committee provided a map of services created to provide physical, mental and educational service for students and families of students who otherwise would not have access to such. Mrs. Pottorff presented that Ronald McDonald care mobile will be available at the district in the spring to provide health services. The committee will continue to seek partnerships in the community to provide services for students and families. The goal is to meet the students' basic needs so the focus can be in the classroom.
16. Public comment – Kathryn Burger spoke in regards to the Wrap Around presentation and the positive approach for students. She spoke in regards to the PARCC test and Common Core and when the district speaks poorly of the PARCC test a lot of parents see the two tied together and wonder about the validity of Common Core. Perhaps more explanation from the district separating the two. She commended the board members on their service to the district.
17. Motion by Wills, second by Griffin to approve the consent agenda as presented. Mahoney reviewed a few of the invoices that were paid for the month along with the status of district expense and revenues. Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

18. Administrator Reports – Haugh asked Tilton about the Math Fact Mastery numbers for second quarter as presented in her report. What was the cause of the decrease in some of the grade levels? Tilton stated that she was not sure, but did pull the previous year's results and there has been an increase in results. OES will be looking at what could have caused the decrease in some scores between quarter one and quarter two of this school year.
19. No new business before the board
20. No old business before the board
21. No other matters before the board
22. No President's Prerogative
23. Motion by Wills, second by Haugh to adjourn. All voted aye. Motion carried.
24. Meeting ended at 8:05 p.m.

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