
**Oakridge Board of Directors
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 11, 2023
6:00 p.m.**

1. Call Meeting to Order

Present: Director Pope, Vice Chair Hardy, Director Samuelson, Director Curtis, and Director Wright.

Director Pope called the Regular meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 6:00pm.
Director Pope lead with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Changes to the Agenda

Superintendent McGrath asks to add Presentation of Audit at Information/Reports, Item 6.4

3. Announcements/Correspondence

Superintendent McGrath welcomes Kyle Kivett, newly hired OJSHS Principal to his first Board meeting. Director Pope adds that he has been corresponding with OSBA regarding strategic planning and evaluation process.

4. Public Comment

Director Pope called for Public Comment. Principal Maher invited all to football game on Friday night. Heather Harrison added a thank you to parents who provided coffee and pastries for the Staff.

No Public Comment.

5. Consent Agenda

5.1 Consent Agenda (Action)

Vice-Chair Hardy moves to approve the Consent Agenda

Director Wright seconds the Motion

Motion passes with all Directors voting Yes.

Following the Motion, it was noticed that an incorrect name for the Assistant Volleyball position was on the personnel report and name should be deleted.

Vice-Chair Hardy moves to amend the Consent Agenda

Director Wright seconds the Motion

*Vice-Chair Hardy moves to approve the amended Consent Agenda
Director Wright seconds the Motion
Motions pass with all Directors voting Yes.*

6. Information/Reports

6.1 Superintendent Report – Superintendent McGrath

Superintendent McGrath reported a “Great Start to the School Year!” In August, trainings were held at OES with Ed Excellence where teachers learned how to use pre and post data to help guide curriculum. Reported that there will be an upcoming CPR/First Aid Training with Oakridge Fire Department on Friday, September 22 for coaches and staff. OSEA and OTA negotiations will begin Wednesday and Thursday, September 13-14 and new Evaluation and Grading Committees are being formed. A shout-out and thank you to parents who provided pastries and coffee to teachers and staff on Friday, September 8!

6.2 OES Report – Principal Maher

Principal Maher gave a shout-out to Summer Readers! Students who completed Mrs. Maher’s Summer Reading Challenge by reading 10 books of their choice and returning a reading log the first week of school. The students earned a treat and gift certificate to buy a new book at the fall book fair. Thank you to Erick Rockwell, a former student of Oakridge School District, for donating school supplies, including headphones, glue sticks, crayons and lunch boxes. Papa’s Pizza has also donated mini pizza coupons to OES students. Summer Adventures students created 6 new murals, all created with a food theme, that will hang in the cafeteria. Upcoming events include Open House on September 12 from 6:30-7:30, Aimsweb Testing begins September 11, Teacher workday on September 22 and Ed Ex will be at OES to support teachers on September 26 and 27.

6.3 OJSHS Report – Principal Kivett

Principal Kivett shared his first impressions as the newly hired principal at OJSHS. Everyone has been friendly and welcoming and he is settling in. The staff has good energy and he welcomed new staff, Rachael Keys (ELA), David Tipton (AD) and new coaching staff, Jordan Wilson (OJH Girls’ Volleyball) Dan Niblett (OJSHS Girls’ Wrestling), and Tony Hammock (OJSHS Asst Football). Going forward he will be working on what is expected from students, including better attendance and a codified cell phone policy. Would like to see future growth in the areas of improved attendance and graduation rate, seeing the school as a community hub including organizing a pep band and drama club, and continued community outreach, i.e. Coffee with the Principal; coming out of COVID we want people back in the schools volunteering and participating. The theme for the year is HOPE – the expectation of improvement. If we can instill hope in our interactions with kids every day we can make their world better. Have asked teachers to be ‘Beacons of Hope’ in their classrooms.

6.4 Presentation of Audit – Heather Harrison – Business Manager

The finalized audit was received just hours ago, at noon today. There were no substantial findings and the District passed with flying colors. Superintendent McGrath thanks Heather Harrison and Peggy Mahla for their excellent work.

7. New Business

7.2 Book Study Discussion – Chapter 5

Discussion on improving school/community culture. Read and discuss Chapter 6 at the next Board Meeting.

Superintendent McGrath added a thank you to Director Curtis and Director Samuelson for helping serve at the Faculty and Staff Welcome Back the last week of August.

8. Next Meeting

Regular Board Meeting, October 9, 2023 at 6:00pm

9. Adjourn

*Vice-Chair Hardy moves to Adjourn Meeting
Director Wright seconds the Motion*

Meeting Adjourned at 6:49pm

APPROVED:



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Board Chair



Superintendent