

Oakridge School District #76

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Oakridge Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes January 8, 2024 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 led with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Changes to the Agenda

No changes to the Agenda.

3. Announcements/Correspondence

Interim Superintendent McGrath read thank you letters to the Board from OSEA and OTA as well as a letter from OSEA regarding negotiations.

4. Public Comment

Director Pope called for Public Comment. No Public Comment. Director Samuelson asked who our Professional Development provider is: ED Excellence has been our provider for the past three years.

5. Action Items

5.1 Consent Agenda (Action)

Vice-Chair Hardy moves to approve the Consent Agenda Director Samuelson seconds the Motion Motion passes with all Directors voting Yes.

5.2 Early Literacy Grant Application (Action) – non-competitive grant – will be used to hire Early Literacy EA (K-3) at OES.

Director Samuelson moves to approve the Early Literacy Grant Application
Director Wright seconds the Motion
Motion passes with all Directors voting Yes.

5.3 LESD Service Plan (Action) – plan was presented by the Lane ESD Superintendent at the December 11, 2023 meeting.

Director Samuelson moves to approve the LESD Service Plan 2023-25 Year Two presented at the December 11, 2023 Regular Board Meeting

Director Wright seconds the Motion

Motion passes with all Directors voting Yes.

5.4 SIA-Quarter 4 Report and Grant Agreement (Action) - Retro-active vote.

Vice-Chair Hardy moves to approve the SIA 4 Report and Grant Agreement
Director Curtis seconds the Motion
Motion passes with all Directors voting Yes.

5.5 Donation of Art Supplies from Dave Sulick (Action) – Interim Superintendent was approached before Winter Break regarding the donation. The Artist had passed away and the family wanted the supplies to be donated. Mark Osborn and Amy Bradley will collect the supplies. If Board approves, we will acknowledge donation on the Highway 58 Herald.

Director Wright moves to approve to accept the donation of art supplies from Dave Sulick
Vice-Chair Hardy seconds the Motion
Motion passes with all Directors voting Yes.

5.6 OSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement (Action) – Administration recommends accepting. Everyone worked long and hard during the process, eliminating a lot of old language and added a section on pay equity. Gave a 4% COLA for each of the next three years and 1 additional day of vacation (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day).

Vice Chair Hardy moves to approve the Consent Agenda Director Samuelson seconds the Motion Motion passes with all Directors voting Yes.

6. Adjourn Regular Board Meeting and reconvened as Local Contract Review Board

Public Comment - No Public Comment

6.1 Allows Board to hire one project manager to complete projects in a more efficient manner.

7. Adjourn Local Contract Review Board and reconvene Regular Board Meeting

Adjourn Local Contract Review Board at 6:25pm; Reconvene Regular School Board Meeting at 6:25pm

7.1 Findings – CMGC process (Action)

Vice-Chair Hardy moves to approve the Findings – CMGC process
Director Curtis seconds the Motion
Motion passes with all Directors voting Yes.

8. Information Reports

8.1 Superintendent Report

Interim Superintendent McGrath shared January's enrollment numbers: 2022-2023 SY: 503; and 2023-2024 SY: 494. The new scoreboard at the softball field has an estimated completion date of February 12, 2024. Discussion turned to COGNIA and the accreditation process and what that means for the District. OJSHS has not been an accredited school since approximately 2014 when the Administrator at that time withdrew from the accreditation process. Accreditation is not a requirement in Oregon but students could be at a disadvantage when applying for higher education. COGNIA is a company that can help with the accreditation process which could take as long as 2-3 years. The District has submitted an Application for Candidacy and scheduled a virtual meeting to get the ball rolling. SAM (Sex Abuse) training was held on January 2, 2024 and will happen again in the Fall. Curriculum Day welcomed staff back with a lunch catered by the local restaurant, The Campfire, Home of Cowgirl Cookn'. Before, during, and after photos were shared of the OES Kitchen Hood; the project is now complete! More and more requests are coming in for information to be included on the new Reader Board. The Administrative Team will be meeting to set up protocols and guidelines for usage of the Reader Board. A shout-out was given to Business Manager Heather Harrison for completing the Audit as well as to everyone in the District! Everyone is working hard to make things happen.

8.2 OES Report

Principal Maher gave shout-outs to our custodians! Thank you for working over Winter Break re-waxing floors and sanitizing everything in the building. OES hosted The Festival of Trees and Toys for Tots in December. Toys for Tots contacted the School District wanting to re-new their partnership with schools and OES became that site this year. Teachers were very happy with the ED-Ex Training on Curriculum Day. OES Staff and students enjoyed Dress-up days, Peppermint, and Elf on the shelf that wreaked havoe!

8.3 OJSHS Report –

Principal Kivett shared photos of Winter Spirit Week which held themed days and students could choose between an Assembly/Enrichments or going to the gym for fun activities, the Winter Concert - Kathryn Pounds did a wonderful job of mentoring the younger kids for the Winter Concert, and Winter Sports which kept everyone very busy with 1 shared Wrestling tournament in Coquille, Girls Wrestling in Junction City, and Boys in Riddle. The Basketball teams shared a tournament, the Harney County Crossover, as well as five additional games each. There were only three days over the break without basketball. Upcoming events include Basketball games throughout January, the Celebration of Life for Jerry Snyder, Semester 1 Finals and Grading Day on January 26. Principal Kivett shared an image "As you stress about having to go back to school soon, just remember, there is a

child who hasn't been in an encouraging atmosphere since they left your class, bus, lunchroom, library, before Christmas Break – They can't wait to see you!" The theme for the month is Encouragement; make sure we're encouraging each other over the next couple of months.

9. Unfinished Business

9.1 District Mission Statement - Discussion

Board discussed their Mission Statement and shared thoughts on how to go about developing it. A date will be set for a Work Session to discuss, possibly with Community Members, students, and staff.

10. New Business

10.1 Student Representative to the Board - Discussion

Board discussed having a student representative to the Board and how it would benefit students. It would be a good opportunity for growth and insight into leadership and community service. The District did have a student representative prior to COVID and this is something we could bring back.

10.2 Book Study – Discussion Chapter 7

Vice-Chair Hardy led discussion on Chapter 7 of Engage Every Family and ways to engage parents, the community, and students.

11. Next Meeting

Next Regular Board meeting will be held on February 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

12. Executive Session

Board Adjourned Regular Board Meeting at 7:50 p.m. -Entered Executive Session at 7:54 p.m.

13. Adjourn

Board reconvened Regular Board Meeting at 8:14 p.m. Adjourned Regular Meeting at 8:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

Board Chair

Superintendent