

Oblong Community Unit School District #4 School Board meeting was held at 6:00 pm on April 15, 2024, in the Oblong Elementary School Oblong Room.

Mrs. Meese and the board recognized the following:

The OHS Math Team placed 9th at the State Competition.

Team Results:

Algebra II - 9th Place - Rowan Bailey, Maggie Bailey, Will Wilson, and Cameron Davis
Calculus Team - 4th Place - Landon Baker, Ethan Dhom, Ava Manuel, and Joey Nichols
Calculator Team - 3rd Place - Ethan Dhom, Landon Baker, Will Wilson, Cameron Davis, Conner Pinkston, Hailyn Hays, Jackson Ridlen, and Mylo Bay
Orals Team - 7th Place - Ava Manuel and Maggie Bailey

OHS FBLA competed at the State Conference.

OHS had eight students compete in objective test areas and performance areas. The OHS FBLA chapter received 1st place in the Presidential Membership Award Division for increased membership. The Chapter also received Silver recognition for involvement in the Champion Chapter Events throughout the school year.

Jorie Weber placed 9th in the Impromptu Speaking competition.

Andrew Miller and Garrett Smith placed 8th in the Computer Gaming and Simulation event.

OHS Aces Team State Competition

Cameron Davis and Ethan Dhom both placed at the State ACES competition.

Cameron placed 2nd in Engineering Graphics, and Ethan placed 1st in Math.

The board received the Yearly Oblong Sports Booster report from Rick Potts. For the 2023-2024 school year the Sports Boosters donations to the school totaled \$134,945.02. The Boosters have received request from coaches for the 2024-2025 school year and have approved request for next school year totaling \$30,650.28. Mr. Potts shared that the Oblong Booster Club first started in 1984. Since that time the organization has now given \$802,183.20 to date to the district to help support and grow student athletics in Oblong. Over the years this money has been raised with help from donations and fundraising efforts that are supported by the local community and businesses here in Oblong and surrounding areas.

The board approved the following items:

- 2023-2024 Amended School Calendar.
- Substitute Teachers, Aides, Bus Drivers, Cooks, Nurse, and Custodian list.
- IESA Membership for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Making applications for Title I, II, IV, Pre-K Grant and Consolidated District Plan.
- Senior Class trip request
- High School Biology trip request.
- 6th Grade Class trip request.
- Jr. High Basketball request to host Boys & Girls Summer Basketball Camp
- Request from Oblong Music Boosters request to use the facilities at Oblong High School on Saturday, October 26, 2024, for the Annual Spooktacular Band Competition as submitted.
- Dual Credit Agreement with Illinois Eastern Community Colleges

After returning from closed session the board:

Hired Maranda Spraggins as Special Education Teacher for the 2024-2025 school year.

Hired Chris Ralston as Jr. High Baseball Coach.

The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.