

Onion Creek School District #30
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
2006 Lotze Creek Rd., Colville, WA 99114, District Office
December 18, 2019, 5:00 PM

- I. School Board Members present were: Elissa Dyson, Andy James, Joel Anderson, Jerry Slater, and Lukas Miller at 5:15—a quorum; staff: Bekah Angus; visitor: Melody Bowlby.
- II. Elissa called the meeting to order at 5:02
- III. Flag salute
- IV. Additions/deletions to agenda: Elissa shared pictures and the story of the Onion Creek School "Onion Box" donated to the Washington State School Boards' Educational Foundation auction held each year at the WSSDA Annual Conference.
- V. Andy made a motion to approve the Minutes from the November 20, 2019 Special School Board Meeting and Jerry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- VI. Jerry made a motion to approve the Business Consent Agenda and Lukas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - a. Approval of Payroll Expenditures Total \$53,023.04
 - i. Employee Warrants (106069 – 106074) \$3,562.28
 - ii. Employee Direct Deposit:\$30,113.65
 - iii. Payroll Accounts Payable:
 1. Ded/Ben Warrants (106075 – 106080) \$1,009.86
 2. Payroll Tax Payments: \$ 10,209.62
 3. Retirement Payments: \$ 8,127.63
 - b. Approval of General Fund Expenditures Accounts Payable Total: \$32,263.01
 - i. General Fund Warrants (106081-106101) \$27,485.04
 - ii. Capital Projects Fund Warrants (106102-106103) \$4,777.97
- VII. Correspondence from Kathy Sutton donating \$300 for OCS Christmas support. The teachers agreed to deposit \$100 into the ASB account to cover Usk and ski trip scholarships and the other \$200 to the Northport Tree of Sharing, which sponsored 10 Onion Creek low-income families.
- VIII. Superintendent/Principal's Report
 - a. Budget Status Report & Cash Flow Chart: Bekah will check with John to make sure the low figures on the Budget Status Report's beginning and ending fund balances is due to the pending repayment of the Healthy Kids, Healthy Schools grant into the OCSD Capital Projects Fund.
 - b. Enrollment K-6 & K-8 was briefly discussed.
 - c. Lukas made a motion to approve the Parent and Family Engagement Policy and the Title I, Part A Improving Basic Programs and Jerry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - i. Elissa will get a copy of WSSDA BP 4130 updated in February 2018 to adopt for compliance with the Title I grant;
 - ii. There was no additional input from parents at the Community Advisory Meeting about the OCSD Title I Program.

- d. Lukas made a motion to approve moving the January 22 Regular School Board Meeting to a Special School Board Meeting on January 29 and Andy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with one abstention.
- e. Annual Performance Report survey draft: The Board discussed and made an addition to the survey which will be sent home with students with the February newsletter.
- f. Review the following BPs:
 - i. Jerry made a motion to approve the adoption of BP3241 Classroom management corrective actions punishment and Lukas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - ii. Joel made a motion to approve the adoption of BP3416 Medications at School and Lukas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - iii. First reading of BP3110 Qualification of Attendance and Placement
 - iv. First reading of BP6700 Wellness. Bekah was directed to run this by the NEWESD Food Director, Abby Miller, to make sure the changes are in compliance with state and federal laws.
- g. From the Board calendar: Roles of School Board Members is under Elissa's report.
- h. Volunteer Recognition: Volunteer Recognition: Liam Clendenen–Art-Tech Club, Joel Anderson–Middle School math and coding, Dayna Woods–AmeriCorps, Seth Patrick–AmeriCorps, James Looney–instrumental music lessons Cathy Wilson–Middle School and Art-Tech Club, Lukas Miller–Reader Board, Laura Haering–Art-Tech Club, Lindsey Lamb–Art-Tech Club and Middle School, Karen Anderson–Middle School, Sally James–Middle School, Suzanne Killings–Middle School, Lorrie Baunach–Primary, Chris Glassett–Primary and Intermediate, Iris Patrick–Middle School, Andy James–Santa Basket stuffing, Chamia Buchmann–WorkSource volunteer

IX. Board Reports:

- a. Board Chair, Elissa:
 - i. Elissa shared WSSDA Conference highlights:
 - 1. All three keynote speakers were excellent, and the conference as a whole was outstanding—one of the best ever of the 35 that Elissa has attended!
 - 2. Elissa will edit the Robert Hand, Washington State Teacher of the Year's presentation to 20 minutes or so to share with staff at the February Staff Meeting on February 12, 2020 at 3:15.
 - ii. Elissa administered the Oath of Office for Lukas, position 3; Joel, position 4; and Melody position 5 as newly elected school board members, elected on November 5, 2019.
 - iii. Roles/positions of the Board Members discussion:
 - 1. Lukas will take over Facilities and Transportation effective January 2020, and
 - 2. Melody will take over Staff/Community Relations effective January 2020;
 - 3. All other Board positions will remain the same.
- b. Legislative Report, Andy:
 - i. The board discussed a draft letter to the Stevens County Commissioners proposing to change Onion Creek's current open range designation to a livestock restricted area designation because of property damage and an increased danger to our students, staff and busses stemming from cows roaming our roads. The letter asks commissioners to help guide us through the process of making this change.
 - ii. Bekah and Andy attended a meeting of the Panorama Superintendents Association on December 10th. Senator Shelly Short was in attendance to answer questions. The main topic discussed was the financial impacts of the changeover to School Employees' Benefit Board (SEBB) from the Public Employees' Benefit Board (PEBB). Also discussed was the financial impact to our district of changes to the Local Effort Assistance (LEA) formula. We lost approximately \$40,000 from this change this year and anticipate losing approximately more than double that amount

when the current year's hold harmless provision expires. Bekah explained to Senator Shelly Short that it was the change in the LEA formula from one that sought to bring local funding for all districts across the state up to the state average levy amount to one based on per student funding, such that districts with low property tax values AND low FTE student enrollment are inequitably, negatively affected. Other topics discussed were student safety issues, Special Education funding and the mandate to cover employees' health care costs even for those employees who choose not to claim it.

- c. Facilities/Transportation, Jerry:
 - i. Jerry shared Hugh's concern about a lack of hours to cover snow plowing and shoveling. Bekah assured the Board that Hugh had more than double the number of hours allocated during the months of November-March to account for snow, and that she has addressed Hugh's concerns about driving to the school just to shovel not being a great use of his hours, and that Troy and others have offered to pitch in and help on light snowfall mornings so the staff and students are not walking on slick sidewalks.
- d. Staff/Community Relations, Lukas:
 - i. Lukas recapped the December 11 Community Advisory Meeting.
 - ii. Andy will be writing the *Anything but Bored* column for the February newsletter, due January 24.
- e. Curriculum/Technology, Joel:
 - i. Joel let the Board know that he and Eddie believe they have solved the printing from Chromebooks issue.
 - ii. Eddie is also looking into quotes for four replacement Macs for the middle school, and that the four middle school computers will move to the intermediate classroom.

X. Planning and Discussion:

- a. WASA Spring Conference for Small School Leaders is Monday, March 9-Tuesday, March 10, 2020. Elissa, Joel and Bekah are planning on attending. Melody will let Elissa know if it will work out for her to attend as well.
 - i. Elissa will make the reservations for the hotel and conference when it opens on January 8, 2020.
- b. Bekah let the Board know that she applied for a grant for replacing the windows at OCSD. The first priority is the 1917 Building, but Bekah sent in specifications for all three school buildings to Avista as part of the grant application.

XI. Lukas made a motion to adjourn the Regular School Board Meeting at 7:17 and Jerry seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Elissa Dyson, Board Chair