

Onion Creek School District #30
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes
2006 Lotze Creek Rd., Colville, WA 99114, District Office
April 22, 2020, 5:00 PM
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Following the OPMA guidance during the COVID-19 Stay Home, Stay Healthy proclamation, this was a teleconference meeting using Zoom with Elissa Dyson as the contact: edyson@ocsd30.org

- I. School Board Members present were: Elissa Dyson, Andy James, Joel Anderson, Lukas Miller and Melody Bowlby; Staff: Bekah Angus, Alyson Clendenen, Dani Arnold, Liz Wolf, Shannon Kearney, and Tammi Torres; Visitor was John Rumelhart.
- II. Elissa called the meeting to order at 5:07 PM.
- III. Individual silent flag salute.
- IV. Andy made a motion to add reviewing OSPI's learning and grading synopsis to the agenda as X.f. and Lukas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. Joel made a motion to approve the Minutes from January 29, 2020 Special School Board Meeting and March 25, 2020 Special School Board Meeting and Lukas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- VI. Lukas made a motion to approve the Business Consent Agenda and Joel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - a. Payroll Expenditures April 2020 Payroll Total: \$58,962.71
 - i. Employee Warrants (106231 – 106233) \$783.89
 - ii. Employee Direct Deposit: \$29,497.55
 - iii. Ded/Ben Warrants (106234 – 106241) \$11,303.57
 - iv. Payroll Tax Payments: \$ 8,134.62
 - v. Retirement Payments: \$ 9,243.08
 - b. April 2020 Accounts Payable Total: \$ 9,510.18
 - i. Estimated General Fund Warrants (106242-106261)\$ 9,510.18
 - ii. Capital Projects Fund Warrants \$ 0.00
 - iii. ASB Fund Warrants \$ 0.00
 - c. Donations to Intermediate Class Trip \$ 216.20
 - d. Acceptance of Donations: 2 gallons of paint for the preschool from Colville Do-It Center
- VII. Superintendent/Principal's Report
 - a. Budget Status Report & Cash Flow Chart
 - b. Enrollment K-6 & K-8
 - c. Budget discussion/major points presented by John:
 - i. The current information from WASBO (Washington Association of School Business Officials) is that there will be a minimum five percent cut to the current level of education funding in the 2020-21 school year;
 - ii. The Legislature may not provide full funding LEA (Local Effort Assistance) for the 2020-21 school year;
 - iii. The Federal Government will likely reduce the amount of Title funding for the 2020-21 school year;

- iv. Although transportation funding is constitutionally mandated, it is likely it will also be cut five percent for the 2020-21 school year;
- v. The \$50,000 in hold harmless money OCS D got this year to compensate for the change to the LEA post-McCleary funding formula will not be available in the 2020-21 school year or years after;
- vi. The Budget adoption schedule remains the same. John will need to submit the budget to the NEWESD after the July 22, 2020 Special Board Meeting;
- vii. John should have a revenue forecast from the state sometime next week;
- viii. John will have different staffing and budget scenarios that will hit targets of five percent overall reductions to the budget, 10 percent and 15 percent for the April 30, 2020 Special Board Meeting;
 - 1. John reminded the group that although we need to give employees RIF (Reduction in Force) notices no later than May 15, 2020, that if the budget forecast is not as bleak at the beginning of August we may be able to bring some staff back and/or increase hours.
- d. Lukas made a motion to approve the Resolution to adopt a modified educational program for the 2020-21 fiscal year and Andy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- e. Discussion about placing an ad for grounds maintenance included Melody suggesting that she reach out to the community to see if community volunteers could do this from spring-fall of 2020 in light of the current state of the OCS D budget and Alyson offered to help her with that endeavor, with Hugh's help and guidance.
 - i. Page 11 of the FINAL-WA-Essential-Critical-Infrastructure guide implies that facilities expenses can continue
 - ii. Melody made a motion to table approving placing an ad for grounds maintenance for the spring-fall 2020 and Lukas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- f. Teachers shared their comments regarding grading, SEL (Social Emotional Learning) and other related issues, including the tremendous amount of work each of them are putting into the weekly distance learning packets they're sending home.
- g. Discussion about purchasing Zoom so teachers can safely video chat with students for academic support led to Bekah being directed to work with Eddie Laux, the district's off-site technology support through the NEWESD, to see if there is a protected version of Zoom that is free.
- h. Bekah updated the Board about her efforts toward enrolling a student during the period of school closure.
- i. Review the following BPs:
 - i. First reading of BP3225 School-Based Threat Assessment
- j. Tabled from the March Special School Board Meeting:
 - i. The Board briefly reviewed the Homeschool Options for 2020-21, and Elissa would like to work with Bekah to streamline it a little better. Bekah said that she would also need teacher input before the draft can be finalized.
 - ii. The Board approved using the Capital Projects levy money to purchase a new phone system at the August 2019 Board Meeting.
 - iii. Given the current COVID school closure and the Stay Home, Stay Healthy proclamation, the Board is not currently interested in a book study.
 - iv. Discussion about beginning the superintendent evaluation process including the Board directing Bekah to find out what the deadline for the superintendent evaluation is, and what process area districts are using this year. Elissa will also reach out to other district boards during a WSSDA tele-meeting.
- k. Volunteer Recognition: Dayna Woods–AmeriCorps, Seth Patrick–AmeriCorps, Chamia Buckman–preschool and primary class, Lukas Miller–Reader Board, Melody Bowlby–homeschool options

VIII. Board Reports:

- a. Board Chair, Elissa:

- i. Elissa shared Samantha Bee's article, *Dear Parents You Don't Have to be Perfect, Just be Real*, about the struggles of being a parent with homeschooling thrust upon them during the school closures this year.
 - ii. Elissa and Bekah will move ahead with the letter to the Colville School District asking them to not require payment for the non-high bills for the school years 2017-18 and 2018-19 in light of the current state of the OCSD budget.
 - b. Legislative Report, Andy: No report this month.
 - c. Facilities/Transportation, Lukas:
 - i. Hugh is working on reinsulating the pump house;
 - ii. Baumann Brothers Construction started work on the ADA ramp and sidewalk repair;
 - iii. Christine reported that meal delivery to community children is going very well.
 - d. Staff/Community Relations, Melody:
 - i. The overall feedback from staff was that communication is going pretty well, and that most staff have a positive outlook in the context of being frazzled;
 - ii. The workload is "good";
 - iii. Teachers are sending library and other books home to students;
 - iv. Families like that the curriculum being sent home is consistent with the curriculum delivered in person during the regular school year;
 - v. There was concern shared that one of the AmeriCorps volunteers has her children with her at school daily. It was mentioned that the Onion Creek General Store has masks available.
 - e. Curriculum/Technology, Joel:
 - i. Chromebooks are now going home to students whose families request them and have internet connections;
 - ii. Joel will get a list of the OCSD alumni seniors graduating from high school this year from Alyson so the Board can recognize their achievements.
- IX. Joel made a motion to approve adjourning the meeting at 7:22 and Lukas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Elissa Dyson, Board Chair