

**Onion Creek School District #30 Special School Board
Meeting Minutes
May 16, 2018, 4:00 PM**

- I. Call to order: 4:03 PM by Elissa
- II. Roll: Board members: Elissa Dyson, Andy James, Jerry Slater, Joel Anderson; Staff: Bekah Angus
- III. Flag salute
- IV. Visitors: Leola Butler
- V. Approve Minutes from April 18, 2018 Special School Board Meeting and April 19, 2018 Regular School Board Meeting: A motion was made by Andy and seconded by Jerry. The motion passed.
- VI. Business Consent Agenda: A motion was made by Jerry and seconded by Andy. The motion passed.
 - a. Approval of Payroll Expenditures: \$55,248.43
 - b. Approval of General Fund Expenditures—second part of April/first part of May: \$80,866.67
- VII. Superintendent/Principal's Report
 - a. Budget Status Report/Cash Flow Chart
 - b. May Enrollment K-6 & K-8
 - c. Approve Liz to teach out of endorsement area for the 2017-18 school year (will need a signed copy of these minutes to submit to OSPI): A motion was made by Joel and seconded by Lukas. The motion passed
 - d. Minutes from April 2017-March 2018 were signed by Elissa
 - e. Life Flight Group Insurance applications available; Bekah needs any completed forms and \$50 payments by June 7, 2018
 - f. Calendar update: Fall conferences will be full days and teachers will each have a day to meet with parents and there will only be one March Pro-D Day to meet the state requirements of a maximum of 13 early release days per school calendar year
 - g. Discussion about 2018-19 School Board Meetings being the fourth Thursday of the month for payroll and AP purposes. The dates were set and confirmed by Katrina and a physical copy with those meetings will be shared at the May 23 Special Board Meeting
 - h. Informational: update of Procedure 2020P
 - i. First reading (again) of BP 3122 to reflect blocks of illness as one absence
 - j. Discussion about whether (once updated and organized) if all the BPs should be on the OCSB website. Joel is going to get the Board information about traffic on the website and then this topic will be revisited
 - k. Volunteer Recognition (as of 4/25): Joel Anderson-Middle School Coding and math, Kristie Womack-AmeriCorps, Earth Day volunteers: Joel Anderson, Sally and Andy James, Liam Clendenen, Louis, Iris and Seth Patrick, Jason A Thompson, Laura Halring, Jamie Stone, Elissa Dyson, and Jean Willey; Sally James-Middle School gardening; Mike Statkus—welding the spider on the playground

VIII. Board Reports:

a. Board Chair (Elissa):

- i. Originally Elissa and Andy were going to put together a legislative proposal for WSSDA, but after discussions with several people Elissa decided a better focus was to put together a list of reasons the McCleary fix falls short of its goal to fully fund public education in Washington State. With the ESD's help she is hoping to put together a list of small schools that were hit hard by the McCleary Decision and look for specific fixes for them similar to the "Tacoma fix". She sent a draft to Jessica Vavrus today
 1. John and Kassidy also brought up the disparities between Western Washington getting LEA help of \$2,500/student versus Eastern Washington getting \$1,500/student
- ii. She recapped her latest small schools visits and WSSDA Regional Meetings
- iii. Elissa, John and Bekah will be meeting with staff on Wednesday May 30 for a question and answer session regarding the OCSD 2018-19 budget
- iv. She also recapped the data given out and returned so far that will be part of Bekah's superintendent evaluation on May 23

b. Legislative Report (Andy):

- i. May 2nd WSSDA Regional Meeting was held in the Mead School District. Elissa and Andy attended. Elissa and Andy met informally with WSSDA Governmental Affairs Director, Jessica Vavrus to discuss the drafting of two Association Proposals, one around reductions in LEA associated with SHB 2242, and the other around ensuring that WSSDA has positions appropriate for opposing three Senate Joint Resolutions (8200, 8203 and 8205).
- ii. WSSDA Legislative Proposal. Elissa and Andy were working on a proposal that would reinstate the original intent of LEA, which seems to have been lost in the passage of the McCleary "fix" bill 6232. One approach could be to require an analysis of ongoing differences in LEA support among districts of the state, with remedies required when differences become too large. This is currently on hold because there may be a better approach that Elissa is working on with WSSDA.
- iii. Elissa and Andy will attempt to meet with Senator Short and Representative Maycumber to explain our unique situation around restrictions on use of basic education allocations to backfill reductions in local levy authority and LEA to cover expenses mandatory for maintenance and operation of our district.
- iv. Senator Sam Hunt will be introducing a district consolidation bill again following the defeat of his first attempt, which failed, a couple of years ago.
- v. Elissa and Andy added that there was a speaker there that spoke about safety as well. There are two students that commit suicide a week, and we need to focus on keeping our kids safe first and foremost.

c. Facilities/Transportation (Jerry):

- i. After school gets out the parking lot will be oiled, and with some notice Jerry has volunteered to grade the lot first
- ii. The annual bus inspection was today and our buses passed with flying colors, with the exception of a wheel issue with a small amount of play that needs to be addressed
- iii. Jerry, Bekah and Hugh did a walk-through of the buildings on May 18 in preparation for Hugh's final summer work list
- iv. The May/June newsletter contained an article about lead testing that concerned some parents
 1. Bekah had a handout that partially addressed the issue

2. Leola Butler shared some research she'd done about filtration and flushing to minimize lead in the OCSD water
- d. Staff/Community Relations (Lukas):
 - i. Lukas recapped the May Staff and Safety Meeting he attended
 - ii. He will miss the June Board Meeting due to a scheduling conflict
- e. Curriculum/Technology (Joel):
 - i. The Chromebook carts are now in both buildings and there is a Chromebook for each student
 - ii. Joel reminded the Board that there was a staff technology Meeting with Eddie on Thursday may 17
 - iii. And then a security camera meeting on Friday with Hugh, Bekah, Jerry, Joel and Gregory Ashworth
- IX. Planning and Discussion:
 - a. Bekah recapped her discussion with the Stevens County Sheriff, including scheduling "educational" classroom visits by Sheriffs for the next school year
 - b. WSSDA conference in November: all Board Members and Bekah will be attending. Lukas will only go for Thursday's day sessions (and possibly Wednesday pre-conference sessions). Bekah will register everyone; Elissa and Andy already got rooms booked
- X. Adjournment at 6:29 PM: A motion was made by Andy and seconded by Jerry. The motion passed

Elissa Dyson, Board Chair