

**Onion Creek School District #30**  
**School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, April 19, 2021, 5:00 p.m.**

Following Open Public Meetings guidance during the COVID-19 Stay Home, Stay Healthy Proclamation, the meeting was held via Zoom.

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The regular board meeting was called to order at 5:02pm. School Board Members present were: Elissa Dyson, Andy James, Joel Anderson, and Lukas Miller, Melody Bowlby (a quorum). Staff members present were: Bill Glidewell, Kristina Allen, Alyson Clendenen, Dani Arnold, Liz Wolf, and Shannon Kearney.
  - A. WELCOME**
  
- II. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS:** None at this time.
  - A. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None at this time.
  
- III. CONSENT AGENDA:** Reading of the regular school board minutes and review of payroll/vouchers: Joel Anderson moved to approve both the minutes from the previous meeting and payroll/vouchers, Melody Bowlby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. 5/0
  
- IV. REPORTS**
  - A. BUDGET STATUS REPORT:** The budget status report and cash flow documents were reviewed.
  
  - B. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION-PUBLIC AND VOLUNTEER:**
    - a. Thank you to Joel and Karen Anderson for the continued donation of coffee for the staff, Holly Wolfum, Joel Anderson, Mia Moore, and Jaleen Jones for tutoring students and Liam Clendenen for setting up the 3D printer.
  
  - C. ENROLLMENT REPORT:** 43 FTE
  
  - D. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:**
    - a. HVAC: Hugh has been collecting quotes for the HVAC replacement project and has secured proposals from Divco and Norstar Heating. We are waiting on a quote from Systech Mechanical.
    - b. Tri County Health Department Report: TCH encourages all schools and communities to be vigilant in maintaining safety protocols. Stevens county is currently the lowest in the state for vaccinations. We have seen a recent increase in cases in the region.
    - c. Summer Learning Program: Elissa and Alyson shared the initial ideas for Onion Creek's summer learning program. It was proposed classes be offered for three weeks during from mid July through the first week in August. A brief description of program objectives were shared by teacher, Alyson Clendenen.

- d. SBAC: State testing was cancelled for the 2020/2021 school year. Testing is rescheduled for fall 2021.
- e. Counseling Services: We have contracted TalkPath for online therapy services. As stated previously there is a shortage of counselors, but Theresa at TalkPath has assured the district they will be staffed and ready to serve Onion Creek students soon.
- f. Math Curriculum: The teaching staff has reviewed samples and online resources from Eureka, Reveal, and I-Ready math. They are narrowing down the choice for curriculum and will invite board, parents, and community to review as well.
- g. School Calendar: The school calendar was officially adopted for 3 years in 2020. The staff and board will revisit any potential changes with the new administration this summer.
- h. Teacher Appreciation: Teacher appreciation week is May 3-7. Thank you teaching staff for your time and dedication to Onion Creek students.

**V. BOARD REPORTS:**

**A.** Elissa Dyson, board chair, reported there is a WSSDA regional meeting April 28, 6:00-7:30. Joel and Elissa stated interest in attending to represent Onion Creek. Elissa and Andy are up for renewing for their board positions. Elissa also reported that the WASA Small Schools Conference, although virtual, was a worthwhile experience. The diversity, inclusion, and equity presentations and speakers were great. Presentations from small districts, the Reardan superintendent about technology, and the insight into the book Deep Kindness were also quite informative. Elissa reported public comment regarding the superintendent search; Onion Creek has four applicants, initial interviews have been scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup>, the community has been notified of the process, and the board will continue to review applicant materials.

**B.** Andy James, legislative representative, reported on current legislative bills. Andy reported the legislature moves fast with its review. Andy added that he has sent a letter to Senator Shelly Short regarding current bills.

**C.** Lukas Miller, facilities/transportation representative, reported that Hugh is currently taking HVAC bids and trying to get a handle on the growing ground squirrel population. Lukas also reported that Christine has been notified of the June 6<sup>th</sup> bus inspections and that the bus 6 exhaust leak will be fixed this summer.

**D.** Melody Bowlby, community representative, reported on the WASA Small Schools Conference and the quality of speakers and content. Melody also recommended the Deep Kindness book and noted the presentation on white privilege and the privilege wheel were quite enlightening. Melody also stated she would like to see Onion Creek get back to community events, adjust the calendar, bring back art, preschool, and music as soon as possible.

**E.** Joel Anderson, curriculum/technology representative, inquired about the surplus list and timing for dissemination. Joel also would like to update the website with new staff and board bio's and School Improvement Plan.

**VI. ACTION ITEMS:**

**A. PARAPROFESSIONAL HIRING RECOMMENDATION:** Joel Anderson made the motion to hire Lloyd (Matt) Thompson as an in-house transfer for the paraprofessional position, Melody Bowlby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. 5/0

**B.: SURPLUS ITEMS:** Lukas Miller made the motion to advertise the Onion Creek surplus list, Joel Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. 5/0

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:** The Onion Creek School Board went into executive session to discuss the superintendent candidate interviews at 6:32 p.m. The session ended at 7:00 p.m.

**VIII. EXTENSION OF INVITATION TO FINALIST CANDIDATES:**

Joel Anderson moved and Andy James seconded a motion to invite two of the candidates to participate in a final round of interviews. The motion passed unanimously.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT:** Lukas Miller made a motion to adjourn the Onion Creek April 2021 School Board Meeting at 7:15p.m., Joel Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. 5/0

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Elissa Dyson, Board Chair