



**Onion Creek School District #30
School Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 19, 2021
5:00 pm**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. WELCOME

Elissa Dyson called 8.19.21 regular board meeting to order at 5:01 pm. School Board Members present were: Elissa Dyson, Andy James, Joel Anderson, Lukas Miller, and Melody Bowlby. Staff members present were: Aaron Kombol, Alyson Clendenen, Dani Arnold, Liz Wolf, and Shannon Kearney. Several community members were also present.

1. Flag salute

II. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

Aaron Kombol mentioned that he had received a request to place this item closer to the end of the meeting. Board discussed and agreed to move near the end of the 8.19.21 Board meeting

III. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consent Agenda

1. Budget Status Report
2. Cash Flow Summary
3. Cash Flow Detailed
4. Payroll Report
5. AP Check Board Certification

Joel Anderson made the motion to approve the 8.19.21 Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Melody Bowlby. Board approved the Consent agenda with a 5-0 vote

IV. REPORTS

A. CORRESPONDENCE

B. ENROLLMENT REPORT

1. Current Enrollment HERE

C. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

1. COVID-19 Update
2. Volunteer Recognition for August
3. Other Updates and Reports

Aaron Kombol reviewed the various documents in his report and answered questions proposed by the Board. Discussion took place on the various impacts the COVID-19 is once again having on K12 education. Board reiterated that the health and safety of the students and staff is the top priority. Onion Creek will continue to follow those guidelines established by OSPI, Dept. of Health and Labor and Industries.

V. BOARD REPORTS

- A. BOARD CHAIR: Elissa Dyson to report.
Elissa Dyson shared that she has ongoing concerns with COVID-19 in Stevens County and its impact on Onion Creek as demonstrated by Tri-County Health Dept. latest report. She also shared that she has a home full of people due to upcoming family wedding.
- B. LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Andy James to report.
Andy James' report is attached to the 8.19.21 minutes.
- C. FACILITIES/TRANSPORTATION: Lukas Miller to report.
None at this time
- D. STAFF & COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Melody Bowlby to report
Melody Bowlby shared that she believes alot in the community is angry, frustrated, and scared about the recent mask mandate in K12 schools. She believes that the Onion Creek School Board should voice their opinion about the mask mandate. Board members had extensive discussions regarding this topic.
- E. CURRICULUM/TECHNOLOGY: Joel Anderson to report.
None at this time

VI. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approve Minutes from 6.21.21 Board Meeting and 7.19.21 Board Meeting
Andy James made the motion to approve the 6.21.21 Board Meeting minutes and the 7.19.21 Board Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Lukas Miller. Board approved the 6.21.21 minutes and 7.19.21 minutes with a 5-0 vote
- B. 2021-22 Original Calendar and 7.19.21 Updated Calendar
Joel Anderson made the motion to approve the 7.19.21 Updated Calendar. The motion was seconded by Lukas Miller. Board approved the 7.19.21 Updated Calendar with a 5-0 vote
- i. Calendar Discussion
Community Advisory? Open House?
Board discussed that the Welcome Back event on 8.30.21 will serve as somewhat of an Open House for the school so there is no need to schedule an additional one.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. "Welcome Back" Event Monday, August 30th, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
i. Details? Plan?
Board discussed that the event will be held on the slab with Board Members and Aaron introducing themselves. Snacks and drinks are to be provided. Aaron Kombol will coordinate with Hugh Humes for the setup. Joel Anderson will run a technology surplus sale at the same time near the slab.
- B. OCSD Board Policies on the website?, Records Request
Aaron Kombol stated that many school districts are increasingly getting Public Records requests, most of which are nuisance requests. Currently, the district has one open public records request that is due at the end of September. He suggested that it may be in the district's best interest to place our Board Policies on the website. He suggested the use of BoardDocs and will research it more for the Board
- C. Pre School Update
See update attached
- D. Discuss possible OCSD Letter to Gov. Inslee's Office

Much discussion on this topic from the Board. Melody Bowlby request to the other Board Members that Onion Creek School Board first write a letter to Gov. Inslee regarding the mask mandate in K12 schools and a second letter regarding the staff vaccine mandate. Melody stated that other local districts have written such a letter and she would like Onion Creek to do the same. Melody also shared with the other Board members that she believes many community members do not want to talk to the Board and most of the community opposes students wearing masks in schools.

E. Board Retreat 8.28.21, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

i. Location?

ii. Topics

1. Communication Protocols

2. Roles and Responsibilities

F. For the Good of the School

Aaron Kombol mentioned that there is a new coffee maker in the staff area in the office.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session(s) may be held to consider the appointment, employment, charges against or dismissal of a public officer or employee; to consider the acquisition or disposition of real estate; to consider professional negotiations, grievances, or mediation; to review the performance of a public employee; to receive and evaluate complaints, or to consult with legal counsel.

A. None at this time

ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS

A. PUBLIC COMMENT

Please note this section was moved to the end of the meeting per community member request.

Leslie Atkins shared with the Board that parents were not happy and are upset with the mask mandate. She stated that wearing masks can bring about other health concerns. She also understands that the mandate is out of the Board's hands as these mandates are coming from the government.

Liz Wolf shared that she truly cares about students and is very concerned about medical issues. She also stated she is concerned about her job

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm

Elissa Dyson, Board Chair