

Onion Creek School District

Regular Board Meeting

Minutes

October 26, 2023

BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors of Onion Creek School District met in the 1917 Building on Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. This meeting was publicized by posted notice and notices presented to board members, staff and community.

PRESENT

Elissa Dyson, Lukas Miller, Joel Anderson, Andy James, Leola Butler, Dan Read, and Alyson Clendenen. Musette Billings was excused from the meeting.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Elissa Dyson.

Action: Lukas Miller moved and Andy James seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried. 5 – 0

STAFF/PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input during this portion of the meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the consent agenda which included:

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General/ASB Accounts Payable: \$19,914.78

Payroll: \$68,674.63

Action: Lukas Miller moved and Leola Butler seconded a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda.

Motion carried. 5 – 0

REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Read began by showing the Board the newly acquired cooler and freezer that we recently surplused from Almira School District. Following this, he asked the Board for their approval to submit estimated budgets for the November and December Board Meetings, due to their dates being set earlier in the month. The Board supported the plan. Mr. Read continued by discussing his intentions for next school year, which include staying with our school district in his current capacity after a brief separation in the month of July 2024.

Principal's Report

Alyson shared that enrollment is sitting steady at 40 k-8 students, with 5-8 preschool. She then gave updates on current events in each classroom, a staff spotlight on our Transportation Department, our recent field trips, public relations and community service opportunities, appreciation for volunteers, inspections, and an update on the grants currently being written by Dayna and Dan.

Facilities Report

Mr. Read shared Hugh's facilities report, which started with his appreciation for the volunteers who helped him to move our new freezer and cooler into place. A huge "Thank you!" goes out to Shawn Arnold, Liam Clendenen, Jakob Jones, Chance Kearney, and Nick M. McKinstry is visiting soon to gather necessary information for our upcoming building improvement grant.

Financial Report

Mr. Read presented Financial Activity reports for the General Fund for September, showing an unassigned General Fund balance of \$375,008, Capital Funds at \$61,681, ASB at \$14,473, and Transportation at \$125,253. He presented computer printouts for all funds.

Board Report

Board Chair Elissa Dyson shared that she has been continuing to work with the middle schoolers to put out the next newsletter. They have been working hard to balance all of the wonderful information they want to share with the amount of space available on one front-and-back page.

Legislative Report

Andy James shared his Legislative Report, which included the list of legislative positions that our Board prioritized for submission to WSSDA.

NEW BUSINESS

Levy Proposal(s)

Mr. Read led the Board in a discussion regarding the process of approval associated with our upcoming levy, and agreed on an approximate levy amount and levy term.

Transportation and Carpool Considerations

Mr. Read led the Board in a discussion regarding upcoming Transportation and Carpool Considerations.

Staffing Update/Job Search Process

Mr. Read led the Board in a discussion on our current staff funding and configuration and discussed a possible search of teaching candidates utilizing the services of the ESD.

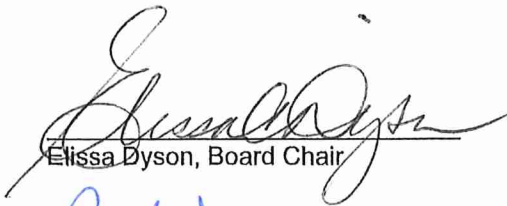
Small District Modernization Planning Grant

Mr. Read shared the latest status of the planning grant including a site visit from McKinstry on Friday, October 27th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION None

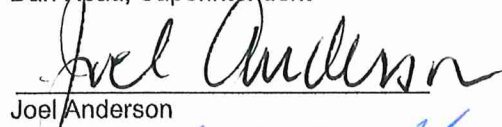
ADJOURNMENT Joel Anderson moved and Lukas Miller seconded a motion to adjourn the August Board Meeting at 6:29 pm.

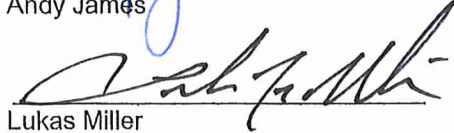
Motion carried. 5 - 0

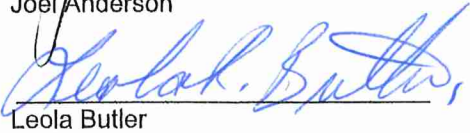

Elissa Dyson, Board Chair


Dan Read, Superintendent


Andy James


Joel Anderson


Lukas Miller


Leola Butler