

Onion Creek School District

Regular Board Meeting Minutes December 14, 2023

BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors of Onion Creek School District met in the 1917 Building on Thursday, December 14, 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, Alyson Clendenen, and Musette Billings.

FLAG SALUTE

The flag salute was led by Elissa Dyson.

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: \$50,470.51

Payroll: \$72,791.30

Action: Joel Anderson moved and Leola Butler seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion carried. 5 – 0

REPORTS

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Read shared information regarding the upcoming Small Schools Conference, which is taking place at the Wenatchee Convention Center. Elissa Dyson, Leola Butler, and Joel Anderson all plan to attend. Mr. Read plans to attend with Board Members from Almira. January's Board meeting will see the Reorganization of the Board. Mr. Read expressed the desire to create Curriculum, Title I, Facilities, and Legislature committees.

Principal's Report

Alyson shared her report, which shared that enrollment is sitting steady at 40 students K-8 plus seven in preschool. She continued her presentation by sharing activities that have kept our school busy this month - staff Professional Development, celebrating Vivian Markham and her retirement, Alyson's Danielson training, our recent bowling field trip, relationship building with families around the community, and preparations for our upcoming Santa Basket events. We've had several volunteers this month: Elissa Dyson, Sarah Ashworth, Catherine Lochner, Ruby Page, Karen Anderson, Sally James, Doug Lochner, Kathy Ducote, Sharlene Larsen, and Joel Anderson were all very appreciated. She shared her Staff Spotlight on our District Secretary, Musette Billings. She continued by informing the Board of our upcoming celebrations: our students are delivering Santa Baskets to community members tomorrow, and the General Store is holding the 100 Stockings project this Saturday.

Facilities Report

Mr. Read shared Hugh's facilities report, which expressed sincere gratitude to Jakob Jones and Paige Lusk for helping to maintain the school while he's been out sick.

Financial Report

Mr. Read presented Financial Activity reports for the General Fund for November, showing an unassigned General Fund balance of \$378,388.40, Capital Funds at \$62,375.71, ASB at \$16,506.92, and Transportation at \$126,328.07. He presented computer printouts for all funds.

Board Report

Board Chair Elissa Dyson began her report by sharing that she is donating two books to the Onion Creek Library - a signed copy of *A Pizza with Everything On It* and *I See You*, which speaks about homelessness. She continued by discussing the WASA Small Schools Conference, and then went on to thank the Onion Creek School staff for all they do in keeping the energy around the school upbeat, energetic, and productive. She's very happy to spend time here, and is excited about the feeling in the school.

Legislative Report

Andy James will have more of a legislative update at the next meeting, but doesn't have anything immediately available.

NEW BUSINESS

Oath of Office - Positions 3, 4, & 5

Elissa Dyson led the Directors through their Oath of Office

2023-2024 Staffing

Mr. Read led the Board in a discussion regarding staffing for next year. He plans to post the primary position soon, knowing that we won't settle for less than what would serve our school the best. We plan to use ESD101's website for the job posting, and may end up adding a half-time teaching position.

Levy Information

Mr. Read led the Board in a discussion regarding our upcoming Levy, as well as the creation of an informational flier. Voter count sitting at 286.

Vehicle/Bus Purchases

Mr. Read led the Board in a discussion regarding the possibility of taking on a non-voted debt, with the goal of buying a new-to-us school vehicle.

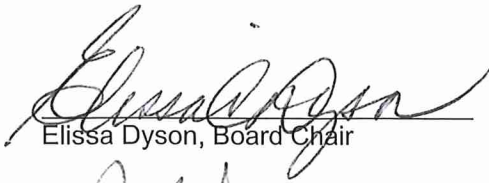
Classified Substitute Rate Increases - To \$16.50/hr

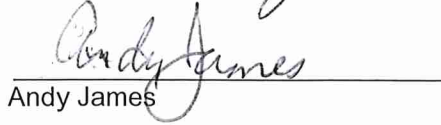
Action: Andy James moved, and Lukas Miller seconded a motion to increase the substitute paraprofessional rate to \$16.50/hour.

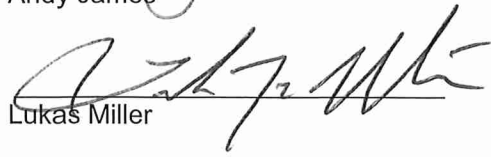
EXECUTIVE SESSION None

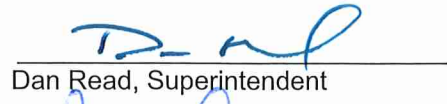
ADJOURNMENT Lukas Miller moved and Leola Butler seconded a motion to adjourn the December Board Meeting at 6:03 pm.

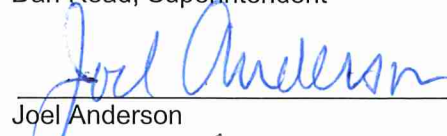
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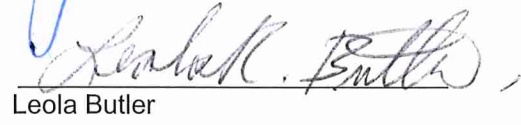

Elissa Dyson, Board Chair


Andy James


Lukas Miller


Dan Read, Superintendent


Joel Anderson


Leola Butler