

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OKAW VALLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT # 302  
December 15, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The Board of Education of Okaw Valley Community Unit School District #302 was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Tim Rothrock with the following Board members and administrators present: Brooke Bartimus, Tracy Ryherd, Craig Macklin, Tim Rothrock, Tim Rothrock, John Vander Burgh, Kari Younger, Joel Hackney, Mike Cummins, and Doug McCausland. Michelle McClain and Eric Bruder were absent.

**VISITORS COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

President Rothrock called for visitor comments and communications. There were no comments. There were no written communications to the Board.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Recommendation to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 22, 2011.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Ryherd, yea; Macklin, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea, Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT, BILLS, PAYROLL**

The monthly financial report, bills, and payroll were presented for Board approval. The Superintendent recommended that bills and payroll for the school district be approved as follows:

- Bills for the month of December, 2011 - Education, \$37,321.69; O & M, \$31,463.40; Transportation, \$15,851.53; Life/Safety, \$0, Tort, \$119.80.
- Payroll for the month of November, 2011 - Education, \$277,389.95; O & M, \$15,574.43; Transportation, \$27,385.68; IMRF, \$16,321.33; Tort, \$1633.93.

It was moved by Craig Macklin and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the payroll for the month of November, 2011, and that the bills for the month of December, 2011, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Ryherd, yea; Macklin, yea; Rothrock, yea, Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

**Principals' Reports and School Improvement Reports:** The principals submitted written reports. Mr. McCausland highlighted the awards day to be held on December 16<sup>th</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> grade's donation of gift exchange money to the Macon County Animal Shelter. Mr. Cummins highlighted the student council's donation of 30 sets of hats and gloves and 3 scarves to the Findlay Women's Club.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Hackney provided a written report as well as highlighting the facilities committee visit to Arthur high school. He also indicated that the construction was complete for the new media center.

**School Improvement Report:** The principals submitted written reports. Mr. McCausland highlighted the interventions being explored for at-risk students, the work on a standards based report card at the kindergarten level, and the work with extended writing. Mr. Cummins highlighted the continuing work on differentiated instruction, the alignment of standards to the Common Core in math, and the success of the F-warning list at the middle school.

**Other:** Tim Rothrock discussed the process and timeline for revamping the evaluation instrument used to evaluate the Superintendent.

## 2011 TAX LEVY

Superintendent Hackney reported that no additional information was available regarding EAV for the district. He recommended that the Board approve the tax levy amounts as presented and authorize filing of the levy.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board approve the tax levy resolution and the certificate of tax levy for the year 2011 in the amount of \$3,038,968 and authorize filing the levy with the County Clerks of Moultrie, Macon, and Shelby Counties. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Ryherd, yea; Macklin, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## FOOD BID

Information on the food bid for January, 2012 through May, 2012 was presented.

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Tracy Ryherd that the Board approve the food bid from Fox River Foods for January 2012 through May 2012. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Ryherd, yea; Macklin, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## **BOARD POLICIES**

It was moved by Craig Macklin and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board approve and adopt on second reading revisions to Board policies as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Ryherd, yea; Macklin, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Tracy Ryherd and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board enter closed session at 7:43 P. M. as provided in 5 ILCS 120/2, subsection (c) for the purpose of discussing matters related to employment, performance, and compensation of employees. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Ryherd, yea; Macklin, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tracy Ryherd and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board of Education return to open session at 8:37 P. M. Voice Vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Craig Macklin that the Board employ John Krohn as part-time custodian at OVHS. Roll call vote: Bartimus, abstain; Ryherd, yea; Macklin, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## **OTHER**

The Board discussed looking into door closers or repair of the gym lobby doors at OVMS, exploring sound system options for OVMS and OVHS, and the need to update the website.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Tracy Ryherd that the Board of Education adjourn at 9:00 P. M. Voice vote: All voted aye. The motion carried.

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education