

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OKAW VALLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT # 302
November 22, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Board of Education of Okaw Valley Community Unit School District #302 was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by President Tim Rothrock with the following Board members and administrators present: Brooke Bartimus, Tracy Ryherd, Craig Macklin, Michelle McClain, Tim Rothrock, John Vander Burgh, Eric Bruder, Mike Cummins, and Joel Hackney. Kari Younger and Doug McCausland were absent.

VISITORS COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

President Rothrock called for visitor comments and communications. There were no visitor comments or communications.

Craig Macklin read a thank you note from Ted and Kay Atkinson expressing thanks for the Veterans' Day breakfast and program and a note from Leonard Logan expressing thanks for the band playing for Halloween.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda, consisting of the following items, was presented to the Board of Education:

- Recommendation to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 20, 2011.
- Recommendation to approve the revised certified/non-certified seniority lists.
- Recommendation to approve the creation of a 7th grade activity account to be maintained at Okaw Valley Middle School

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Ryherd, 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 November, 2011 - Education, 37,075.96; O & M, \$13,021.06; Transportation, \$12,170.06; Life/Safety, \$0; Tort, \$1280.00.

- Payroll for the month of October, 2011 - Education, \$252,314.54; O & M, \$13,071.03; Transportation, \$23,906.67; IMRF, \$13,979.39; Tort, \$3450.74.

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

COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

Principals' Reports: The principals provided written reports and commented briefly on items on the reports. Mr. Cummins highlighted the 5th grade students of the month, the student council turkey throw, the mitten and hat tree, the first OV TV production, the 7th grade girls' basketball team's performance in the regionals, and the number of students on the 1st quarter honor roll. Mr. Bruder highlighted upcoming substance abuse/bullying symposiums and assemblies, the Christmas concert, and the updated number of students currently enrolled at the high school.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Hackney provided a written report and highlighted the district Veterans' Day program, the "Classrooms First Commission" public hearing, and the work of the facilities committee. He also provided an update on the progress of the district strategic goals.

School Improvement Update:

The principals provided written reports and commented briefly on school improvement initiatives in their respective buildings. Mr. Cummins highlighted the autism presentation given by Linda Mastio and the adult computer education classes that were put on by the Findlay Library Club. Mr. Bruder highlighted the work of the Boost classes as well as the progress towards the building school improvement goals.

Other:

The school board members touched briefly on the conferences attended at the School Board Conference in Chicago. The topics of sessions attended included: technology, rural issues, legislative issues, student performance data, on-line learning, and the use of social media.

2011 TAX LEVY PROPOSAL

Superintendent Hackney presented a Tax Levy Proposal for 2011.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Tracy Ryherd that the Board approve the tentative 2011 Tax Levy as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Ryherd, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

OVMS SOFTBALL

Brett Robinson and Jeremy Harlin presented information proposing to add softball at the middle school level.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board approve the offering of middle school softball as a school sport beginning with the 2012-2013 season. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Ryherd, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

BUS LEASE PURCHASE

Superintendent Hackney provided information regarding the bids received for the lease purchase of 5 new buses.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by John Vander Burgh that the Board approve the bid for the lease-purchase of 5 new buses. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Ryherd, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

BOARD POLICY REVISIONS

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

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Craig Maclin and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board enter closed session at 9:18 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters related to the employment and compensation of employees as well as matters pertaining to collective negotiation. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Ryherd, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board return to open session at 10:13 p.m. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Ryherd, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board employ Melanie Burke as OVES resource aide effective November 3, 2011. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Ryherd, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by Tracy Ryherd that the Board accept the resignation of Lori Robinson effective November 23, 2011. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Ryherd, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

REASSIGNMENT

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board reassign Linda Isaacs to OVMS secretary effective November 22, 2011. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Ryherd, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

RECALL

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Craig Macklin that the Board recall Jody Askins and assign to the position of OVHS secretary effective November 22, 2011. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Ryherd, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

RETIREMENT

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board approve the intent to retire at the end of the 2012-2013 school year submitted by Chris Tippit. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Ryherd, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board accept the resignation of Cindy Gollus effective November 21, 2011. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Ryherd, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

AMENDMENT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by Tracy Ryherd that the Board approve the amendment to the collective bargaining agreement between the Okaw Vally Education Association and the Okaw Valley CUSD #302. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, abstain; Ryherd, yea. Yeas, 5; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 1. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR AND NON-CONTRACT WAGES

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by Craig Macklin that the Board approve the administrator and non-contract wages as prestned. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Ryherd, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board of Education adjourn at 10:20 P. M. Voice vote: All voted aye. The motion carried.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education