

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OKAW VALLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT # 302  
March 18, 2010**

**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. in the OVHS Computer Lab by President Sean Creviston with the following Board members and administrators present: Brooke Bartimus, Sean Creviston, Craig Macklin, Michelle McClain, Tim Rothrock, John Vander Burgh, Kari Younger, Eric Bruder, Mike Cummins, Paula Duis, Doug McCausland, and Joel Hackney.

**VISITORS COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

President Creviston called for visitor comments and communications. Micah Dickens addressed the Board over the concern of maintaining four facilities due to the current uncertainty in funding. She asked the Board to consider closing an existing facility and only maintaining and housing students in three buildings.

A thank you note was read from Laura LaFrence and Tina Perrine thanking the Board for allowing the Project Help children to continue bus service through the rest of this school year.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Presentation for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held February 18, 2010 and the special meeting held March 9, 2010.
- Recommendation to renew membership in the IESA (Illinois Elementary School Association) for the Intermediate and Middle Schools for the 2010-2011 school years and to adopt its Constitution and By-Laws.
- Recommendation to renew membership in the IHSA (Illinois High School Association) for the 2010-2011 school year and to adopt and abide by its Constitution, By-Laws, Terms and Conditions, and Administrative Procedures, Guidelines, and Policies.

It was moved by John Vander Burgh and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; 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 March, 2010 - Education, \$81,161.62; O & M, \$44,991.57; Transportation, \$10,455.02; Life/Safety, 0; Tort, \$210.00.
- Payroll for the month of February, 2010 - Education, \$268,534.24; O & M, \$15,079.42; Transportation, \$26,000.03; IMRF, \$15,598.35; Tort, \$1383.27.

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the payroll for the month of February, 2010, and that the bills for the month of March, 2010, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

**Principals' Reports:** The principals submitted written reports, provided brief highlights/updates to the reports, and answered questions. Ms. Duis added that the elementary students attended Alice in Wonderland at the high school on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, volunteers are still needed for the spring carnival, and the goal has been set for Jump Rope for Heart. Mr. McCausland highlighted the number of students participating in the Dance Enrichment classes at OVIS. Mr. Cummins indicated that the Hoops for Heart fundraiser has already brought in more than 3 times the amount from last year and that there are currently 38 members participating in middle school track. Mr. Bruder highlighted the performance of the students at the WYSE competition and the Board indicated they had heard positive comments on the Paint the Place Pink night, the athletic banquet, and the high school play.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Hackney provided a written report and highlighted the ISAT test completion, the assessment reduction of Eagle Creek for the 2009 and 2010 school year, and the mentor/mentee meeting. Thanks was also expressed for the Board's commitment to the large number of committee meetings during the past month.

**School Improvement Reports:** The principals submitted written school improvement reports. Ms. Duis indicated that the school improvement team will be meeting and continuing to work towards goals/problem-solving, preschool screenings were held in both villages, and IEP meetings have been held during the past week. Mr. McCausland highlighted the differentiated instruction initiative currently underway at OVIS and mentioned that the IS staff is continuing to adjust to the progress monitoring process. Mr. Cummins highlighted the discipline data and the statistics showed that the number of discipline incidents is down

significantly from last year at OVMS. Mr. Bruder indicated that the students were given a week off of test prep this past week and highlighted the March 25<sup>th</sup> assembly with Coach Kerans and the Saturday test prep program. Additionally, he indicated that the faculty recently completed a book study on engaged learning.

## **REGISTRATION/FEES/STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

Superintendent Hackney recommended that registration be held August 5 and 6, 2010 and submitted a proposal for fees for the 2010-2011 school year. It was also recommended that the district continue to use Markel Insurance Company as the student accident insurance provider.

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Michelle McClain that registration for the 2010-2011 school year be held on August 5 and 6, 2010 and that fees be established as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board approve Markel Insurance Company as the student accident insurance provider for 2010-2011 as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## **BOARD POLICIES**

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board approve and adopt on second reading creation and/or revision of Board policies as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## **CURRICULUM COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mr. Hackney presented recommendations from the district curriculum committee meeting held in February. The committee recommended changes to the course descriptions for art, job shadowing/mentoring, and resource. Additionally, the committee recommended a 2:00 dismissal every Wednesday to facilitate teacher collaboration and the effective operation of the Response to Intervention process. The merits of the program as well as the day of dismissal was discussed by the Board and administration.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board approve the recommendations of the District Curriculum Committee to be implemented during the 2010-2011 school year. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea;

Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## **ROOF WORK AT OVHS AND OVES**

The Board discussed the need for major roof work at OVHS and OVES. It was decided that the roof would be replaced at OVHS and refoaming and recoating work would be conducted at OVES.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board approve the roof work at OVHS and OVES as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## **DISCUSSION OF FUTURE COST SAVING MEASURES**

The Board discussed possible cost saving measures in the future in the event that State funding continues to diminish. Items that were discussed was the 5th/6th grade basketball program, facility usage scenarios, transportation cost savings, cost of programs, and projected budget numbers for next year.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board enter closed session at 9:42 p.m. as provided in 5 ILCS 120/2, subsection (c) for the purpose of discussing matters related to employment, evaluation, and compensation of employees. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by Craig Macklin that the Board of Education return to open session at 10:35 p.m.. Voice Vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.

## **NON-REEMPLOYMENT/REDUCTION IN FORCE**

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board approve the resolution authorizing non-reemployment of full-time first-year non-tenured teacher Becky Seifert. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by John Vander Burgh that the Board approve the resolution authorizing honorable dismissal of education support personnel - teachers' aides or student personal aides: Valerie Hutchinson, Carolyn O'Connor, Angela Deaton, Cynthia Vandeventer, and Lara Macklin. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, abstain; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 1. Motion carried.

## **EMPLOYMENT/ASSIGNMENT**

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board assign Shelli Foster as OVHS library aide and athletic director secretary for the 2010-2011 school year. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by John VanderBurgh that the Board re-employ part-time teacher Cheryl Rowe for the 2010-2011 school year. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board re-employ the following non-tenured teachers for the 2010-2011 school year: Jacquelyn Evers, Ruth-Anne Yang, Jared Macari, Sarah Giger, John Craig, Jacob Christner, Jena Atchison, Kathy Doty, Emily Perry, Angela Barter, Marlo Jackson, Jana Hortenstine, Melody Foster, Jennifer Crowder, Maria Camareno, and Amanda Tackett. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Craig Macklin that the Board re-employ the following fourth-year teachers and place on tenure for the 2010-2011 school year: Heidi Vander Burgh and Crystal Allen. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, abstain; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 1. Motion carried.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by John Vander Burgh that the Board re-employ Joel Hackney as District Superintendent for the 2010-2011 school year with salary to be frozen at the 2009-2010 level. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by John Vander Burgh that the Board re-employ Paula Duis for the 2010-2011 school year and assign as OVES Principal and District Special Education and At-Risk Coordinator. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board re-employ Mike Cummins for the 2010-2011 school year and assign as OVIS and OVMS principal. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board re-employ Eric Bruder for the 2010-2011 school year and assign as OVHS Principal and District Athletic Director. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board re-employ Doug McCausland for the 2010-2011 school year and assign as OVIS and OVMS Assistant Principal and District Technology Coordinator. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## **OTHER**

Ms. Duis submitted a letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board of Education adjourn at 10:50 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