

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OKAW VALLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT # 302
April 21, 2011

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Board of Education of Okaw Valley Community Unit School District #302 was called to order at 7:04 P.M. in the OVHS Computer Lab by President Sean Creviston with the following Board members and administrators present: Sean Creviston, Craig Macklin, Tim Rothrock, John Vander Burgh, Kari Younger, Eric Bruder, Mike Cummins, Paula Duis, Joel Hackney, and Doug McCausland. Michelle McClain arrived at 7:13 p.m. and Brooke Bartimus arrived at 7:15 p.m.

VISITORS COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATION

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

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held March 24, 2011.
- Amend the 2010-2011 school calendar to reflect the use of emergency days.
- Approve the early graduation request for Meagan Foran.

It was moved by Craig Macklin and seconded by John Vander Burgh that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, absent; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, absent; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 5; Nay, 0; Absent, 2; 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 April, 2011 - Education, \$33,757.78; O & M, \$27,735.41; Transportation, 11,312.64; Life/Safety, \$3247.10; Tort, \$2529.01.
- Payroll for the month of March, 2011 - Education, \$259,205.01; O & M, \$12,408.15; Transportation, \$22,749.02; IMRF, 13,799.78; Tort, \$1513.90

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Craig Macklin that the payroll for the month of March, 2011, and that the bills for the month of April, 2011, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, absent; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, absent; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 5; Nay, 0; Absent, 2; 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 indicated that the kindergarten class for next year is currently around 32 students. Mr. McCausland highlighted the state Team Quest competition on May 2nd and 3rd as well as the two students that were taken to the café for earning 200 AR points. Mr. Cummins highlighted the SOV football meeting, the 5th grade visit on April 20th, the 4th grade visiting for lunch on May 5th, and the 6th and 8th grade class trips. Mr. Bruder highlighted the LOVC senior dinner, prom, teacher appreciation week, and the upcoming visit for incoming freshman on May 19th.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Hackney submitted a written report. It was discussed that the Labor Relation Board had sent notice giving final approval to the agreed upon change to the defined bargaining unit during the last negotiations. Additional discussion was held about the plans to implement an automation program for the OVES library. It was also decided that Tim Rothrock would replace Sean Creviston on the Board negotiation committee.

School Improvement Report:

The principals provided written reports. Ms. Duis indicated that benchmarking would be conducted the first full week of May and expressed that the differentiated instruction professional development this year has been extremely beneficial at OVES. Mr. McCausland highlighted the shift to simulations during FLEX and provided a discipline summary for OVIS. Mr. Cummins highlighted the Coke Rewards program and the meeting with the 5th grade teachers as well as providing a discipline summary for OVMS. Mr. Bruder discussed the possible addition of a "Boost" class for math and English and a potential change from the block that will be presented to the curriculum committee. He also highlighted the PBIS work at OVHS as well as the possible implementation of a formal peer mentoring program for next year.

Other:

A special meeting for the purpose of organizing the new Board and approving the bid for OVMS renovations was set for May 2nd at 6:00 in the OVHS computer lab.

SUBSTITUTE PAY, OFFICIALS FEE, ETC.

Proposals for establishing rates of pay for officials and substitute teachers for the 2011-2012 school year were presented.

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board establish rates of pay for officials and substitute teachers 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

The building and extracurricular handbook changes for the 2011-2012 school year were presented..

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board approve the proposed handbook changes and course revisions for the 2011-2012 school year 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.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Superintendent Hackney recommended that summer school be offered for elementary through middle school students. It would begin on June 13th and end on July 15th.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board approve offering summer school for elementary and middle school students. 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.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board approve the intergovernmental agreements for cooperative football and track between Sullivan High School and Okaw Valley High School. 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.

STORAGE BUILDING

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board approve the quote for the installation of a storage shed at OVMS. 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.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board enter closed session at 8:30 p.m. as provided in 5 ILCS 120/2, subsection (c) for the purpose of discussing matters related to appointment, employment, performance, and compensation of employees. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; McClain, yea; Macklin, 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 Michelle McClain that the Board of Education return to open session at 10:24 p.m. Voice Vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board employ Martin Call as English teacher at OVHS for the 2011-2012 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 Craig Macklin and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board approve Brennon Baker as the assistant OVMS boys' basketball coach for the 2011-2012 season. 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 Michelle McClain that the Board employ Brennon Baker as the PE/Health teacher at OVMS for the 2011-2012 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 Kari Younger and seconded by Craig Macklin that the Board employ Becky Zindel as OVES teacher for the 2011-2012 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 Tim Rothrock and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board approve Sarah Wooters as OVMS cheerleading sponsor for the 2011-2012 season. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, abstain; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 1. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board approve Jodi McCormick as OVHS Junior Varsity Girls' Volleyball coach for the 2011-2012 season. 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.

RETIREMENT

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board approve the letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2012-2013 school year submitted by Marla Shoaff. 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.

REDUCTION IN FORCE

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board adopt the resolution authorizing the reduction in force of non-certified personnel Jody Askins, Ron Thomas, and Cynthia VanDeventer. 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.

TENTATIVE TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board approve tentative teaching assignments for 2011-2012 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.

OTHER

The status of finding a use for the OVIS building was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board of Education adjourn at 10:40 p.m. Voice vote: All voted aye. The motion carried.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education