

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OKAW VALLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT # 302
August 18, 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, Kari Younger, Eric Bruder, Mike Cummins, Doug McCausland, and Joel Hackney

VISITORS COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

President Rothrock called for visitor comments. There were no visitor comments.

There were no written communications to the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held July 21, 2011.
- Approve the opening of the closed session minutes for public inspection as presented.

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Ryherd, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, 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 August, 2011 - Education, \$40,854.35; O & M, \$20,507.40; Transportation, \$13,817.09; Life/Safety, \$0; Tort, \$2700.75.
- Payroll for the month of July, 2011- Education, \$21,004.02; O & M, \$19,952.52; Transportation, \$2015.63; IMRF, \$5002.96; Tort, \$9773.75.

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by Tracy Ryherd that the payroll for the month of July, 2011 and that the bills for the month of August, 2011, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Ryherd, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

Principals' Reports/School Improvement Report

The principals provided verbal reports regarding school start-up activities:

OVES

- The enrollment for this school year is at 201 students for grades K-4.
- A PBIS celebration will be conducted on Friday, 8/19
- Flex will begin on 8/29
- Benchmarking will begin on 9/1.

OVMS

- The enrollment for this school year is 168 for grades 5-8.
- A PBIS activity was conducted on 8/18 with students attending their A-day classes.
- There are currently 20 members on the OVMS baseball team and their record is 3-1.
- During the early out on Wednesday, August 24th training will be conducted on what general education teachers need to know about IEPs.

OVHS

- PBIS activities were conducted on the first day and the students will run through all 8 classes on Friday, 8/19.
- The School Improvement team met to plan the initiatives for the school year.
- FLEx Curriculum has been developed to be used in math, science, and English.
- A Celebration of Life assembly was conducted on 8/18 with special recognition given to those who were instrumental in coming to the aid of our students this past summer.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Hackney provided a written report and highlighted registration, the back to school breakfast, and the progress of the media center and storage shed at OVMS.

FY 2010 TENTATIVE BUDGET

School boards must adopt a budget before the end of the first quarter (September 30th) of each fiscal year. The tentative budget must be available for public inspection for 30 days, and a public hearing must be held before final adoption of the budget. Superintendent Hackney presented the tentative budget for 2011-2012 for Board review and comment and recommended that the public hearing be held prior to the September Board meeting.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board approve the tentative school district budget for FY 2012 as presented and conduct a public hearing on the budget on September 22, 2011 at 6:45 p.m. in the OVHS Computer Lab. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Ryherd, yea; Macklin, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board enter closed session at 7:37 P. M. as provided in 5 ILCS 120/2, subsection (c) for the purpose of discussing matters related to appointment, employment, and/or compensation of employees, matters related to collective negotiations, and the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Ryherd, yea; Macklin, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, 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 of Education return to open session at 8:21 P. M. Voice Vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Tracy Ryherd that the Board approve Brennon Baker as the OVMS assistant baseball coach for the 2011 season. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Ryherd, yea; Macklin, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was held regarding the middle school philosophy as it relates to athletics and playing time. It was decided to Mr. Cummins and Mr. Hackney would incorporate a district policy outlining the expectations as part of the coaches handbook that is being developed.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board of Education adjourn at 8:34 P. M. Voice vote: All voted aye. The motion carried.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education