

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OKAW VALLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT # 302  
August 20, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

The Board of Education of Okaw Valley Community Unit School District #302 was called to order at 7:02 P.M. 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. There were no visitor comments.

Written communication from Becky Sinclair was read thanking the Board and the district for the gift card and plaque for her retirement and by the class of 59 and Kay Atkinson for allowing them to tour the Bethany buildings.

**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 23, 2009.
- Approve the opening of the closed session minutes for public inspection as presented.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Craig Macklin that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, 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, 2009 - Education, \$49,986.68; O & M, \$16,182.58; Transportation, \$4436.01; Life/Safety, \$0; Tort, \$2600.45.
- Payroll for the month of July, 2009- Education, \$21,776.73; O & M, \$20,394.72; Transportation, \$3494.51; IMRF, \$3882.29; Tort, \$1371.73.  
It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the payroll for the month of July, 2009 and that the bills for the month of August,

2009, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, 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:** The principals provided verbal reports regarding school start-up activities:

### OVES

- A faculty meeting, school improvement meeting, and breakfast was held on Tuesday, August 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Special Education teachers met with teachers to review accommodations on Wednesday afternoon.
- PBIS kickoff for students was held on Thursday.
- A parent meeting pertaining to PBIS is scheduled for Friday morning.
- Enrollment this year consists of 39 kindergarten students, 37 first grade students, 40 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students, and 45 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students.

### OVIS

- Thanks was expressed to summer custodial/cleaning crews for the excellent summer cleaning.
- Enrollment for the year is 38 4<sup>th</sup> graders and 44 5<sup>th</sup> graders.
- PBIS kickoff was held on Wednesday.
- Mr. McCausland and Mr. Cummins attended the character education conference in St. Louis in July.
- Orientation will be held on September 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30.

### OVMS

- Thanks was expressed to cleaning crew and to the PBIS team.
- Enrollment is 29 6<sup>th</sup> graders, 41 7<sup>th</sup> graders, and 39 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Boys' baseball has started and are currently 1 and 2.
- Girls' basketball will be starting soon.
- The parking lot change has worked well and will still be modified slightly.
- PBIS kickoff for students took place on Wednesday.

### OVHS

- Freshman Orientation was held on August 11<sup>th</sup>. Twenty-two freshman attended and participated in a scavenger hunt.
- Mr. Bruder expressed thanks to the student council for all of the help with freshman orientation, the new bus arrangement, and start of school activities.
- The first volleyball game will be August 26<sup>th</sup>.
- A concussion screening will be available at OVHS through DMH on 8/28 at 1:00.
- Current enrollment for the year is approximately 171.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Hackney submitted a written superintendent's report and expressed thanks to the OVEA for organizing the Back to School Picnic. The picnic was very well attended. Thanks was also expressed to Doug Miller and the other volunteers for the work that was done to the OVIS playground.

### **School Improvement Report**

#### **OVES**

- The SI team will be meeting again next week to begin looking at building initiatives for this year.
- FLEX will start on 8/31.

#### **OVIS**

- The SI team will meet on Monday, 8/24.
- Initially, writing will be the focus during FLEX time.
- PBIS will be a continual emphasis throughout the year.

#### **OVMS**

- The planning of FLEX was the primary focus Wednesday and Thursday and the initial plan for the use of FLEX time has been developed.

#### **OVHS**

- The SI team met on Thursday, 8/20.
- Mr. Bruder has met with RESPRO twice to determine needs for the upcoming year.
- The Service Learning project will be an ongoing initiative this year with plans to begin a large scale recycling project.

### **FY 2010 TENTATIVE BUDGET**

School boards must adopt a budget before the end of the first quarter (September 30<sup>th</sup>) 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 2009-2010 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 Michelle McClain that the Board approve the tentative school district budget for FY 2010 as presented and conduct a public hearing on the budget on September 24, 2009 at 6:45 p.m. in the OVHS Computer Lab. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## BOARD POLICIES

Mr. Hackney recommended that the Board approve on first reading revisions to Board policies *1:10, 1:20, 2:90, 2:120, 2:150, 2:200, and 2:240.*

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board approve on first reading revisions to Board policies as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, 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 Kari Younger and seconded by Craig Macklin that the Board enter closed session at 8:47 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 and matters related to collective negotiations. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, 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 Craig Macklin and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board of Education return to open session at 9:10 P. M. Voice Vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.

## EMPLOYMENT

Superintendent Hackney presented recommendations for employment/assignment of teaching and staff.

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board assign Jane Messmore to OVES aide for the 2009-2010 school year. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, 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 Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Craig Macklin that the Board employ Cynthia VanDeventer as OVHS resource aide for the 2009-2010 school year. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, 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 Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board employ Angela Deaton as OVHS library aide for the 2009-2010 school year. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, 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 Michelle McClain and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board employ Patricia Smith bus driver effective August 19, 2009. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Craig Macklin that the Board of Education adjourn at 9:14 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