

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OKAW VALLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT # 302
February 24, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Board of Education of Okaw Valley Community Unit School District #302 was called to order at 7:02 P.M. in the OVHS Library by President Sean Creviston with the following Board members and administrators present: Brooke Bartimus, Sean Creviston, Craig Macklin, Tim Rothrock, Kari Younger, Eric Bruder, Paula Duis, Joel Hackney, and Doug McCausland. Michelle McClain arrived at 8:03 p.m., John Vander Burgh arrived at 7:42 p.m., and Mike Cummins arrived at 8:10 p.m.

VISITORS COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

Secretary Younger read a card from Sharon Wicker expressing thanks to the district and a letter from Bea Quandt commending the Okaw Valley music program..

CONSENT AGENDA

- Presentation for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held January 20, 2011.
- Presentation of recommendation to approve FCCLA trip to the annual state conference to be held April 7-9, 2011 in Springfield.
- Presentation of recommendation to approve the establishment of an LOVC activity account and an art club activity account to be maintained in the OVHS office.
- Approve the establishment of on-line banking capability at Shelby County State Bank.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; Rothrock, 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 February, 2011 - Education, 181,088.74; O & M, \$28,785.80; Transportation, \$13,153.04; Life/Safety, \$0.; Tort, \$3843.50.

- Payroll for the month of January, 2011 - Education, \$228,281.98; O & M, \$13,118.50; Transportation, \$14,325.78 IMRF, \$9304,63; Tort, \$2470.07.

It was moved by Craig Macklin and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the payroll for the month of January, 2011, and that the bills for the month of February, 2011, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; Rothrock, 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 elementary school received a grant from the Illinois Soy Bean Association for a food play to be held on April 11th. Mr. McCausland highlighted the Team Quest state competition and mentioned that they had a 73% parent participation rate in last week's conferences. Mr. Bruder indicated that there were approximately 13 athletes signed up for both softball and baseball, highlighted the IHSA All-State Academic Team nominees, the students of the month..

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Hackney provided a written report and highlighted the delivery of ISAT materials. The upcoming focus group meetings were discussed as well as the recent education proposals brought forth by the governor relating to pension reform, consolidation, and regional offices of education.

School Improvement Reports: Written reports were provided by the principals. Ms. Duis indicated an 86% parent participation rate for last week's conference, highlighted the start of ISATs on March 9th at OVES, and praised the staff for receiving the Academic Excellence award for 2010. Mr. McCausland highlighted the AIMSWeb work at OVIS and the inputting of progress monitoring results by teachers as well as the extensive work on short and extended response questions. Mr. Bruder provided an update on the status of the attendance goal at the high school, provided information about the new Cycle of AA, an upcoming assembly on internet safety, and the potential changes to the FLEX schedule for next year.

Other: Craig Macklin indicated that an IASB legislative dinner was being held on March 3rd at New Berlin for anyone interested. Additionally, an opportunity for board members to be a part of the Review Committee for the fall conference in Chicago was available.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Six calendar proposals were submitted to the staff for input. Calendar B was chosen by staff which mimics this year's calendar.

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Craig Macklin that the Board approve the 2011-2012 school calendar as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

SOCIAL STUDIES CURRICULUM

Information was provided about the initiative approved by the District Curriculum Committee in January to modify the middle school social studies curriculum for next year.

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board approve the change to the OVMS Social Studies curriculum 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.

OVIS CLOSURE

Discussion was held about the potential closure of OVIS. Information was provided about the relocation and reassignment of grades if a building was closed, the cost of renovation, possible uses of facilities, and the time needed to complete renovations.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board approve closure of the Okaw Valley Intermediate School at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Relocating the 4th grade to OVES and the 5th grade to OVMS with the intent to demolish the OVIS building by the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year if an acceptable buyer is not secured. 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 Craig Macklin and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board enter closed session at 9:37 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 Craig Macklin and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board of Education return to open session at 10:55 P. M. Voice Vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.

RESIGNATION

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by John Vander Burgh that the Board accept the resignation of Jared Macari effective the end of 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.

EMPLOYMENT

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board approve John Craig as OVMS assistant track coach 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.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Craig Macklin and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board of Education adjourn at 10:57 P. M. Voice vote: All voted aye. The motion carried.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education