

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OKAW VALLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT # 302  
January 21, 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. by President Sean Creviston with the following Board members and administrators present: Brooke Bartimus, Sean Creviston, Craig Macklin, Michelle McClain, Kari Younger, Eric Bruder, Paula Duis, Mike Cummins, Doug Mccausland, and Joel Hackney. John Vander Burgh and Tim Rothrock were absent.

**VISITORS COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

President Creviston called for visitor comments and communications. There were no written communications. OVHS student Ian Brown provided information about a potential Parkour Club he would like to start at the high school.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Truth in Taxation Hearing and the regular meeting held on December 17, 2009 and the special meeting held January 13, 2010.
- Recommendation to authorize the Superintendent to prepare the 2010-2011 School District Budget.
- Presentation of recommendation that graduation for the class of 2010 be held on Sunday, May 30, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in the OVHS gymnasium.
- Presentation of recommendation to approve the alternate education program agreement between the Regional Office of Education #11 and Okaw Valley CUSD #302.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, 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 January, 2010 - Education, \$69,175.76; O & M, \$33,884.58; Transportation, 3,547.62 Life/Safety, \$31,607.10; Tort, \$467.50

- Payroll for the month of December, 2009 - Education, \$276,927.41; O & M, \$14,816.23; Transportation, \$26,488.27; IMRF, \$12,718.09; Tort, \$1628.69.

It was moved by Craig Macklin and seconded by Kari Younger that the payroll for the month of December, 2009, and that the bills for the month of January, 2010, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 5; Nay, 0; Absent, 2; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

**Principals' Reports:** The principals provided written reports. Ms. Duis provided an update on the Ag in the Classroom presentation at OVES. Mr. McCausland provided information and showed the flyer that was created for the Student Council Haiti Earthquake Relief project at OVIS. Mr. Cummins highlighted the OV Way Committee's OVTV initiative at OVMS. Mr. Bruder provided additional information about the OV Cheer Clinic to be held February 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> and the performance on the 16<sup>th</sup> as well as the renewing of the track cooperative agreement between Sullivan and Okaw Valley.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Hackney provided a written report and highlighted the TAG meeting that was held on January 13<sup>th</sup> as well as providing information about OVES student Dirk Bruyn that is receiving the American Red Cross Heartland Hero Award for his kindness in having items donated to the American Red Cross in lieu of birthday gifts for his birthday.

### **School Improvement Update:**

The principals provided written school improvement reports. Ms. Duis indicated that she has met with all of the building teams with the exception of kindergarten, third grade was targeting writing, benchmarking would be completed next week, and the time to administer the 3D assessment is narrowing. Mr. McCausland indicated that the next problem solving day will be held on Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, they are seeing positive results from the solutions team meetings, and writing data for three different writing prompts was presented. Mr. Cummins highlighted the graphing of Study Island results and calculating of percentages in FLEX, provided an update on the Study Island enhancements, and mentioned the student lounge initiative that began on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bruder provided information on the practice ACT test that was taken by all juniors and the data that is being used to structure FLEX, gave an overview of the WIN testing initiative, explained the Study Island Challenge given to OVHS students, and indicated that two staff members are participating in the Gifted and Talented Cohort through the Regional Office of Education.

## **GYM FLOOR MAINTENANCE OVMS/OVHS**

Mr. Hackney presented information for the gym floor maintenance at OVMS and OVHS to be conducted in June.

\_\_\_\_\_ It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board accept the proposal of Allred's Floor Service Company in the amount of \$4950 for floor service work during the summer of 2010. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 5; Nay, 0; Absent, 2; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board enter closed session at 8:35 P. M. as provided in 5 ILCS 120/2, subsection (c) for the purpose of discussing matters related to employment, performance, and compensation of employees as well as individual student discipline. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 5; Nay, 0; Absent, 2; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board of Education return to open session at 9:48 P. M. Voice Vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS/OTHER**

An update on the status of the proposal submitted to the Village of Bethany concerning the billing for watering athletic fields was provided.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board of Education adjourn at 9:53 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