

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OKAW VALLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT # 302
March 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 7:00 P.M. in the OVIS Library 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 and communications. There were no visitor comments or written communications to the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Presentation for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held February 24, 2011.
- Recommendation to renew membership in the IESA (Illinois Elementary School Association) for the 2011-2012 school years and to adopt its Constitution and By-Laws.
- Recommendation to renew membership in the IHSA (Illinois High School Association) for the 2011-2012 school year and to adopt and abide by its Constitution, By-Laws, Terms and Conditions, and Administrative Procedures, Guidelines, and Policies.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by John Vander Burgh that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda 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.

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 March, 2011 - Education, 26,965.42; O & M, \$32,551.23; Transportation, \$11,874.35; Life/Safety, 0; Tort, \$5392.51.
- Payroll for the month of February, 2011 - Education, \$248,713.20; O & M, \$13,078.04; Transportation, \$22,377.46; IMRF, \$13,065.24; Tort, \$1533.94.

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the payroll for the month of February, 2011, and that the bills for the month of March, 2011, be approved 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.

COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

Principals' Reports: The principals submitted written reports, provided brief highlights/updates to the reports, and answered questions. Ms. Duis highlighted the RtI visitation day on March 24th and the upcoming basketball program about character on March 25th. Mr. McCausland highlighted the ISAT kickoff breakfast as well as the IS students also attending the basketball character program on March 25th. Mr. Cummins discussed the large number of students participating in track this year as well as the upcoming "pie in the face" as a Hoops for Heart reward on March 25th. Mr. Bruder highlighted the dance on March 25th and the bass fishing fundraiser in April.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Hackney provided a written report and highlighted that the ISAT tests and materials had been shipped back. Discussion was also conducted about the time line for the process in securing a use for the OVIS building, the exploration of sound system options for OVHS and OVMS, the need for a transportation committee meeting on April 7th at 5:30 p.m., and the possibility of exploring co-op options in baseball for next year.

School Improvement Reports: The principals submitted written school improvement reports. Ms. Duis indicated that preschool screening was complete and the estimated number for kindergarten next year is 30. Additionally there were 7 case studies for possible placement in the ECH program for next year. Mr. McCausland discussed the reflection by the IS staff on the test preparation for this year's ISAT tests after the completion of student testing last week. He also highlighted the incorporation of simulations for students during FLEX time. Mr. Cummins provided discipline data that compared the number of incidents this year to last year. He also indicated noticing an increase in the number of cyberbullying issues among middle school students. Mr. Bruder also indicated an increase in cyberbullying incidents as well as highlighting the discussions about moving away from the block schedule, and the development of the PBIS matrix at OVHS that will be modeled the first day of next school year.

REGISTRATION/FEEES/STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Superintendent Hackney recommended that registration be held August 4 and 5, 2011 and submitted a proposal for fees for the 2011-2012 school year. It was also recommended that the district continue to use Markel Insurance Company as the student accident insurance provider.

It was moved by Craig Macklin and seconded by Michelle McClain that registration for the 2011-2012 school year be held on August 4 and 5, 2011 and that fees be established 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.

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board approve Markel Insurance Company as the student accident insurance provider 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.

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Hackney presented recommendations from the district curriculum committee meeting held in February. The committee recommended changes to the District and OVMS handbooks. Additional handbook changes will be presented at the April Board meeting.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board approve the recommendations of the District Curriculum Committee to be implemented during 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.

BOARD POLICIES

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board approve on first reading revisions to Board policies 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.

TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT

Superintendent Hackney provided information about a professional services agreement for technology services through Quality Network Solutions.

It was moved by Craig Macklin and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board approve the recommendation to enter into a professional services agreement with Quality Network Solutions for technology services. 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 Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board enter closed session at 8:29 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 John Vander Burgh and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board of Education return to open session at 9:55 p.m.. Voice Vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.

RETIREMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by John Vander Burgh that the Board accept the letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2012-2013 school year submitted by Ann Wilson. 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 Craig Macklin that the Board accept the letters of retirement for Mary Bricker and Shirley Brown at the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, abstain; 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 John Vander Burgh and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board accept the resignation of Ruth Anne Yang effective the end of the 2010-2011 school year. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, abstain; 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 accept the resignation of Jim Underwood as high school girls' basketball coach. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, abstain; 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 Kari Younger and seconded by John Vander Burgh that the Board re-employ part-time teacher Cheryl Rowe 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 Tim Rothrock that the Board re-employ the following non-tenured teachers for the 2011-2012 school year: Jacquelyn Evers, Jacob Christner, John Craig, Jena Atchison, Kathy Doty, Angie Barter, Emily Perry, Marlo Jackson, Jana Hortenstine, Melody Foster, and Jennifer Crowder. 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 John Vander Burgh and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board re-employ the following fourth-year teachers and place on tenure for the 2011-2012 school year: Maria Camareno and Amanda Tackett. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, abstain; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by John Vander Burgh that the Board re-employ Joel Hackney as District Superintendent 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 John Vander Burgh and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board re-employ Doug McCausland for the 2011-2012 school year and assign as OVES principal and District Technology Coordinator. 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 Kari Younger that the Board re-employ Eric Bruder for the 2011-2012 school year and assign as OVHS Principal. 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 John Vander Burgh that the Board re-employ Mike Cummins for the 2011-2012 school year and assign as

OVMS Principal and District Athletic Director. 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 Tim Rothrock that the Board approve Aimee Miller as assistant OVMS track coach for the 2010-2011 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 Kari Younger that the Board employ Jodi Buehnerkemper as district school psychologist 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.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by John Vander Burgh that the Board of Education adjourn at 10:06 p.m. Voice vote: All voted aye. The motion carried.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education