

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OKAW VALLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT # 302
December 17, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Board of Education of Okaw Valley Community Unit School District #302 was called to order at 7:00 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, and Joel Hackney. Doug McCausland was absent.

VISITORS COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

Written communications to the Board were a thank you note from Betty Perry for the students helping with the food pantry, a thank you from Karen Moon for the plant upon her return home from the hospital, and a letter from Marge Overlot expressing her pride and thanks to the basketball team and coaching staff for their exemplary behavior and performance during a recent game.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Craig Macklin that the Board enter closed session at 7:03 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. 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 Michelle McClain and seconded by John Vander Burgh that the Board of Education return to open session at 9:21 P. M. Voice Vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by John Vander Burgh that the Board employ Valerie Hutchinson as OVES resource aide. Roll call vote: Bartimus, abstain; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 1. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Macklin and seconded by John Vander Burgh that the Board employ Jacquelyn Evers as the band/chorus teacher starting on January 4, 2010 contingent on obtaining certification. 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

Recommendation to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 17, 2009.

Recommendation to approve the attendance of two high school students selected to participate in the IMEA State Band Performance in Peoria January 27th-30th.

Recommendation to appoint Joel Hackney as district FOIA officer.

It was moved by Tim Rothrock 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; 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 December, 2009 - Education, \$31,472.81; O & M, \$27,152.46; Transportation, \$13,221.87; Life/Safety, \$0, Tort, \$1452.26.
- Payroll for the month of November, 2009 - Education, \$275,653.80; O & M, \$14,157.00; Transportation, \$24,759.38; IMRF, \$12,245.92; Tort, \$1517.87.

It was moved by Craig Macklin and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the payroll for the month of November, 2009, and that the bills for the month of December, 2009, 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. Ms. Duis expressed her thanks to Mrs. Colclasure and the OVHS choir for caroling to the staff and students at OVES and also mentioned the excellent performances and attendance at the recent OVES winter music concert. Mr. Cummins highlighted the 4th grade Team Quest victory, the DARE graduation, the wallies in the bathrooms, the

numbers for the 4th and 5th grade basketball programs, and thanks for the light on the flag pole. At OVMS, he highlighted the winter dance and fall athletic banquet attendance, the 6th grade's Team Quest victory, the donations of footballs by the JFL, and the mentor/mentee meetings. Mr. Bruder explained the WIN testing and possible incentives built in to this next year as well as the upcoming Gifted Education Seminar that will be attended by OVHS staff.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Hackney provided a written report as well as highlighting the facilities committee meeting and the rescheduling of the TAG meeting. There was also discussion about the Race to the Top efforts and the memorandum of understanding that will be circulated to schools soon.

School Improvement Reports: The principals provided written reports highlighting the school improvement efforts and initiatives in their buildings. Thanks was expressed to Ms. Duis by the other administrators for her assistance with the Solutions Team meetings at OVIS, OVMS, and OVHS.

Other: Summaries of conferences attended by Board members at the School Board Convention in November were provided. There was discussion about distance learning, gifted education, Meeting AYP by integrating core instruction into tech oriented classes, and facilities/student engagement.

Paula Duis provided a summary of the information contained in the 2008-2009 District Special Education Profile.

2009 TAX LEVY

Superintendent Hackney reported that no additional information was available regarding EAV for the district. He recommended that the Board approve the tax levy amounts as presented and authorize filing of the levy.

It was moved by Craig Macklin and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board approve the tax levy resolution and the certificate of tax levy for the year 2009 in the amount of \$2,910,205.00 and authorize filing the levy with the County Clerks of Moultrie, Macon, and Shelby Counties. Roll call vote: Bartimus, 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 Kari Younger and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board approve and adopt on second 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.

FOOD BID

Information on the food bid for January, 2010 through May, 2010 was presented.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board approve the food bid from Fox River Foods for January 2010 through May 2010. 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 Craig Macklin that the Board of Education adjourn at 10:37 P. M. Voice vote: All voted aye. The motion carried.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education