

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OKAW VALLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT # 302  
August 21, 2008**

**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, Michelle McClain, Tim Rothrock, John Vander Burgh, Kari Younger, Eric Bruder, Mike Cummins, Paula Duis, and Joel Hackney. Doug Miller was absent.

**VISITORS COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

President Creviston called for visitor comments and communications. Mike Stroyeck expressed his interest in the OVES custodial position.

**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 24, 2008.
- Accept the resignations of Bobbi Fritz as part-time cook at OVIS.

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; 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, 2008 - Education, \$74,392.98 O & M, \$78,834.22; Transportation, \$9864.91; Life/Safety, \$0.
- Payroll for the month of June, 2008- Education, \$500,661.18; O & M, \$18,583.37; Transportation, \$12,428.71; IMRF, \$10,691.36.
- Payroll for the month of July, 2008- Education, \$28,514.17; O & M, \$22,417.02; Transportation, \$2915.29; IMRF, \$4435.28.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the payroll for the months of June, 2008 and July, 2008 and that the bills for the month of August, 2008, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus,

yea; Creviston, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

**Principals' Reports:** The principals provided verbal reports regarding school start-up activities:

- Enrollment - 181 OVES; 72 OVIS; and 112 OVMS
- An appreciation for the air conditioners in the buildings was expressed.
- Opening faculty meeting and breakfast was held at OVES for all staff on 8/19.
- Open House/Orientation night will be on 8/26 at OVIS at 6:30 and 8/28 at 6:30 at OVMS.
- The OV Way program will be expanded to OVIS.
- New Teacher Induction/Mentoring was held on 8/18.
- Mr. Bruder expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the Student Council at the freshman seminar as well as the first day of school.
- The PE clothes for the middle school and high school are in.
- Hydrogear donated a large printer for the art room.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Hackney reported as follows:

- An update on registration was provided.
- Air conditioner installation will be complete at OVES by the end of the week and the high school and middle school only have a few left to be installed.
- The Strategic planning brochures are being printed.
- Appreciation was expressed to the OVEA for their hard work in preparing the back to school picnic.
- An overview of the district meeting and lunch held on 8/19 and the teacher mentoring on 8/18 was provided.
- The EIASE governing board representative will be either Doug Miller or Brooke Bartimus.
- Smartboards are scheduled to be installed the first or second week of September.

## FY 2008 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 2008-2009 for Board review and comment and recommended that the public hearing be held prior to the September Board meeting.

It was moved by Sean Creviston and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board approve the tentative school district budget for FY 2009 as presented and conduct a public hearing on the budget on September 25, 2008 at 6:45 p.m. in the OVIS Library. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## BOARD POLICIES

Mr. Hackney recommended that the Board adopt on second reading revised policies 4:20-Fund Balance, 4:50-Payment Procedures, 4:80-Accounting and Audits, 4:90-Activity Funds, and new policy 4:55-Use of Credit and Procurement Cards..

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board adopt on second reading board policies 4:20, 4:50, 4:55, 4:80, and 4:90.. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board enter closed session at 7:44 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; Mc Clain, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board of Education return to open session at 8:16 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 approve the employment of Stephanie Bandelow as part-time cook and playground supervisor at OVIS for the 2008-2009 school year. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by John VanderBurgh that the Board approve the employment of Emily Perry as Ag teacher at OVMS and OVHS for the 2008-2009 school year. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Sean Creviston and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board employ Marlo Jackson as a fourth grade teacher at OVIS for the 2008-2009 school year. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board approve the employment of Lara Macklin as reading improvement aide for the 2008-2009 school year. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board approve Shelley Reynolds as a classroom aide at OVES for the 2008-2009 school year. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board approve Dave Keown as a substitute custodian as needed for the 2008-2009 school year. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by John VanderBurgh that the Board approve the superintendent contract for the 2008-2009 school year as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by John VanderBurgh and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board of Education adjourn at 8:21 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