

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OKAW VALLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT # 302
December 18, 2008**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

VISITORS COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Recommendation to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held November 18, 2008.

Recommendation to approve the attendance of a high school student selected to participate in the IMEA State Band Performance in Peoria January 28th-31st.

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by John Vanderburgh 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, 2008 - Education, \$32,845.63; O & M, \$18,779.74; Transportation, \$5441.16; Life/Safety, \$0, Tort, \$1195.00.
- Payroll for the month of November, 2008 - Education, \$259,971.13; O & M, \$114,557.72; Transportation, \$24,242.92; IMRF, \$12,833.66; Tort, \$208.38.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Michelle McClain that the payroll for the month of November, 2008, and that the bills for the month of

December, 2008, 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. Mr. Cummins reported numbers for the 5th grade basketball teams at OVIS as well as the middle school volleyball teams. He also explained the EXPLORE test that was given to 8th grade students. Mr. Bruder recognized a student that was selected for the IMEA state band performance in Peoria as well as explaining the TCT process and the services the high school receives from RESPRO funds.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Hackney provided a written report as well as highlighting the performance of the district band and chorus students as the winter concerts and the large parental and community attendance at the events. He also expressed a possibility of using the scanning feature of the copier to move to a paperless board packet in the future that would save time, money and resources.

BUS PURCHASES

Del Anderson from Ponder Equipment made a presentation to the board reviewing the process that was started in the 2007-2008 school year of using the lease purchase program to update the district's fleet of buses as well as providing the figures for the purchase of 2 additional buses to be obtained in July, 2009.

Mr. Hackney also provided information on the estimated cost versus depreciation revenue for future years.

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board approve the lease purchase of two school buses per the state bid. 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.

2008 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 John VanderBurgh and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board approve the tax levy resolution and the certificate of tax levy for the year 2008 in the amount of \$2,843,488.00 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

Revisions to board policies 4:170, 5:240, 6:10, 6:120, 6:230, 7:10, 7:50, 7:210, and 7:300 were presented.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Craig Macklin 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.

FOOD BID

Information on the food bid for January, 2009 through May, 2009 was presented.

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board approve the food bid from Fox River Foods for January 2009 through May 2009. 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 John VanderBurgh that the Board enter closed session at 8:26 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 Brooke Bartimus that the Board of Education return to open session at 10:02 P. M. Voice Vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Craig Macklin that the Board of Education adjourn at 10:03 P. M. Voice vote: All voted aye. The motion carried.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education