

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OKAW VALLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT # 302  
November 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 7:01 P.M. by President Sean Creviston with the following Board members and administrators present: Brooke Bartimus, Sean Creviston, Craig Macklin, Michelle McClain, John Vander Burgh,, Kari Younger, Paula Duis, Eric Bruder, Mike Cummins, and Joel Hackney. Tim Rothrock was absent.

**VISITORS COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

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

Kari Younger read a card from the election judges of Marrowbone 1 and 2 thanking the school district for the doughnuts, juice, and milk on election day.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The Consent Agenda, consisting of the following items, was presented to the Board of Education:

- Recommendation to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held October 23, 2008.
- Recommendation to approve the revised certified/non-certified seniority lists.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus 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; Vander Burgh, 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 November, 2008 - Education, \$ 40,006.28 O & M, \$ 17,407.14; Transportation, \$ 11,536.72; Life/Safety, \$ 0; Tort, \$ 212.50.
- Payroll for the month of October, 2008 - Education, \$ 252,481.90; O & M, \$ 14,107.58; Transportation, \$ 24,217.85; IMRF, \$ 12,048.50; Tort, \$ 1848.64.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Michelle McClain that the payroll for the month of October, 2008, and that the bills for the month of November, 2008, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

**Principals' Reports:** The principals provided written reports and commented briefly on items on the reports. Ms. Duis touched on her training on professional learning communities and provided information about the breakfast held on November 17<sup>th</sup> for American Education Week and the upcoming parent night. Mr. Cummins highlighted the STI Assessment training for teachers, the Student Council project, and Team Quest competition for OVIS and at OVMS the number of students on the honor roll for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter as well as the accomplishments of the 7th/8th girls' basketball team. Mr. Bruder also touched on the STI Assessment training and program and recognized the accomplishments of the various athletic programs as well as highlighting the activities of the SADD club during Red Ribbon week.

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

- November 15<sup>th</sup> was School Members Day.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences were held 11/3 and 11/4 with a high attendance rate.
- STI Conference was attended by several staff members with several new additions to the program on the horizon.
- Strategic planning brochures have been mailed out.
- The district-wide Veterans' Day program was held November 10<sup>th</sup> with a good turnout from veterans and community members. Appreciation was expressed to everyone who helped plan and setup for the program.
- The school board members and superintendent will be attending the school board convention on November 21-23..

### School Improvement Update:

- **OVES**-Focusing on preparing for the upcoming parent night on Thursday and for the next parent night to be held in January.
- **OVMS**-The staff is working on developing curriculum for science and social studies to be used in the Alternative Education Program.
- **OVHS**-The main focus is on beginning advisories for the students with training to be provided to the teachers and implementing short term assessments using STI Assessment.

### Other-RtI Presentation

Ms. Duis provided a powerpoint presentation outlining the RtI process that the district is in the process of implementing. Her presentation focused on the definition of RtI, an overview of the process, the problem solving model, the three tiered approach, the time line for implementation, and the district needs in each of the 7 subsections.

## **FY 2009 SCHOOL LIBRARY GRANT**

District Librarian Sharon Lowry presented a recommendation that the district submit an application for the School District Library Grant Program for 2009. Grant funds (maximum of \$.75 per student) will be used for attendance at the American Library Association Conference and for the purchase of resources for the library. Mrs. Lowry also provided printed information regarding the Rolling Prairie Library System and an update on progress toward meeting Illinois standards for school library media centers - Linking for Learning: The Illinois School Library Media Program Guidelines, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., 2005.

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by Craig Macklin that the Board approve the submission of the FY 2009 School District Library Grant Program application as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## **2007 TAX LEVY PROPOSAL**

Superintendent Hackney presented a Tax Levy Proposal for 2008 which included a total levy of \$2,843,488, an increase of 8.1% over last year's extension.

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board approve the tentative 2008 Tax Levy in the amount of \$2,843,488.00 as presented and set December 18, 2008 at 6:45 p.m. in the OVHS computer lab as the date, time, and place for the truth in taxation hearing. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## **BOARD POLICY REVISIONS**

Revisions to board policies 1:30, 2:20, 2:30, 2:50, 2:80, 2:105, 2:110, 2:130, 2:210, 2:220, 2:250, 4:60, 4:110, 4:120, 4:150, 4:170, 5:30, 5:90, 5:130, 5:150, 5:190, 5:220, 5:290, 6:15, 6:60, 6:80, 6:100, 6:140, 6:210, 6:235, 6:250, 6:290, 6:320, 6:330, 6:340, 7:90, 7:220, 7:290, 7:235 were presented for approval on second reading.

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by Craig Macklin that the Board approve on second reading the revisions to board policies as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by John VanderBurgh that the Board enter closed session at 8:56 P. M. as provided in 5 ILCS 120/2, subsection (c) for the purpose of discussing matters related to appointment, employment, and compensation of employees. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by John VanderBurgh and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board of Education return to open session at 9:29 P. M. Voice Vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.

## EMPLOYMENT

It was moved by Sean Creviston and seconded by John VanderBurgh that the Board employ Chase Reedy as the assistant boys' high school basketball coach for the 2008-2009 season. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Vander Burgh, 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 Craig Toler as a volunteer assistant high school boys' basketball coach for the 2008-2009 season. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Sean Creviston that the Board employ Brian Fruchtl as the assistant high school boys' baseball coach for the 2009 season. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Macklin and seconded by John VanderBurgh that the Board employ Dave Benning as the assistant high school girls' softball coach for the 2009 season. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by John VanderBurgh and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board approve Brian Gill as a volunteer assistant coach for high school girls' softball for the 2009 season. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Vander Burgh, 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 employ Becky Seyfert as aide at OVES for the 2008-2009 school year effective December 15, 2008. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea;

McClain, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS/OTHER**

Discussion was held to invite and encourage the student councils from the individual buildings to attend/present at future board meetings.

The need to possibly look into the lighting in the parking lots at OVMS was discussed

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board of Education adjourn at 9:41 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