

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OKAW VALLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT # 302
October 23, 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 VanderBurgh, Kari Younger, Mike Cummins, Paula Duis, and Joel Hackney. Eric Bruder was absent.

President Creviston administered the Oath of Office to new member Craig Macklin who was appointed by the Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Doug Miller. Mr. Macklin will fill the remainder of the term which will expire in April, 2009.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was again taken with the following board members and administrators present: Brooke Bartimus, Sean Creviston, Michelle McClain, Tim Rothrock, Craig Macklin, John VanderBurgh, Kari Younger, Mike Cummins, Paula Duis, and Joel Hackney. Eric Bruder was absent.

VISITORS COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

There were no written communications to the Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Recommendation to approve the minutes of the public hearing on the FY2009 School District budget held on September 25, 2008, the regular meeting held September 25, 2008, and the special meeting held October 16, 2008.
- Approve the tentative certified and non-certified seniority lists.
- Approve the FFA trip to the National FFA convention in Indianapolis October 22-25.

- Approve the creation of a service project activity account to be maintained at OVHS.

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 October, 2008 - Education, \$40,941.00; O & M, \$23,723.34; Transportation, \$13,838.26; Life/Safety, \$0.
- Payroll for the month of September, 2008 - Education, \$242,876.42; O & M, \$18,122.78; Transportation, \$20,094.84; IMRF, \$11,437.87.

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the payroll for the month of September, 2008 and that the bills for the month of October, 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, provided brief comments, and answered questions.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Hackney provided a written report that included information on the following:

- Training provided to the teachers and students by Red Cross made possible by a grant through ADM.
- Janet and Matt Kracht presented at the IPA Conference in Peoria about the service learning programs at Sullivan and Okaw Valley.
- Regional Institute was held on October 10th with teachers attending workshops in various locations.
- The first quarter ended October 17th and report cards will be sent home on October 24th.
- Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on November 3rd from 4:30-7:30 and November 4th from 8:30-11:30 at OVMS and OVIS.

Additionally, Sean Creviston will be the IASB Delegate at the upcoming school board convention and arrangements for the convention were discussed.

School Improvement Update:

OVES

- The SI team met on October 2nd.
- Parent night will be November 20th with make and take activities and activities for the kids planned.
- Flex began the first of October and is going well.
- The problem solving team met October 23rd.
- Some teachers attended PBIS training at the Regional Institute and further training will be provided by the Regional Office of Education.
- OVES has received a health and fitness kit.
- Teachers continue to receive training on 6+1 writing.

OVIS

- Hosted 6+1 writing workshop attended by our teachers as well as teachers from other schools.
- Follow-up to the initial 6+1 writing training was provided on October 23rd.
- The OV way program is going strong and so far the number of referrals from last year has decreased.

OVMS

- The language arts teachers will attend a reading strategies conference in November and teachers from other curricular areas will receive training in January.
- The student mentoring program is going strong. The students have formed roundtables to facilitate discussion of issues faced.
- Rewards day is scheduled for October 24th.

OVHS

- The school improvement plan has been submitted to ISBE.
- The character program began with an all school assembly presented by Ryan Porter.
- Rewards Day was held on October 17th.

ANNUAL AUDIT/FINANCIAL REPORTS

Kent Kuhl of Mose, Yockey, Brown and Kull, LLC, presented and reviewed the bound Annual Financial Statements and the Annual Financial Report required by ISBE.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by John VanderBurgh that the Board approve the Annual Financial Statements and the Annual Financial Reports for FY08 as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Macklin, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

Superintendent Hackney presented revisions to several board policies.

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board adopt on first reading revisions to board policies 1:30, 2:20, 2:50, 2:80, 2:105, 2:110, 2:130, 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, and 7:325. 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 Kari Younger and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board enter closed session at 8:20 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; 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 Michelle McClain that the Board of Education return to open session at 9:13 P. M. Voice Vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT/RESIGNATION//COMPENSATION OF PERSONNEL

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board approve the revised wages for non-contract, non-certified employees for the 2008-2009 school year 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 Sean Creviston and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board approve Brett Krutsinger as the assistant high school girls' basketball coach for the 2008-2009 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 Michelle McClain that the Board accept the resignation of Shelley Reynolds effective November 7, 2008. 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.

OTHER

A tentative total number attending the school board convention was determined and arrangements for transportation and dinner will be made.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by John VanderBurgh that the Board of Education adjourn at 9:27 P. M. Voice vote: All voted aye. The motion carried.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education