

**REGULAR MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OKAW VALLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #302  
September 25, 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, Michelle Mc Clain, Doug Miller, Tim Rothrock, John Vander Burgh, Kari Younger, Eric Bruder, Mike Cummins, Paula Duis, and Joel Hackney.

**VISITORS COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

President Creviston called for visitor comments and communication: There were no visitor comments.

The OVES teachers sent a thank you card to the Board for the purchase of air conditioners in the classrooms and Suzanne Cummins sent a thank you note for the retirement gifts from the district.

**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 August 21, 2008 as presented.
- Approve requests for early graduation for Trish Berry and Kailey Nashland contingent upon completion of graduation requirements.
- Approve overnight marching band trip to Pinckneyville on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008..

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, Creviston, yea; McClain, yea; Miller, 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 September, 2008 - Education, \$68,817.67; O & M, \$13,702.93; Transportation, \$86314.55; Life/Safety, \$0.
- Payroll for the month of August, 2008 - Education, \$43,537.49; O & M, \$23,316.67; Transportation, \$3064.19; IMRF, \$5337.49.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Doug Miller that the payroll for the month of August, 2008 and that the bills for the month of September, 2008, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Miller, 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. Mr. Bruder added that the Illinois FFA Horse Judging CDE was held and the OVHS team was only 4 points from 1<sup>st</sup> place.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Hackney provided a written report that highlighted the following:

- Information on the September 19<sup>th</sup> School Improvement Day
- Strategic planning brochures will be mailed out next week.
- An overview of the clean up after the storm 2 weeks ago and appreciation to all who helped.
- Use of Opinions and Ideas link on website is increasing by parents and community members.

Additionally, information about the resolutions for the 2008 IASA Delegate Assembly Meeting was presented.

## H2O for Life Student Presentation

Two OVHS students presented information about a service learning project that has started at the high school. The H2O for Life & Save the Children program is an effort to increase water, sanitation, and hygiene in schools all over the world. Information was presented outlining the current situation in many of the underdeveloped countries and how this initiative would help improve the existing conditions. This project will be a school-wide initiative, hopefully extending to all organizations and classes. Various methods of raising funds will be explored and the money will be sent at the end of the year to a country to support the improvement efforts.

## IMPROVING YOUR AGRICULTURE EDUCATION PROGRAM GRANT

Emily Perry presented information about a grant opportunity that would allow us to install a welding system to be used in our agriculture curriculum. It is a matching grant and the district's part would be paid with a combination of FFA funds and

district funds. We should know the status of the grant by November.

It was moved by John Vander Burgh and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board authorize the application for the Improving Your Agriculture Education Program grant. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Miller, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## **FY 2009 BUDGET**

School boards must adopt a budget before the end of the first quarter (September 30<sup>th</sup>) of each fiscal year.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board approve the school district budget for FY 2009 as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Miller, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## **2008 SCHOOL REPORT CARDS**

The Board reviewed copies of the School and District Report Cards for 2008. There was discussion about the dissemination of the information as well as how our results compared to state averages.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board approve the school and district report cards for FY 2008 as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Miller, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS/APPLICATION FOR RECOGNITION**

Principals Duis, Cummins, and Bruder reviewed School Improvement Plans, particularly noting test results from the previous years as well as improvement goals and activities planned for this school year. A summary of the district goals, objectives, and activities was also given by Superintendent Hackney. Updates on progress towards school improvement goals/activities will be provided to the Board monthly.

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board approve the School Improvement Plans for OVES, OVIS, OVMS, and OVHS and the District Improvement Plan for FY 2009 as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Miller, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

Annually, the District must submit assurance of district compliance with state accreditation requirements.

It was moved by Doug Miller and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board approve the 2008-2009 Application for Recognition of Schools as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Miller, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Michelle Mc Clain that the Board enter closed session at 9:00 P. M. as provided in 5 ILCS 120/2, subsection (c) for the purpose of discussing matters related to employment and compensation of employees and matters related to collective negotiations. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Miller, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Doug Miller and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board of Education return to open session at 9:52 P. M. Voice Vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.

## **EMPLOYMENT/OTHER**

It was moved by Sean Creviston and seconded by John Vander Burgh that the Board approve the employment of Lindsey Garvin as resource aide at OVHS for the 2008-2009 school year. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Miller, 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 Tim Rothrock that the Board approve the employment of Don Gardener as head middle school girls' basketball coach for the 2008-2009 school year. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Miller, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Sean Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board approve the employment of Sherry Risley as custodian at OVES beginning September 29, 2008. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Miller, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Doug Miller and seconded by John Vander Burgh that the Board authorize the change to full-time employment for Bob Anzels retroactive to July 1, 2008. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Miller, 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 Doug Miller that the Board approve the employment of Mike Miller as head 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball coach for the 2008-2009 school year. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Miller,

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 Tim Rothrock that the Board approve Malinda Dicken as a volunteer assistant 5<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball coach for the 2008-2009 school year. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Miller, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by John Vander Burgh and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board approve the six week maternity leave for Jill Fabert during the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of the 2008-2009 school year. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Miller, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## **OTHER**

Doug Miller resigned as School Board member effective immediately due to a change in work schedule.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board of Education adjourn at 10:01 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