

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OKAW VALLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT # 302
February 19, 2009

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. in the OVHS Computer Lab by President Sean Creviston with the following Board members and administrators present: Brooke Bartimus, Sean Creviston, Craig Macklin, Tim Rothrock, John Vander Burgh, Kari Younger, Eric Bruder, Paula Duis, Mike Cummins, and Joel Hackney. Michelle McClain was absent.

VISITORS COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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

Secretary Younger read a card from Karla Robinson thanking the students and school for the help and support and a note from Marge Overlot thanking the OVHS cheerleaders for their performance and attendance at the Moultrie County Food Pantry event in Sullivan.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Presentation for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held January 22, 2009.
- Presentation of recommendation to approve FCCLA trip to the annual state conference to be held April 16-18, 2009 in Springfield.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by John Vander Burgh that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; Rothrock, 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 February, 2009 - Education, 51,613.12 O & M, \$36,941.27; Transportation, \$8680.34; Life/Safety, \$0.; Tort, 256.25.
- Payroll for the month of January, 2009 - Education, \$233,685.30;

O & M, \$14,211.10; Transportation, 14,196.17 IMRF, \$8252.91; Tort, 3236.69.

It was moved by Craig Macklin and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the payroll for the month of January, 2009, and that the bills for the month of February, 2009, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

Other: Deb Larson provided information about the TAG program offered through IASB. The Board will further discuss this program at the March meeting and decide whether to participate.

Mike McGill presented information about the IHSA bass fishing Sectional and his desire to have our students participate if interested. The administration will determine the student interest as well as check into any insurance or liability issues.

Principals' Reports: The principals submitted written reports, provided brief highlights/updates to the reports, and answered questions. Mr. Cummins added that one of our middle school students won the Moultrie County Spelling Bee and that a flag pole light has been installed at OVMS and Mr. Bruder provided an explanation of the WYSE competition, the ACT prep program and practice test, and an update on competitive cheerleading.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Hackney provided a written report and highlighted the emergency preparedness and crisis plan meeting held in February as well as the addition of new cell phones to be used by administrators and bus drivers in the future.

OVES PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT

Superintendent Hackney provided a proposal from the PTO to replace the wood mulch and railroad ties on the OVES playground with rubber mulch and PVC pipe. The PTO would donate \$5000 towards the project with the remaining cost to be paid by the district.

It was moved by Craig Macklin and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board approve the playground project at OVES as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Four calendar proposals were submitted to the staff for input. Calendar B, which received the most votes, includes: school opening August 18, 2009; school closing May 24, 2009 (June 1, 2009 with emergency days used); winter break

December 21-January 3, 2010; and Spring break April 2-5, 2010.

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board approve School Calendar B for 2009-2010 as presented Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

TEXTBOOK LOAN RECOMMENDATIONS

Superintendent Hackney provided information about the textbook loan program as well as information on the District Curriculum Committee's recommendation to purchase 7th and 8th grade Language Arts and Literature series and as many Spanish books as possible with this year's textbook loan money.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by John Vander Burgh that the Board approve the textbook purchases through the Illinois Textbook Loan program as presented Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; Rothrock, 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 Craig Macklin that the Board enter closed session at 8:53 P.M. as provided in 5 ILCS 120/2, subsection (c) for the purpose of discussing matters related to employment, evaluation, and compensation of employees. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; Rothrock, 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 Craig Macklin that the Board of Education return to open session at 11:47 P. M. Voice Vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT

It was moved by Sean Creviston and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board approve Don Gardener as the assistant middle school track coach for the 2009 season. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board employ Sarah Giger as District School Psychologist/RtI Coordinator for the 2009-2010 school year contingent on successful completion of certification requirements. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

MATERNITY LEAVE

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Sean Creviston that the Board approve maternity leave for Emily Perry for Spring 2009. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Sean Creviston that the Board of Education adjourn at 11:52 P. M. Voice vote: All voted aye. The motion carried.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education