

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OKAW VALLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT # 302
January 22, 2009

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Board of Education of Okaw Valley Community Unit School District #302 was called to order at 7:01 P.M. by Vice President Michelle McClain with the following Board members and administrators present: Brooke Bartimus, Craig Macklin, Michelle McClain, John Vander Burgh, Kari Younger, Eric Bruder, Paula Duis, Joel Hackney. Mike Cummins arrived at 7:45. Sean Creviston and Tim Rothrock were absent.

VISITORS COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Vice President McClain called for visitor comments and communications. There were no comments and no written communications..

CONSENT AGENDA

- Recommendation to approve the minutes of the Truth in Taxation Hearing and the regular meeting held on December 18, 2008.
- Recommendation to authorize the Superintendent to prepare the 2009-2010 School District Budget.
- Presentation of recommendation that graduation for the class of 2009 be held on Sunday, May 24, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the OVHS gymnasium.
- Presentation of recommendation to create a student council activity account to be maintained in the building office at Okaw Valley Intermediate School. (Three members of the OVIS Student Council presented items that have already been accomplished, future objectives, and the rationale for why an activity account is needed.)

It was moved by Craig Macklin and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 5; Nay, 0; Absent, 2; 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 January, 2009 - Education, \$24,768.33; O & M, \$35,990.45; Transportation, 4,935.98 Life/Safety, \$0; Tort, \$605.25

- Payroll for the month of December, 2008 - Education, \$258,796.23; O & M, \$14,060.56; Transportation, \$23,169.40; IMRF, \$11,843.32; Tort, 208.38.

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by Kari Younger that the payroll for the month of December, 2008, and that the bills for the month of January, 2009, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 5; Nay, 0; Absent, 2; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

Principals' Reports: The principals submitted written reports, provided brief comments/highlights from the reports, and answered questions. Ms. Duis indicated that benchmarking was completed, explained the visitation days where other schools will visit OVES to observe the RtI process, highlighted the inauguration day events at OVES, and provided an overview of the IAASE conference attended. Mr. Bruder recognized the students of the month for December, indicated that professional learning communities within the LOVC Conference will be upcoming, provided an overview of the letter of intent signing for a student athlete, and highlighted an upcoming presentation by Marion Blumenthal Lazan.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Hackney provided a written report and highlighted the DARE Graduation events as well as the upcoming emergency preparedness meeting to be held with local emergency personnel on February 3rd. The school calendar and use of emergency days was also discussed.

School Improvement Update:

- OVES, OVIS, and OVMS are all refocusing on school improvement activities after the days off for weather. OVES is planning one more parent night and will be reconvening the school improvement team shortly. OVIS has a school improvement team meeting on Monday and OVMS is working on providing a positive transition from 5th to 6th grade both academically and with the OV Way program. A student committee made up of 6th-8th graders will be formed to assist the program.

School Board Convention

An overview of the sessions attended by the board members at the annual school board convention was provided. Interest was expressed in pursuing the TAG program and more information about the program will be presented in the future.

BOARD POLICIES

Mr. Hackney recommended that the Board adopt on second reading revisions to board policies *4:170, 5:240, 6:10, 6:120, 6:230, 7:10, 7:50, 7:210, and 7:300.*

It was moved by Craig Macklin and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board adopt on second reading revisions to board policies as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 5; Nay, 0; Absent, 2; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

GYM FLOOR MAINTENANCE OVMS/OVHS

Mr. Hackney presented information for the gym floor maintenance at OVMS and OVHS to be conducted in June.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board accept the proposal of Allred's Floor Service Company in the amount of \$4750 for floor service work during the summer of 2009. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 5; Nay, 0; Absent, 2; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

OVES STEAM TRAP REPLACEMENT

Mr. Hackney presented information on the need to replace the steam traps at OVES in order to increase the efficiency of the boiler.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board accept the proposal by Burdick in the amount not to exceed \$8000 for steam trap replacement at OVES. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 5; Nay, 0; Absent, 2; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Craig Macklin that the Board enter closed session at 8:22 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 as well as individual student discipline. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea.. Yeas, 5; Nay, 0; Absent, 2; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board of Education return to open session at 10:19 P. M. Voice Vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by John Vander Burgh that the Board reclassify Shelli Foster as library aide and athletic director secretary for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 5; Nay, 0; Absent, 2; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS/OTHER

The condition of the Bethany-Findlay road was discussed and a suggestion was made to incorporate into a class curriculum/project the creation of a presentation to be sent to legislators and county officials.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Craig Macklin that the Board of Education adjourn at 10:25 P. M. Voice vote: All voted aye. The motion carried.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education