

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OKAW VALLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT # 302  
August 23, 2007**

**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: Sean Creviston, Doug Miller, Tim Rothrock, John Vander Burgh, Bev Watson, Kari Younger, Paula Duis, Joel Hackney, Nick Kearfott, and Marilyn Bayley. Michelle McClain, arrived at 7:05 p.m.

**VISITORS COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

President Creviston called for visitor comments and communications. PTO representative Karen Miller provided an update (including photos) on the improvements to the OVES, OVIS playgrounds.

**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 July 19, 2007 and the special meetings held July 26, 2007 and August 9, 2007 as presented.
- Accept the resignations of Aimee Wheat (Speech-Language Pathologist), April Petro (OVHS Special Education Teacher), and Becky Marshall (OVIS Secretary).

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Creviston, yea; McClain, yea; Miller, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Watson, 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 August, 2007 - Education, \$115,401.30; O & M, \$28,655.84; Transportation, \$4,188.58; Life/Safety, \$0.
- Payroll for the month of August, 2007 - Education, \$36,578.48; O & M, \$13,269.97; Transportation, \$2,274.02; IMRF, \$3,491.42.

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Bev Watson that the payroll for the month of July, 2007 and that the bills for the month of August, 2007, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Miller, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Watson, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

**Principals' Reports:** The principals provided verbal reports regarding school start-up activities:

- Enrollment - 173 OVES (+32 Project H.E.L.P students); 76 OVIS; 127 OVMS; and 170 OVHS;
- Parent Orientation meetings/open houses have been held/scheduled in each school;
- MS Baseball, HS Football, Volleyball, and Golf have all begun; the Homecoming game will be Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> with the Homecoming dance to be held on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> .
- In-Service on STI Informaiton Now and STI Assessment has been provided; there are some components of STI Information Now which are not working well/not yet available;
- School improvement teams in each building are working on FY 2008 School Improvement Plans which will be presented for approval in September.

**Superintendent's Report:** Ms. Bayley reported as follows:

- the Governor has acted on the State Budget, using the line item veto on several items, but leaving the General State Aid foundation level as well as most education items intact; increased funds will not be available until the legislature approves a budget implementation bill.
- monthly updates on School Improvement Plan activities will be included in the Communication and Information portion of the meeting.
- dismissal for heat can be accomplished as follows: after five hours of instruction (1:45 or later for us and considered a full day of instruction - may be announced for more than one day); early dismissal after at least one hour of instruction (must be announced each day); or use of an emergency day as we do for snow.
- the representative to the EIASE Governing Board will be Doug Miller, with Bev Watson continuing as alternate.

**Other:** Mr. Kearfott presented a proposal for maintenance/watering for the OVHS football and baseball fields. The consensus of the Board was to proceed with the plan for installation of underground automated sprinkler systems at an estimated cost of \$7,000; work on the baseball field will begin immediately, with the football field work to begin following the conclusion of the JFL season.

## FY 2008 TENTATIVE BUDGET

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

inspection for 30 days, and a public hearing must be held before final adoption of the budget. Superintendent Bayley presented the tentative budget for 2007-2008 for Board review and comment and recommended that the public hearing be held prior to the September Board meeting.

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board approve the tentative school district budget for FY 2008 as presented and conduct a public hearing on the budget on September 27, 2007 at 6:45 p.m. in the OVHS Computer Lab. Roll call vote: Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Miller, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Watson, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## **DRIVER EDUCATION**

A law recently signed by the Governor extends the learner's permit period from three to nine months and has resulted in the need to modify current-year scheduling so that students will be able to obtain their licenses on (near) their sixteenth birthday. The administration recommended that additional driver education section(s) be added and that Mandy Thompson be assigned to cover corresponding health education classes.

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board approve implementation of the revised driver education/health education schedule for 2007-2008 as presented. Roll call vote: Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Miller, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Watson, nay; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 1; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

It was moved by Doug Miller and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board enter closed session at 9:44 P. M. as provided in 5 ILCS 120/2, subsection (c) for the purpose of discussing matters related to appointment, employment, and/or compensation of employees and matters related to collective negotiations. Roll call vote: Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Miller, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Watson, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by Bev Watson that the Board of Education return to open session at 10:33 P. M. Voice Vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

Superintendent Bayley presented recommendations for employment/assignment of teaching and extra-curricular staff.

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by Bev Watson that the Board approve the employment of Robert Anzelc as part-time custodian, with assignment at OVIS. Roll call vote: Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Miller, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Watson, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Sean Creviston that the Board approve the employment of Kari Klein as Speech-Language Pathologist for 2007-2008 as presented. Roll call vote: Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Miller, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Watson, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Bev Watson and seconded by Doug Miller that the Board employ Kelly Larrick as a classroom aide for 2007-2008, with assignment to the Reading Improvement Program. Roll call vote: Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Miller, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Watson, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Bev Watson that the Board employ Sheryl Austin as a classroom aide for 2007-2008, with assignment to the OVES Special Education/Early Childhood Education programs. Roll call vote: Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Miller, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Watson, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Bev Watson and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board approve the employment of Marsha Sims as custodian, with assignment to OVIS/OVMS. Roll call vote: Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Miller, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Watson, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Doug Miller that the Board approve Mark Suddarth as a volunteer assistant coach for OVMS Baseball for 2007-2008. Roll call vote: Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Miller, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Watson, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Bev Watson and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board approve the assignment of Renee Bone as OVHS Assistant Volleyball coach for 2007-2008. Roll call vote: Creviston, yea; Mc Clain, yea; Miller, yea; Rothrock, yea; VanderBurgh, yea; Watson, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

## OTHER

Ms. Duis initiated discussion regarding the current arrangements for school pictures - no direct benefit to the school (school pictures have been used as a school fund-raiser in the past); concerns with cost/quality/level of service. The consensus of the board was to obtain proposals for comparison and consideration.

## ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Michelle McClain and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board of Education adjourn at 10:47 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