

**Minutes of the Board of Education of the
Oelrichs School District 23-3
Regular Board Meeting
April 22, 2025**

Call to Order

The Board of Education of the Oelrichs School District 23-3 met in regular session on April 22, 2025, in the High School Science Room. The meeting was called to order by John Cope, Board President, at 5:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Members Present: John Cope, Katie Merdanian, Dave Osmotherly, Marty Schommer, and Lance Tlustos.

Administration Present: Dr. Mitchell Stone, Principal Peterson, and Business Manager Sword.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Schommer to approve March 17, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Osmotherly to approve the amended agenda, adding 3.3 Shed. Motion carried.

**All actions recorded in these minutes were by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.*

Public Participation – no participation.

Old Business

High School Construction Stone gave an update that the construction cost adjusters should have their report completed soon.

Shed

MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos to approve the purchase of a 12 x 20 wooden building with a roll up door from Builders First Choice and the dirt work to prepare the foundation, not to exceed \$14,000. Motion carried.

Board Reports Merdanian attended the county equalization property tax appeal meeting, representing the school district. The appeal was denied.

Merdanian also attended the BHSSC monthly meeting and gave an update. She invited the members to attend BHSSC tour scheduled for May 5.

Administration Reports Stone informed the board that the civil rights report was submitted and DEI was certified.

Prom was well attended, and he thanked Dakota Butcher for their donation of prime rib for the meal. Stone informed the board that the reserved school funds are placed in federal guaranteed CD's that ensure they are protected from any volatility in the market.

Upcoming school events include the Feather and Plume Ceremony; Graduation on May 10; Kindergarten and Eighth Grade Graduation on May 14; and the last day of school on May 15 with the board helping to grill. Summer school is scheduled for May 19 – June 6.

Principal Peterson shared test results, stating the students did very well in Writing, Reading and Math. Four students from the welding class went through the welding certification process at WDT.

Financials

MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos to accept the unaudited financial reports and pay all invoiced claims. Motion carried.

	<u>Beginning</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Plus</u> <u>Receipts</u>	<u>(transfer) adjust</u>	<u>Less</u> <u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>
General Fund	591,321.03	82,554.17	(117.83)	202,371.19	471,386.18
Capital Outlay	451,825.66	8,754.17	213.33	3,114.55	457,678.61
Special Education	75,331.89	9,354.57		20,751.02	63,935.44
Impact Aid	6,962,344.87	684,397.41			7,646,742.28
Food Service	6,858.47	8,675.72		14,965.54	568.65
Custodial Balance:	19,689.96				19,689.96

Title VI By-Laws:

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Merdanian to approve the Title VI By-Laws. Motion carried.

South Dakota High School Activities Association Board Resolution

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian to authorize membership in the South Dakota High School Activities Association beginning July 1, 2025, and ends June 30, 2026. Motion carried.

Associated School Boards Workers Compensation Renewal Proposal

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Schommer to adopt, approve, and ratify the ASB Workers' Compensation Trust Fund Participation Agreement. Motion carried.

Contracts

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Merdanian to approve the contract with Servall. Motion carried.

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Schommer to approve the contract with Rock Solid Consulting for the summer school enrichment at \$25 per hour. Motion carried.

MOTION by Schommer, second Tlustos to approve the contract for Special Education services with Rock Solid Consultation for school year 2025-2026. Motion carried.

MOTION by Schommer, second Osmotherly to approve the 2025-2026 principal positions to Darla Peterson 134 days and Vice-Principal to Melissa Frein 92 days. Motion carried.

Personnel

MOTION by Merdanian, second Osmotherly to approve the contract with Mato Hinton for \$43,000 for school year 2025-2026. Motion carried.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos to accept the resignation of Kayla Langer effective June 30, 2025. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Schommer to pay \$1,000 retention bonus to all certified and administrators, including full-time contracted administration to be paid in full on the September 15, 2025 payroll. The \$1,000 retention bonus for hourly staff will be paid in 2 equal payments (Sept and January). Part-time hourly staff will receive \$500 paid on September 15, 2025 payroll. Cope and Merdanian abstained. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Schommer to approve a \$1,000 signing bonus. Certified staff to be paid in full on September 15, 2025, payroll; hourly staff to be paid in 2 installments of \$500 the first payment upon successful completion of their 90 day probation and the second payment 3 months after the first payment. Motion carried.

Negotiations

The board discussed the issues being negotiated. Tlustos and Merdanian will proceed with the negotiations.

Adjournment

MOTION by Tlustos, second Osmotherly to adjourn the meeting at 7:04 PM. Motion carried.

Attested to by CEO/Superintendent Stone.

Pursuant to SDCL 17-2-28 the approximate cost of publishing this legal notice is \$

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