

**Minutes of the Board of Education of the
Oelrichs School District 23-3
Regular Board Meeting
August 19, 2025**

Call to Order

The Board of Education of the Oelrichs School District 23-3 met in regular session on August 19, 2025, in the High School. 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, Marty Schommer, and Lance Tlustos.

Members Absent: Dave Osmotherly

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

MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos, to approve July 21, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Schommer, second Tlustos, to approve the amended agenda, adding Rental Agreement under Contracts. Motion carried.

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

Public Participation – no participation.

School Board: Oath of office was administered to Marty Schommer by Superintendent Stone.

Old Business

High School Construction: Dr. Stone informed the board that all of the paperwork is prepared and ready to proceed to the next step. He also informed the board that the gym floors at both schools look great after their annual maintenance.

Modular: Once the modular is removed from its current site, the area will need to be secured, cleaned up, and the hole will need to be filled.

Board Reports: Merdanian provided an update about BHSSC and the Workforce Connections Program provided through the Career Learning Center.

Administration Reports: Dr. Stone informed the board that the NAFIS fall conference is scheduled for September 14-16. He also informed the board that the State of South Dakota Department of Legislative Audit has authorized ELO to perform the audit of the Oelrichs School District for year end June 30, 2025. Dr. Stone gave an overview of the returned Report Card from the State. He also gave a sports update. Dr. Stone thanked the board for their support to the staff during the week of professional development.

Dr. Stone, Principal Peterson, and Nancy Fleming attended a Mandatory Reporting Training. Principal Peterson thanked the board for providing meals for the staff and for the time allowed to work in their rooms. She also expressed appreciation for Denise Drake, the new Administrative Secretary at the High School. Peterson gave recognition to Les Cope and the bus drivers on their flexibility as the bus schedule gets developed.

Financials

MOTION by Schommer, second Merdanian, 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>(adjust)</u>	<u>Less</u> <u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>
General Fund	358,586.78	71,268	(40,465.45)	200,415.14	188,974.19
Capital Outlay	405,050.42		(10,613.18)	2,411.36	392,025.88
Special Education	89,993.82	2,659	25,775.79	812.38	117,616.23
Impact Aid	8,860,378.66	3,748.67			8,864,127.33
Food Service	14,895.29		19,354.89	500	33,750.18

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Approve Financial Annual Report: MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos to approve the end of the year financial statements and the financial annual report submitted to the state. Motion carried.

Travel Mileage Rate: MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian to approve the mileage reimbursement rate to \$.67 per the State of South Dakota Department of Executive Management Bureau of Finance and Management. Motion carried.

Set Food Service Prices: MOTION by Merdanian, second Schommer to approve the following prices for meals provided by the school. All grades lunch: \$5.17+ w/milk; Adults lunch: \$5.25 w/milk; All grades Breakfast: \$2.94 w/milk; Adults Breakfast: \$3.00 w/milk; Milk: \$0.35. Motion carried.

Policies: Second Reading and Approval

MOTION by Tlustos, second Schommer to approve DJA Cash Management. Motion carried.

MOTION by Schommer, second Merdanian to approve DJ-1 Allowability of Costs. Motion carried.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos to approve DJ-2 Procurement. Motion carried.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos to approve DKA Travel. Motion carried.

MOTION by Schommer, second Merdanian to approve DKB Time and Effort. Motion carried.

Contracts: MOTION by Schommer, second Tlustos to approve the Application for Rental of School Facilities to the Alumni Association, waiving the rental fees and approving the request to have alcohol on the premises. Motion carried.

Open Enrollment: MOTION by Schommer, second Merdanian to approved open enrollment for students 1–8 as presented by Principal Peterson. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Schommer to accept student 12 as presented by Principal Peterson. Motion carried.

MOTION by Schommer, second Merdanian to deny student 13 as presented by Principal Peterson. Motion carried.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Schommer to approve students 14-16 as presented by Principal Peterson. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdian to approve student 18 as presented by Principal Peterson. Motion carried.

MOTION by Schommer, second Tlustos to approve students 21-29 as presented by Principal Peterson. Motion carried.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos to deny student 30 as presented by Principal Peterson. Motion carried.

MOTION by Schommer, second Merdian to deny student 31 as presented by Principal Peterson. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian to approve students 32-33 as presented by Principal Peterson. Motion carried.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos to deny student 34 as presented by Principal Peterson. Motion carried.

MOTION by Schommer, second Merdanian to deny student 35 as presented by Principal Peterson. Motion carried.

Personal

MOTION by Merdanian, second Schommer to amend the HS Boys Head Basketball Coach Extra Duty Agreement with Mato Hinto to \$3,098 for school year 2025-2026. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian to approve the extra duty agreement with Buff Tewahade as Yearbook Advisor for \$1,472 for school year 2025-2026. Motion carried.

MOTION by Schommer, second Tlustos to approve the extra duty agreement for Head Cross County Coach with Buff Tewahade for \$4,089 for school year 2025-2026. Motion carried.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Schommer to approve the extra duty agreement with Shelby Davis as Varsity Head Volleyball Coach for \$2,940 for school year 2025-2026. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian to approve the extra duty agreement with Shelby Davis as HS Assistant Basketball Coach for \$1,890 for school year 2025-2026. Motion carried.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos to approve the employment agreement with Kenneth Updike for \$10,752 for school year 2025-2026. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian to approve the employment agreement with Denise Munger for \$49,063 for the school year 2025-2026. Motion carried.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos to accept the resignation of Nancy Labor. Motion carried.

Adjournment

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 PM. Motion carried.

Attested to by CEO/Superintendent Stone.

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