

**Minutes of the Board of Education of the  
Oelrichs School District 23-3  
Regular Board Meeting  
February 12, 2024**

**Call to Order**

The Board of Education of the Oelrichs School District 23-3 met in regular session on February 12, 2024, in the library. The meeting was called to order by Lance Tlustos, Board Vice President, at 5:00 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Members Present: John Cope, Katie Merdanian, and Lance Tlustos

Members Absent: Dave Osmotherly and Marty Schommer

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

MOTION by Merdanian, second Cope to approve January 22, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Cope, to approve the amended agenda, adding 5.3 First Reading Policy DIDA – Fixed Asset Capitalization Policy. 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 shared the preliminary results of the inspection team from Denver. They will be submitting a report with recommendations. The insulation matter will be addressed with a letter from Kyle to Scull outlining the expectations. At this time the custodial staff are installing 2” insulation boards along the walls to provide a short-term solution to get through the cold season. Banner will be publishing the advertisement for bids for asphalt at the high school.

**Bus Barn** Kyle has reviewed the AIA contract and has made several recommendations for minor changes.

**Modulars** Three landowners located in the school district, will be scheduled to appraise the value of the modular that has been placed in surplus.

**Board Reports** Merdanian attended Communities That Care and BHSSC monthly meetings. She also is enrolled in the ASBSD negotiation webinar training courses.

MOTION by Cope, second Merdanian that Merdanian and Tlustos be the Negotiation Committee for the district. Motion carried.

**Administration Reports** Stone reported that the Mayor of Oelrichs has been in contact with him about setting up a meeting to discuss surveying the property located between the railroad track, city and surrounding neighbors.

Wyoming Wood Floor stopped to look at the Elementary gym floor. They stated it needs to be leveled before they could provide any work on the flooring.

Stone presented a letter draft from Attorney Hickey explaining the difference between teacher contract days and student required hours. The letter compared Oelrichs School teacher required days (176) to Rapid City 186, Sioux Falls 191, Aberdeen 184, Oglala Lakota County 182, and Spearfish 181.

Stone will be attending a teacher recruitment fair in Sioux Falls on February 27.

Stone informed the board that the pow wow is scheduled for February 24 with hand games starting at 10 and the first grand entry starting at noon.

Peterson informed the board that Parent Teacher Conferences were scheduled for Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Basketball will have their last home game on Saturday.

She has been working on the Comprehensive Needs Analysis with the state.

**Financials**

MOTION by Merdanian, second Cope, 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>unearned</u> <u>revenue</u>	<u>Less</u> <u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>
General Fund	344,651.16	174,964.80		166,448.97	353,166.99
Capital Outlay	92,405.23	4,390.30		2,390.22	94,405.31
Special Education	103,338.85	2,787.24		9,466.74	96,659.35
Impact Aid	6,300,284.12	3,837.68			6,304,121.80
Food Service	11,380.06	3,240.55		5,864.13	8,756.48
Custodial Balance:	16,677.79	496.20			17,173.99

**First Reading Fixed Asset Capitalization Policy: DIDA**

The board reviewed policy DIDA.

**2024-2025 Calendar** Sherry Crofut, the teacher representative on the four-day school committee had a presentation for the board. The committee had a meeting with Oglala Sioux Tribe Education Director, Dayna Brave Eagle. The tribe has an ordinance stating they have determined that it is in the best interest of all elementary and secondary students to attend classes five (5) days per week. Ms. Brave Eagle stated that the tribe would not support a four-day school week and would question any federal funds connected with the Tribe including impact aid funds and title funds. Ms. Crofut shared additional information and requested guidance from the board if they want the committee to continue to pursue a four-day school week.

MOTION by Cope, second Merdanian that with the information provided by the four-day week school committee and based on the facts presented, the board will not support a four-day school week. Motion carried.

**Open Enrollment**

MOTION by Merdanian, second Cope to approve open enrollment for students #44 as presented by Principal Peterson. Motion carried.

**Contracts** no action.

**Personnel**

MOTION by Merdanian, second Cope to approve Kayla Langer lane change to Masters, 5 years, \$50,313 per year. Motion carried.

MOTION by Cope, second Merdanian to accept the resignation of Darla Elshire from Bus Driver, Cook, Transportation Director and Athletic Director effective May 17, 2024. Motion carried.

MOTION by Cope, second Merdanian to accept the resignation of Terri Cornay as Head Cook effective May 17, 2024. Motion carried.

MOTION by Cope, second Merdanian to accept Darla Peterson’s retirement, effective June 30, 2024. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

MOTION by Cope, second Merdanian to adjourn the meeting at 6:23 PM. Motion carried.

*Attested to by CEO/Superintendent Stone.*

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