

**Minutes of the Board of Education of the
Oelrichs School District 23-3
Regular Board Meeting
February 23, 2026**

Call to Order

The Board of Education of the Oelrichs School District 23-3 met in regular session on February 23, 2026, 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, Marty Schommer, and Lance Tlustos.

Members Absent: Katie Merdanian and Dave Osmotherly

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

MOTION by Schommer, second Tlustos, to approve January 20, 2026, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Schommer, second Tlustos, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Public Participation – James Willmus informed the board that he had a dozen cherry blossom saplings that he would like to plant around the school and town. Once they get planted, they will need someone to maintain and water them for the first few years after planting.

High School Construction: Stone gave an update. All parties have agreed to mediate. Reports were released to all parties to be reviewed prior to mediation.

Board Reports: Tlustos will attend the tax equalization meeting at the town hall on March 19th from 6-7. Schommer will be a backup.

Tlustos and Merdanian will be board representatives for teacher negotiations.

Administrative Reports: Stone informed the board that he transferred money from the checking to a 6-month CD. Stone also shared that he and Principal Peterson attended teacher recruitment in Sioux Falls. Peterson and Stone will be attending accreditation training in March.

Financials: MOTION by Tlustos, second Schommer, 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</u>	<u>Less</u> <u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>
General Fund	358,980.50	262,162.61	58	201,655.39	419,545.72
Capital Outlay	318,202.31	4,362.04		40,833.76	281,730.59
Special Education	113,509.62	4,672.07		12,721.24	105,460.45
Impact Aid	9,099,210.90	27,104.14	(50,000)		9,076,315.04
Food Service	(269.61)	5,407.23	50,000	8,312.01	46,825.61
Custodial Balance	13,891.27	595.77			14,487.04

Contracts: No action.

Personnel: MOTION by Tlustos, second Schommer to approve extra duty pay of \$800 to Mato Hinton to cover boys' basketball coaching without an assistant. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Schommer to approve an increase of \$1 per hour to Tia Catches, custodian, effective February 23. Motion carried.

Open Enrollment/Graduation:

MOTION by Schommer, second Tlustos to deny open enrollment for student #37 as presented by Principal Peterson. Motion carried.

The next board meeting will be held on March 24, 2026, at 5:00pm.

Adjournment

MOTION by Tlustos, second Schommer to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 PM. Motion carried.

Attested to by CEO/Superintendent Stone.

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