

**Minutes of the Board of Education of the
Oelrichs School District 23-3
Regular Board Meeting
January 20, 2026**

Call to Order

The Board of Education of the Oelrichs School District 23-3 met in regular session on January 20, 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, Katie Merdanian, Marty Schommer, and Lance Tlustos.

Members Absent: Dave Osmotherly

Administration Present: Dr. Mitchell Stone; Robin Gillespie; Business Manager Sword.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos, to approve December 16, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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

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

Public Participation – no participation.

High School Construction: Stone gave an update.

Board Reports: Merdanian gave an update from BHSSC.

Administrative Reports: Stone informed the board that the consolidated application has been approved. The Impact Aid Application for both 7002 and 7003 have been submitted. Stone is interested in applying for the 21st Century Community Learning Grant, to support academic enrichment activities after school. Stone gave an update on the sports activities. He also informed the board that the NAFIS Conference is scheduled for March 15 – 17. Dr. Stone introduced Robin Gillespie to the board.

Financials:

MOTION by Schommer, second Merdanian to approve transferring \$50,000 from Impact Aid to the Food Service Account. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tlustos, 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>transfer</u>	<u>Less</u> <u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>
General Fund	(68,257.47)	59,779.75	600,000	232,483.78 (57.95)	358,980.50
Capital Outlay	344,275.53	18,522.36		44,595.58	318,202.31
Special Education	118,106.61	14,167.97		18,764.96	113,509.62
Impact Aid	9,671,109.04	28,101.86	(600,000)		9,099,210.90
Food Service	8,968.06	9,625.41		18,863.08	(269.61)
Custodial Balance	15,409.27			1,518	13,891.27

Establish Election Date:

MOTION by Merdanian, second Schommer to approve the school board election to be held as a combined election with Fall River County on June 2, 2026. Motion carried.

Personnel:

Motion by Schommer, second Tlustos to approve the lane change request from James Willmas, increasing his contract \$1,000 effective February 2026. Motion carried.

Open Enrollment/Graduation:

Motion by Merdanian, second Schommer to approve early graduation for two students who completed all state requirements first semester. Motion carried.

Motion by Tlustos, second Merdanian, to authorize Stone to approve initial enrollment, with final approval by the board at the following board meeting. Motion carried.

Adjournment

MOTION by Schommer, second Merdanian to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 PM. Motion carried.

Attested to by CEO/Superintendent Stone.

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