

**Minutes of the Board of Education of the
Oelrichs School District 23-3
Regular Board Meeting
January 21, 2025**

Call to Order

The Board of Education of the Oelrichs School District 23-3 met in regular session on January 21, 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, and Lance Tlustos.

Members Absent: Marty Schommer

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

MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos to approve December 16, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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

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

Public Participation – no participation.

Old Business

High School Construction Dr. Stone reported on the progress of finding local counsel to assist Kyle. A letter of engagement should be prepared by the end of next week.

Board Reports Merdanian shared that the Communities that Care Committee would provide funds for prizes if the school hosted a 3 on 3 or similar event.

Discussion about purchasing beef using the funds donated from the Fall River Ag Banquet. The board will pursue the purchase of beef for the next school year.

Administration Reports: Dr. Stone shared that he is working with the Rapid City School District to create an MOU to assist with bus driver training and certification. New hires that get certified to drive bus, will need to sign a two-year commitment of employment.

Dr. Stone informed the board that FY26 Impact Aid applications have been submitted for both the 7002 and 7003.

Dr. Stone attended the monthly superintendent meeting in Rapid City. He is going to try to attend that meeting regularly as a lot of information is shared and would benefit our district.

NAFIS Spring Conference is scheduled for March 9-11. Dr. Stone and Merdanian gave notice that they plan to attend. Cope will confirm his intentions at a later date.

Principal Peterson informed the board that the elementary teachers have implemented standard based report cards. It is a better grading tool to reflect the progress of students in relation to the state standards. Teachers are working on a book study for professional development.

Parent family/community bingo and parent/teacher conferences are scheduled in February; a meal will be prepared and provided to families who attend conferences. Peterson gave recognition to the kitchen staff and their commitment to feed our kids.

Financials

MOTION by Osmotherly, 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)</u>	<u>Less</u> <u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>
General Fund	162,216.03	101,105.13		214,279.16	49,042.00
Capital Outlay	511,258.34	21,861.62		63,521.24	469,598.72
Special Education	118,517.07	4,758.37		21,506.06	101,769.38
Impact Aid	6,738,302.95	590,136.78			7,328,439.73
Food Service	21,934.36	10,681.20		15,714.67	16,900.89
Custodial Balance:	18,930.69			1,000	17,930.69

Establish Election Date

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Merdanian to approve the school board election to be held on June 3, 2025. Motion carried.

Open Enrollment

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian to approve student 51 (pre-k) as presented by Principal Peterson. Motion carried.

Contracts

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Merdanian to approve the termination of HS Assistant Basketball Coach Extra Duty Agreement with Heather Kindle effective December 19, 2024. Motion carried.

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Tlustos to approve the remaining, HS Assistant Basketball Coach Extra Duty Agreement with Shelby Davis (\$1,250). Motion carried.

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Merdanian to approve the extra duty agreement with Anna Takes the Shield as Cheer Coach; \$15 per hour and paid milage to transport to events for school year 2024-2025. Motion carried.

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Tlustos to increase Principal Peterson's contract an additional 100 hours at \$75 per hour. Motion carried.

Personnel

No action.

Executive Session

Motion by Tlustos, second Merdanian to go into executive session to discuss student participation in interscholastic activities pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.2. The board went into executive session at 6:04pm and resumed open meeting status at 6:09pm.

SDCL 1-25-2.2 Discussing the expulsion, suspension, discipline, assignment of or the educational program of a student or the eligibility of a student to participate in interscholastic activities provided by the South Dakota High School Activities Association.

Adjournment

MOTION by Tlustos, second Osmotherly to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 PM. Motion carried.

Attested to by CEO/Superintendent Stone.

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