

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

Call to Order

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

Administration Present: Dr. Mitchell Stone and Business Manager Sword.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Osmotherly, to approve May 19, 2026, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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

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

Public Participation – No participation

Paving Driveway: Jason Hinds from FMG Engineering provided a proposal for engineering services for the high school and elementary school parking lots. The project would replace existing gravel with asphalt to reduce dust generation and erosion, improve stormwater management, decrease ongoing maintenance requirements, and enhance accessibility, safety and overall user experience. FMG would provide construction plans, with a detailed survey and grading plan, bidding, and construction period services (including construction testing). MOTION by Osmotherly, second Tlustos to approve the proposed fees for FMG Engineering to proceed with the paving project not to exceed \$15,500 plus applicable taxes. Motion carried.

High School Construction: Scull has agreed to mediation and requests to complete an onsite inspection. Stone requests that a board member be present during the inspection. Stone also provided a preliminary estimate to purchase a marquee for the school. The board requested that he proceed to get quotes for the actual cost and add it to the agenda for next meeting.

School Housing:

The board reviewed the home inspection and appraisal.

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Schommer to rescind all offers on the property at 211 W 8th Street in Oelrichs. Motion carried.

Bus Route: No action at this time.

Board Reports: Merdanian attended the BHSSC meeting and gave the board an update. MOTION by Tlustos, second Schommer to approve the district pay the registration fee, lodging, and travel expenses for Merdanian to attend the ASBSD Convention, August 6-7, 2026 in Sioux Falls, SD. Merdanian abstained. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports: Stone gave an update on the end of the year reporting and grant applications for school year 2026-2027.

Financials: MOTION by Merdanian, 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	35,930.92	301,170.92		196,715.15	140,386.69
Capital Outlay	294,024.56	88,558.36		3,392.22	379,190.70
Special Education	76,541.22	61,827.02		24,090.92	114,277.32
Impact Aid	10,715,277.57	173,115.68			10,888,393.25
Food Service	31,078.71	10,216.53		16,245.89	25,049.35
Custodial Balance	15,734.87				15,734.87

Amende FY 26 Budget: MOTION by Schommer, second Osmotherly to approve and adopt the supplemental budget resolution number FY26-01. Motion carried.

2026-2027 Preliminary Budget: 2nd Reading

Associated School Board Property Renewal: MOTION by Merdanian, second Schommer to adopt, approve and ratify the Associated School Board Property and Liability Participation Agreement. Motion carried.

Rental Property Leases: Discussion regarding the future housing opportunities with the existing properties. The board would like to pursue seeking a construction contractor to modify the superintendent's house to two apartments. The future goal would be two tenants pay \$500 per month to include electric, water and gas.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian to modify and approve the superintendent's house lease agreement to be \$500, (to include electric, water and gas) with James Willmus effective August 1, 2026. Motion carried.

MOTION by Schommer, second Tlustos to approve the lease agreement at 960 Elm St with Les Cope at \$350 per month effective August 1, 2026. Motion carried.

Contracts: MOTION by Schommer, second Tlustos to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with West River Mental Health for school term 2026-2027. Motion carried. MOTION by, second, to approve the contract for. Motion carried.

Personnel:

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Merdanian to approve the employment agreement with Raymond Ringstmeyer effective July 1, 2026 teaching at 43% effort for \$21,372. Motion carried.

Adjournment

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM. Motion carried.

Attested to by CEO/ Superintendent Stone.

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