

**Minutes of the Board of Education of the  
Oelrichs School District 23-3  
Regular Board Meeting  
March 18, 2024**

**Call to Order**

The Board of Education of the Oelrichs School District 23-3 met in regular session on March 18, 2024, in the library. The meeting was called to order by Dave Osmotherly, Board President, at 5:00 pm.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call**

Members Present: John Cope, Katie Merdanian, Dave Osmotherly, Marty Schommer and Lance Tlustos Merdanian left at 5:53 pm; to represent the district at the town equalization meeting.

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

MOTION by Merdanian, second Cope to approve February 12, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Cope, second Merdanian, to approve the amended agenda, moving 8.0 Rental Agreements and 14.0 Negotiations to proceed after 3.0 Fall River Auditor. Motion carried.

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

**Public Participation** – no participation.

**Fall River Auditor**

Fall River Auditor, Sue Ganji, informed the board that an error had been made during the fall tax calculations, specifically for the Oelrichs School District's Special Ed levy. After experiencing difficulties with the state's new e-filing system, Fall River taxes were entered manually, excluding the Oelrichs Special Education levies. The result was the lack of a mil levy for calculation of real estate taxes due to Oelrichs School District. The auditor's office has filed an Error and Omissions claim with their insurance company. The school district completed and submitted to Auditor Ganji the insurance claim report along with a letter of explanation and the requested levy amounts.

**Rental Agreements**

MOTION by Schommer, second Cope to approve the rental application for the Historical Society Conference, waiving rental fees for use on April 21, 2024. Merdanian abstained. Motion carried.

MOTION by Cope, second Schommer to approve the rental application for the Oelrichs Alumni Meeting and Banquet on September 14, 2024; all fees were waived and alcohol on the premises approved. Merdanian abstained. Motion carried.

**Executive Session**

Motion by Merdanian, second Tlustos to go into executive session to discuss negotiations pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.4 preparing for contract negotiations. The board went into executive session at 5:16 pm and resumed open meeting status at 5:34 pm. John Cope recused himself.

**Negotiation**

Negotiations will begin April 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Old Business**

**High School Construction**

The main areas of HVAC concerns are the lack of insulation for footings, no air barrier and sagging insulation. The process to remedy the issues will include the architect and contractor. The roof still needs to be tested to confirm it meets the industry standard.

**Bus Barn**

The agreement with TSP is in the final stages; Kyle will follow up on finishing the draft.

**Modulars**

Three Oelrichs School District landowners determined the value of the annex at \$2,000. The request for bids to purchase and remove has been submitted for publication on March 21 and 28<sup>th</sup>. The board will review the sealed proposals at the May 20<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

**Asphalt Bid Consideration.**

Simon Contractors submitted a bid for \$105,515 to prepare and install asphalt on the high school driveway.

MOTION by Cope, second Schommer to table the asphalt bids. Motion carried.

**Administration Reports**

Stone reported that the Civil Rights report has been completed and submitted.

Stone has developed a committee to interview principals, the first to be interviewed will be Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Stone has worked to reestablish connections with local colleges. He met with Chadron State College to initiate possible student teacher opportunities at Oelrichs. He will do the same with Black Hills State University. He also plans to attend a teacher fair at SDSU.

Stone and teacher Levy attended the Perkins meeting in Rapid. Levy has initiated possible purchases using Perkins funds.

Stone will talk to Mark at TSP about creating specs to get the remaining part of elementary school roof replaced.

Peterson informed the board that 50 students will participate in the attendance incentive program on Friday. She is working on planning a dance for the high school students.

The state will be on site during state testing to ensure compliance.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Cope to approve purchasing \$50 gift cards for staff appreciation. Motion carried.

**Financials**

MOTION by Cope, second Tlustos, to accept the unaudited financial reports and pay all invoiced claims. Motion carried.

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Plus</u>	<u>Less</u>	<u>Ending</u>
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance</u>
General Fund	353,166.99	104,170.05	197,295.69	260,041.35
Capital Outlay	94,405.31	372,608	6,167.70	460,845.61
Special Education	96,659.35	113.56	22,074.93	74,697.98
Impact Aid	6,304,121.80	321,833.68		6,625,955.48
Food Service	8,756.48	8,638.22	16,561.03	833.67
Custodial Balance:	17,173.99			

**Calendar 2024-2025**

No action taken.

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

MOTION by Tlustos, second Schommer to approve DIDA Fixed Asset Capitalization Policy. Motion carried.

**Surplus**

MOTION by Cope, second Schommer to surplus inventory ID 1035 Jet Horizontal Band Saw and 1048 Stick Welding Rod Oven as neither work and have been replaced. Motion carried.

MOTION by Cope, second Tlustos to surplus the 8 x 10 shed built by the woodshop students and advertise for bids; \$2,000 minimum bid and buyer move at own expense. Motion carried.

**Contracts**

MOTION by Cope, second Schommer to approve the Procurement Plan for the Child Nutrition Program. Motion carried.

**Personnel**

MOTION by Schommer, second Tlusto to approve Leslie Cope as Transportation Director, effective June 1, 2024 payment of \$700 per month and includes insurance coverage. Cope abstained. Motion carried.

MOTION by Cope, second Schommer to approve hiring Latoya Gonzales at \$15 per hour for custodial position. Motion carried.

MOTION by Schommer, second Tlustos to approve Tracey Osmotherly as Head Cook, \$18.00 per hour. Osmotherly abstained. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Schommer to pay \$4,000 retention bonus to all certified and administrators, including contracted administration to be paid in full on the September 15, 2024 payroll. The \$4,000 retention bonus for hourly staff will be paid in 4 equal payments (Sept, Dec, March, June). Part-time hourly staff will receive \$2,000 paid in 4 equal payments (Sept, Dec, March, June). Cope abstained. Motion carried.

MOTION Cope, second Schommer to approve a \$2,5000 signing bonus for certified staff to be paid in full on September 15, 2024, payroll. Motion carried.

MOTION Cope, second Tlustos to approve a \$2,500 signing bonus to hourly staff to be paid in 4 installments: the first payment upon successful completion of their 90 day probation. Osmotherly abstained. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

MOTION by Cope, second Tlustos to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 PM. Motion carried.

*Attested to by CEO/Superintendent Stone.*

*Pursuant to SDCL 17-2-28 the approximate cost of publishing this legal notice is \$*