

**Minutes of the Board of Education of the
Oelrichs School District 23-3
Regular Board Meeting
March 24, 2026**

Call to Order

The Board of Education of the Oelrichs School District 23-3 met in regular session on March 24, 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; Business Manager Sword.

MOTION by Schommer, second Merdanian, to approve February 23, 2026, 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.

Donated/Planting Trees: The board discussed the donation of trees being planted on school property. The board agreed that whoever planted the trees was responsible for maintaining them.

Board Reports: Tlustos attended the tax equalization meeting at the town hall on March 19th. Merdanian attended the BHSSC meeting. Insurance premiums and the program Educators Rising were topics of discussion.

Administrative Reports: Stone informed the board he transferred 500,000 from the business checking account to one-year CDARS. The impact aid application is being monitored this year. All required documents have been provided for their review. Negotiations with teachers will begin in the next two weeks.

Financials: MOTION by Schommer, second Merdanian, 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>transfer</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balance</u>
General Fund	419,545.72	71,967.25		205,020	286,492.97
Capital Outlay	281,730.59	4,691.58		2,467.99	283,954.18
Special Education	105,460.45	9,230.74		18,362.70	96,328.49
Impact Aid	9,076,315.04	637,092.15			9,713,407.19
Food Service	46,825.61	10,045.26		15,454.58	41,416.29
Custodial Balance	14,487.04	2,844.22			17,331.26

Open bids for “Tiny House”: The district received three bids. President Cope opened and announced the bids. MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos to accept the bid from Marty’s Tire and Auto for \$800 to purchase (as is) and remove the Tiny House built by the woodshop class. Schommer abstained. Motion carried.

Contracts: MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian, to approve the Special Education Contract Agreement with Rock Solid Consulting LLC, to provide special education and administrative services for 2026-2027. Motion carried

MOTION by Merdanian, second Schommer to approve offering Optilegra to employees, with no changes to the rates for school year 2026-2027. Motion carried.

MOTION by Schommer, second Tlustos to approve the district to pay \$850 towards single health care benefits and additional \$300 towards all other policies for fiscal year 2027. Motion carried.

Personnel: MOTION by Merdanian, second Schommer to approve extra duty assignment pay of \$4,201 to Buff Tewahade to perform responsibilities of Head Track Coach. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian to accept Carol Danks resignation effective May 15. Motion carried.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Schommer to accept Denise Drake's resignation effective April 7, 2026. Motion carried

School Housing: There was discussion about looking for opportunities for the district to provide more housing options to employees.

Open Enrollment/Graduation:

MOTION by Schommer, second Tlustos to approve open enrollment for student #38, 39, and 40 as presented by Dr. Stone. Motion carried.

Executive Session: Motion by Tlustos, second Schommer to go into executive session to discuss consultation from legal counsel pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.3 Legal matters. The board went into executive session at 5:50pm and resumed open meeting status at 5:58pm.

Adjournment

MOTION by Schommer, second Merdanian, to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 PM. Motion carried.

Attested to by CEO/Superintendent Stone.

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