

**Minutes of the Board of Education of the
Oelrichs School District 23-3
Regular Board Meeting
May 20, 2024**

Call to Order

The Board of Education of the Oelrichs School District 23-3 met in regular session on May 20, 2024, in the library. The meeting was called to order by Lance Tlustos, Board Vice-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, Principal Peterson, and Business Manager Sword

MOTION by Merdanian, second Cope to approve April 15, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Cope, 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 informed the board that the inspection of the high school will continue when there are no students on site. H2I will do yearly maintenance on the high school gym floor the last week in July. Stone will ask Matt, with H2I, to inspect the elementary school gym floor.

Bus Barn TSP has agreed to the changes.

Modulars

MOTION by Cope, second Schommer to accept the bid of \$5,550 from Brenda Dawson Hawn to remove the modular, located on the east end of campus next to the outdoor basketball court, by August 10, 2024. Motion carried.

Board Reports Merdanian attended Communities that Care and Black Hills Special Services Cooperative meetings.

Administration Reports Dr. Stone commended the Feather and Plume ceremony and graduation. They had good attendance at both events.

The Indian Education grant has been submitted. 1003 grants are due May 31, and the Consolidated Application is due June 30th. Stone and Peterson will be working on the end of the year state report that is due June 14th.

CTE teachers applied for two equipment grants through Perkins. One for a sheet metal cutter/bender and one for a table saw. They are also working to partner with WDT to provide opportunities for the welding students to get certified next year.

Peterson reported that the kindergarten and 8th grade celebrations were well attended. Summer school and credit recovery have started.

Peterson gave a report on the attendance incentive for last year. The elementary had 15 students with attendance over 90%; middle school had 8, and high school had 7. There was discussion about continuing the attendance incentive for next year.

Financials

MOTION by Cope, 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	132,090.93	105,754.80	199,509.37	38,336.36

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Capital Outlay	458,649.14	6,381.57	17,034.88	447,995.83
Special Education	52,116.94	21.61	20,671.31	31,467.24
Impact Aid	6,659,866.51	773,260.62 (20,000)		7,413,127.13
Food Service	(4,305.39)	8,893.76	20,000	18,159.66
Custodial Balance:	19,108.06			6,428.71
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MOTION by Schommer, second Cope to approve the transfer of impact aid funds; \$24,000 to the food service fund; \$500,000 to the general fund; and \$20,000 to the special education fund. Motion carried.

Certificate of Election

MOTION by Tlustos, second Schommer to accept the certificate of election, Dave Osmotherly duly nominated and having no opposition at the School Board Election is declared elected to the School Board of Oelrichs School District for the term of three years, beginning July 1, 2024. Motion carried.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Schommer to accept the certificate of election, Lance Tlustos duly nominated and having no opposition at the School Board Election is declared elected to the School Board of Oelrichs School District for the term of three years, beginning July 1, 2024. Tlustos abstained. Motion carried.

2024-2025 Preliminary Budget

Contracts

MOTION by Merdanian, second Cope to approve the summer 2024 ESY contract for speech therapy services with Fall River Health Services. Motion carried.

MOTION by Cope, second Merdanian to approve the speech therapy contract with Sand Canyon Therapy LLC for the school year 2024-2025 \$73 per hour. Motion carried.

MOTION by Schommer, second Cope to approve the contract with Red Stone Education Group for personnel CEO (Dr. Mitchell Stone) effective July 1, 2024. Motion carried.

MOTION by Cope, second Schommer to approve the contract with Red Stone Education Group for personnel PK-12 Principal (Darla Peterson) effective July 1, 2024.. Motion carried.

Personnel

MOTION by Schommer, second Merdanian to approve the request from Rachil Nilles to utilize Article XV in the teacher negotiation agreement. Niles petitioned the association to borrow additional sick leave, the association approved the leave and recommended the board pay Nilles the remaining sick leave to cover her unexpected leave in May. Motion carried.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Cope to approve the hiring agreement with Valerie Sword as Business Manager for \$74,092 effective July 1, 2024. Motion carried.

MOTION by Schommer, second Merdanian to approve the employment agreement with Nancy Fleming for \$54,586 effective July 1, 2024, school term. Motion carried.

Negotiation

MOTION by Cope, second Schommer to approve the 2024-2025 Negotiated Agreement. Motion carried.

Teacher salaries: Joel Ballasy \$51,390; Stacy Cope \$55,802; Sherry Crofut \$54,510; Sarah Decker \$53,054; Charlee Ebmeier \$51,822; Ralph Knickrehm \$52,474; Kayla Koll \$52,326; Cheryl Lamont \$54,808; Clinton Levy \$45,254; Jennifer Schumacher \$48,387; Rachel Nilles \$50,246; Tara Schuhmacher \$55,802; Befekadu Tewahade \$61,063; James Willmus \$45,982

MOTION by Schommer, second Cope to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Oelrichs Education Association for the 2023- 2024 school year. Motion carried.

Executive Session

MOTION by Cope, second by Merdanian to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2.1 Employee matters. The board went into executive session at 6:25pm and resumed open meeting status at 6:36pm.

SDCL 1-25-2.1 Employee matters: Discussing the qualifications, competence, performance, character, or fitness of any public officer or employee, prospective public officer or employee. The term “employee” does not include any independent contractor.

Adjournment

MOTION by Schommer, second Merdanian to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 PM. Motion carried.

Attested to by CEO/Superintendent Stone.

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