

**Minutes of the Board of Education of the  
Oelrichs School District 23-3  
Regular Board Meeting  
November 20, 2023**

**Call to Order**

The Board of Education of the Oelrichs School District 23-3 met in regular session on November 20, 2023, 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.

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

MOTION by Merdanian, second Cope to approve October 17, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian, to approve the amended agenda, adding 8.1 Use of Facility. 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 of the progress and plan for seeding the football field. Other areas that need grass seed include the alley area behind the high school and the playground behind the elementary school. Scull needs to be reminded to follow up on their commitment to seal the high school roof.

**Bus Barn** TSP scope of project is under review by Kyle. The board should consider forming a planning committee to make some preliminary decisions about what to do with existing structures; measurements; tentative layout; and heating.

**Modulars** There was discussion about the future of the two remaining modulars behind the elementary school. It was determined to surplus the furthest east modular under agenda item 6.0. The modular closest to the elementary school will need to be moved and possibly be a project for the CTE class.

**Board Reports** Merdanian attended Communities That Care. They continue to offer the open gym in Hot Springs. Erin from the 4-H club will be focusing on Fall River and will be able to commit to a regular schedule next semester.

**Administration Reports** Dr. Stone opened a new CD with higher interest rates compounded monthly. The existing CD's will roll into this plan as they mature. Dr Stone thanked the staff for their hard work to make the Halloween Carnival successful. The Veterans Day Program was nice, and Ms. Decker has been working on the Christmas Program. He also thanked the board for the Thanksgiving Feed. Over 252 meals were served, and Ms. Crofut did a great job getting the students involved. The school will be restarting the backpack program. Feeding South Dakota was contacted and will assist with providing food for students to take home for the weekends. The Copes will help deliver meals to Cubby's on Saturday.

Dr. Stone also recognized the custodial staff. The three new employees have strong skills and are working together to be a productive workforce.

The sports programs have started up. Dr. Stone feels the basketball coaching staff this year will be a nice addition to the athletic program.

Dr. Stone has been looking into options for purchasing a marquee. Next meeting, he should have more information. He has also been in communication with the City of Oelrichs to generate ideas on how to clean up various lots throughout the community.

The woodshop has started a project to build a shed from scratch. The teacher would like the board's support to generate public recognition and assist in options to sell the shed once it is completed. Principal Peterson informed the board that Tuesday will be a 'Drop Everything and Read' day. Midterm grades will be mailed out this week. Students with 10 or more days of absence will receive a truancy letter. Stone shared the tribe is interested in pursuing possible solutions to truancy issues. School wide MAP's testing will start in January.

**Financials**

MOTION by Cope, 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>Due From</u> <u>(adjust)</u>	<u>Less</u> <u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>
General Fund	169,635.69	90,497.07		189,944.42	70,188.34
Capital Outlay	94,165.82	10,009.17		54,004.14	50,170.85
Special Education	102,218.67	6,625.03		20,296.94	88,546.76
Impact Aid	6,059,068.66	453,327.76			6,512,396.42
Food Service	9,800.95	12,345.03		17,606.05	4,539.93
Custodial Balance:	17,097.57	185.15			17,282.72

**Surplus:**

MOTION by Cope, second Tlustos to declare the modular, farthest east, to be declared surplus - it is no longer necessary, useful, or suitable for the purpose for which it was acquired. Motion carried.

MOTION by Merdianian, second Cope to surplus the list of computers. Motion carried.

**Open Enrollment** Not action taken

**Contracts**

MOTION by Cope, second Tlustos to approve Nevaeh Red Leaf, HS Boys Assistant Basketball Coach, \$1,875. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdianian, to approve Cheree Ferguson, HS Girls Assistant Basketball Coach \$1,875. Motion carried.

MOTION by Merdianian, second Cope to approve Ruth Dreamer, Middle School Head Boys Basketball Coach, \$2,048. Motion carried.

**Use of Facility**

MOTION by Merdianian, second Cope to approve the Application for Rental of School Facility, allowing alcohol, waiving the rental fees to Oelrichs Volunteer Fire Department, December 1 and 2. Schommer abstained due to conflict. Motion carried.

**Christmas Party**

MOTION by Tlustos, second Schommer to approve a \$500 net pay bonus to each full-time employee, including administration and \$250 net pay bonus for part-time staff. Merdianian and Cope abstained due to conflict. Motion carried.

**Personnel**

MOTION by Tlustos, second Cope to approve Bonny Reece, Custodian, \$15.50 per hour. Motion carried.

MOTION by Cope, second Merdianian to accept Baylie Her Many Horses resignation, effective November 21, 2023. Motion carried.

**Executive Session**

Motion by Cope, second by Tlustos 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 6:35pm and resumed open meeting status at 6:59pm.

**Adjournment**

MOTION by Cope, second Tlustos to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 PM. Motion carried.

*Attested to by CEO/Superintendent Stone.*

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