

**Minutes of the Board of Education of the
Oelrichs School District 23-3
Regular Board Meeting
October 21, 2024**

Call to Order

The Board of Education of the Oelrichs School District 23-3 met in regular session on October 21, 2024, in the High School Science Room. 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, Principal Peterson, Attorney Hickey, and Business Manager Sword.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Osmotherly to approve September 16, 2024 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.

Old Business

High School Construction: Stone informed the board that the construction inspection will begin on Tuesday, October 22. There will be an exit meeting with the company on the following day. Board members are invited to attend. A notice of possible quorum will be posted.

Modular: MOTION by Osmotherly, second Merdanian to extend an additional 60 days for the removal of the modular. Motion carried.

Board Reports: Merdanian attended Communities that Care and BHSSC board meetings, she provided an update to the board.

Cope informed the board about the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new playground. There will be a story in the local newspaper.

Tlustos recommended the board start looking for options for the staff Christmas party.

Administration Reports: Stone gave an update on the Civil Rights Review with the SD Department of Education. They had a review team of three, with minimal findings. The SPED review team identified a few minor areas that should be corrected within a few months. The Indian Education annual performance review has been submitted and the PRF was also submitted. Next week the food service program will have a review team from the state.

The insurance company performed a risk assessment. The old playground surface area will need to be replaced with an approved safe surface such as wood chips.

Stone will seek more information about makerspaces and what that could look like at our school.

Attorney Hickey gave an update on the status of the Special Education tax levy not being paid by Fall River County. He was informed that the issue would be on the Fall River County Commissioners November meeting to resolve the issue of not paying SPED 2024 taxes to the district.

Financials

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

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| | <u>Beginning</u> <u>Balance</u> | <u>Plus</u> <u>Receipts</u> | <u>(adjust)</u> | <u>Less</u> <u>Disbursements</u> | <u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| General Fund | 229,243.59 | 100,279.66 | (3144.30) | 331,063.96 | (4685.01) |
| Capital Outlay | 450,844.16 | 1,061.23 | 3144.30 | 28,548.95 | 426,500.74 |
| Special Education | 49,719.27 | 3.61 | | 18,611.43 | 31,111.45 |
| Impact Aid | 6,958,803 | 3,581.67 | 23,566.02 | | 6,985,950.69 |
| Food Service | 37,884.67 | 7,381.54 | | 12,469.75 | 32,796.46 |
| Custodial Balance: | 18,316 | 858.71 | | | 19,174.71 |

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian to transfer \$300,000 from the Impact Aid Fund to the General Fund. Motion carried.

Attendance Incentive

MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos the approve spending \$800 for the elementary school and \$800 for the middle/high school each semester (December and May) to be spent at Home Haven in Chadron based on attendance criteria name drawing.

Open Enrollment no action

Surplus

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Merdanian to declare the list of computers submitted as surplus and should be disposed of properly. Motion carried.

Contracts

MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos to approve the Application for Rental of School Facilities to Santana Young Man for the purpose of a fundraising volleyball tournament on October 27. Motion carried.

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Merdanian to approve the Application for Rental of School Facilities (Elementary School) to Oelrichs Volunteer Fire Department for the purpose of fundraising on December 6 and 7, the fees being waived, and the use of alcohol on the premises allowed. Schommer abstained. Motion carried.

Personnel

MOTION by Merdanian, second Osmotherly to approve pay increase to \$16.60 per hour for Ellen White, paraprofessional. Motion carried.

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Tlustos to approve the rate of pay for Bus Monitor to \$25 per route. Motion carried.

Adjournment

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Schommer to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 PM. Motion carried.

Attested to by CEO/Superintendent Stone.

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