

**Minutes of the Board of Education of the  
Oelrichs School District 23-3  
Regular Board Meeting  
October 21, 2025**

**Call to Order**

The Board of Education of the Oelrichs School District 23-3 met in regular session on October 21, 2025, 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, Principal Peterson, Attorney Hickey, and Business Manager Sword.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos, to approve September 16, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian, to approve the amended agenda, adding 6.1 Skid-Steer Snow Removal. 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 reported damage to the gym floor after renting the facility to a community group. Stone contacted H2I and it was determined to be cosmetic and could wait until the annual maintenance during the summer break. Stone is investigating protective floor covering for the HS gym floor.

Stone reported that the board can be expecting a mediation brief in the next few weeks to review prior to the November meeting.

**Modular:** Stone contacted the purchaser; they are still planning on moving the module in the next 2 weeks. Osmotherly suggested that the purchaser be contacted to see if the school could use some of the dirt from her property to fill in the area once the modular is moved.

**Board Reports:** Tlustos reported that he and Merdanian attended the Fall River Ag Banquet. They received a check for \$500 to be used to cover the cost of processing beef for the Beef to School Program.

Schommer requested an update about the Esports program. Stone informed the board that at this time, Golden West has not provided assistance to fund the registration fee. This may be something to budget for in the next school term. The coaching position would need to be added to the negotiated extracurricular salary schedule.

**Administration Reports:** Stone reported the Consolidated Application has been approved by the state and the PRF has been submitted.

Stone informed the board that with the government shutdown the Impact Aid office will not be able to distribute payments. The Impact Aid Office has expressed concerns about possible reduction in force action that will reduce the program's efficiency. Schools should expect delays in payments.

Stone shared that the volleyball team has been doing a great job and recognized coach Shelby Davis's hard work.

Peterson informed the board that the nine weeks ended, and the grades looked good. They celebrated 90% or better attendance with an outing to the movies. Peterson noted that all of the middle school students qualified to attend, and she was proud of the improvement they have made this year. Peterson informed the board of the following events: Volleyball Parents October 21, 2025

Night October 23; Halloween Carnival October 31; Veteran Day Program November 11; and the Community Thanksgiving Dinner November 20. Peterson thanked Osmotherly for the pumpkins he donated.

**Financials:** MOTION by Merdanian, second Schommer, 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>Less</u> <u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>
General Fund	263,591.21	76,693.95	217,659.32	122,625.84
Capital Outlay	387,555.98	2,740.28	3,908.72	386,387.54
Special Education	115,980.09	3,803.01	12,046.58	107,736.52
Impact Aid	8,917,077.77	27,863.01		8,944,940.78
Food Service	31,921.13	5,056.41	14,201.36	22,776.18
Custodial Balance:	15,497.79	322.36		15,820.15

**Skid-Steer:** The board discussed the benefit of the school purchasing a Skid-Steer for the use of snow removal, dirt work, and moving items. The district will put a bid out for snow removal this year and will begin searching to purchase a Skid-Steer.

### **Surplus**

A. AC/Heater 240 V; Model: PTC153G35AXXXAA; Condition: cold is weak, heater good, unit is loud.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos to surplus and dispose of the AC unit. Motion carried.

B. Coffee Maker: Bunn (elementary kitchen); Model: VPR; Condition: does not work.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Schommer to surplus and dispose of the coffee maker. Motion carried.

C. Small ice machine (elementary kitchen); Model: HZB-45; Condition: takes a long time to make ice.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian to surplus and seek sealed bids for the ice machine. Motion carried.

D. 2015 Thermal Duke Steam Table (elementary kitchen); Condition: water leaks in three areas.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Schommer to surplus and seek sealed bids for the steam table. Motion carried.

E. Soup Bowls (108 old) (elementary kitchen); Condition: very old and brittle.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian to surplus and dispose of the soup bowls. Motion carried.

F. Selmer Mark VI saxophone (SN150665); Condition – repair cosmetic to sell estimated (\$6,000) estimated 2-3 new instruments. Request to sell through Haggerty's.

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Schommer to surplus the saxophone to Haggerty's to exchange for new instruments for the music program. Motion carried.

G. Leblanc Buffet clarinet (SN289994); Condition – unusable – repairs exceed value.

Request to sell on consignment with Lisa's Clarinet Shop.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos to surplus the clarinet to Lisa's Clarinet Shop for a percentage of the sale to be used for a new clarinet. Motion carried.

**Contracts:** MOTION by Merdanian, second Osmotherly to rent the elementary gym to the Oelrichs Volunteer Fire Department on December 5 and 6 approving the request to have alcohol on the premises and waiving all rental fees. Motion carried.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos to approve the bid with American Playground & Recreation to resurface the old playground area for Option 1 Total: \$16,309. Motion carried.

**Open Enrollment:** No action

**Personal**

MOTION by Merdanian, second Schommer to approve the custodial hiring agreement with Tia Catches for \$16 per hour. Motion carried.

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Tlustos to approve extra duty pay of \$800 to Shelby Davis for the additional duties associated with volleyball. Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

MOTION by Tlustos, second Osmotherly to adjourn the meeting at 6:08 PM. Motion carried.

*Attested to by CEO/Superintendent Stone.*

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