Minutes of the Board of Education of the
Oelrichs School District 23-3
Regular Board Meeting
September 15, 2026

Call to Order
The Board of Education of the Oelrichs School District 23-3 met in regular session on September 15, 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, Principal Peterson, Attorney Hickey, and Business Manager Sword.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos, to approve August 18, 2026, 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.

School Marquee Stone presented a quote from Rosenbaum's Signs for $46,996 (excluding electrical). After further discussion the board is interested in quotes for a smaller, building mounted sign.

Old Business
High School Construction Stone informed the board that a date for mediation has been set for November. All parties have agreed to mediate.
FMG is scheduling a preconference meeting for the pavement job.
School Housing Blake from BAM Property Solutions presented a proposal for remodeling the superintendent house. This has been tabled until the October board meeting.

Board Reports: Merdanian gave an update from the August BHSSC meeting and the Black Hills Educational Benefits Cooperative (BHEBC).

Administration/Consultant Reports:
Attorney Hickey informed the board that he plans to retire in December of this year. He personally thanked the board for the opportunity to be a part of the district over the last eleven years.
Stone gave an update of the activities at the school, including participation in the community parade. Student enrollment numbers are stable. The district received payment in lieu of taxes from the county.
Principal Peterson has been assisting with the pre-ACT tests, informing the board of the overall plan for preparing our students to take the ACT and teachers can use the data for assessing student growth.

Financials
MOTION by Tlustos, second Schommer, to accept the unaudited financial reports and pay all invoiced claims. Motion carried.

	Beginning Balance	Plus Receipts	Transfer/Adjust	Less Disbursements	Ending Balance
General Fund	282,571.31	97,057.07	152,236.71	169,688.52	362,176.57
Capital Outlay	383,557.06	60.39		9,066.86	374,550.59
Special Education	121,389.68	1,651.92		5,705.53	117,336.07
Impact Aid	10,448,860.33	30,691.31			10,479,551.64
Food Service	39,533.14	0		3,107.27	36,425.87
Custodial Balance:	15,734.87				15,734.87

Surplus
MOTION by Osmotherly, second Schommer to approve the surplus and disposal of the presented list of 17 computers. Motion carried.

SPED Comprehensive Plan
MOTION by Schommer, second Merdanian to approve the South Dakota Comprehensive Plan/Program as provided by Special Education Director, Heather Hunsaker. Motion carried.

Contracts
MOTION by Osmotherly, second Schommer to approve the Pre-Buy Contract with CBH Co-op to purchase 5,000 gallons for school year 2026-2027. Motion carried.
MOTION by Schommer, second Tlustos to increase the mileage paid to referees to $.70 per mile, effective September 1, 2026. Motion carried.

Personal
MOTION by Osmotherly, second Tlustos to approve the extra duty agreement with Buff Tewahade, Cross Country Coach, pay $4,247 for school year 2026-2027. Motion carried
MOTION by Merdanian, second Osmotherly to approve the hiring agreement with Violet Chavez, part-time teacher aide at $15 per hour. Motion carried.
MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian to approve the hiring agreement with Beverly Selgeby, part-time teacher aide at $16 per hour. Motion carried.
MOTION by Osmotherly, second Tlustos to approve the extra duty agreement with James Willmas, Assistant Volleyball Coach, pay $1,386 for school year 2026-2027. Motion carried.

Open Enrollment
MOTION by Schommer, second Osmotherly to approve enrollment for students 41-44 as presented by Principal Peterson. Motion carried.
MOTION by Tlustos, second Osmotherly to decline enrollment for student 45 as presented by Principal Peterson. Motion carried.

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

Attested to by Business Manager Sword.
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