

**Minutes of the Board of Education of the
Oelrichs School District 23-3
Regular Board Meeting
April 11, 2022**

Call to Order

The Board of Education of the Oelrichs School District 23-3 met in regular session on April 11, 2022, in the school 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, Jennifer Her Many Horses, Dave Osmotherly, and Lance Tlustos.

Members Absent: Vince Logue

Administration present: Dr. Mitchell Stone, Principal Peterson, Business Manager Sword, and School Attorney, Michael Hickey.

Motion by Cope, second Her Many Horses, to approve March 14, 2022 and March 16, 2022, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tlustos, second Cope, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

**All actions recorded in these minutes were by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.*

Public Participation

Katie Merdanian attended on behalf of the Oelrichs Historical Society. She thanked the board for the use of the facility for their conference. The accommodations were greatly appreciated. The Oelrichs School Alumni Association will be requesting the use of the facility in September.

Old Business

Teacher House - 960 Elm Street: Kenny Pourier submitted a proposal for remodeling. Motion by Her Many Horses, second Tlustos to accept the proposals for phases 1-4. Phase 1 demolition \$2,953; Phase 2 drywall \$3,213; Phase 3 painting \$5,508; and Phase 4 doors \$1,513. Motion carried.

Superintendent House: The current lease will expire on April 15, 2022. The board would like to have the property remodeled as the flooring needs to be replaced and inside painted. Kenny will look and provide a bid.

High School Construction - Certificate of Completion: The board expressed concerns about the language in the certificate of completion. Hickey will draft a letter identifying the concerns. To avoid any possible conflict of interest, Hickey informed the board that Scull is a client of his firms.

High School Open House: Scheduled for May 6 in the afternoon. A press release inviting the public and local and state political officials will be sent out. The board stressed that it is important to inform the public that the high school was built and paid for with existing funds.

Beef: The board was informed about the locker in Wall providing the first beef processing for free. The locker would need to be informed in June to have the meat processed in August. Board members requested that we consider Martin and Hot Springs.

Reports

Board Reports: Cope was contacted by a local commissioner about the possibility of the school getting \$3,000 from a solar power operation that would like to invest in the community. The money could be used for science projects related to solar power.

Her Many Horses will be attending the BHSSC meeting in person.

Osmotherly measured the football field and recommends that the field be turned as there will be enough acreage for the field. If the district would like a track around the football field, it would need an easement from the city. Motion by Cope, second Tlustos to request Her Many Horses to attend the

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next city council meeting to find out if they would agree to giving the school an easement for a walking track around the football field. Motion carried.

Administration Reports: Stone informed the board that the accreditation process went well with only minor findings that can be quickly corrected. The hard work and dedication of Principal Peterson with the assistance of Venenga and Coleman was reflective in successful results of the accreditation. Peterson is working to develop a 4-week summer school program designed to be fun and interactive while targeting learning loss.

On April 27 the peer-to-peer mentoring program will be hosting a regional gathering. Four other schools will be joining our school. Teacher Stacy Cope, through Dr. Stone, invited the board to attend two activity days. May 6th is the last professional development day for teachers, and they are having a potluck. The board is also invited to attend the last day of school, May 19 for activities and possibly sponsor a root beer float table for students, staff, and parents. A registration table will also be set up for parents to register their children for next school year.

Principal Peterson shared that the state testing for 3rd- 8th grade and juniors is almost complete. She also requested a minor change the calendar for next year. The teachers would have the same number of days, but students would have one less day, so that teachers could attend the TIE conference in Rapid City. Teacher appreciation day is approaching, and plans need to be made to recognize teachers hard work. Graduation is scheduled for May 14, to take place in the gym.

Financials

Sword presented claims and monthly financial reports. Motion by Her Many Horses, second Cope, 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>Transfer</u>	<u>Less</u> <u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>
General Fund	6,288.59	139,539.24		180,641.50	(34,813.67)
Capital Outlay	183,855.52	9,789.04		(132,056.12)	325,700.68
Special Education	130,730.10	8,065.06		19,443.73	119,351.43
Impact Aid	3,756,577.95	273.59			3,756,951.54
Food Service	15,018.83	9,981.86		10,443.33	14,557.36
Custodial Balance:	19,877.86			1,043.91	18,833.95

Election Update

Three petitions were filed for the 2 open seats on the school board. Oelrichs School District will have their election combined with Fall River County on June 7. The three candidates will appear on the ballot in the following order: Jennifer Her Many Horses, Marty Schommer, and Katie Merdanian.

ASBSD – Renew Workers Compenstaion

It was moved by Tlustos, second Her Many Horses to approve the adoption and renewal of the Associated School Boards Protective Trust Workers' Compensation Agreement. Motion carried

South Dakota High School Activities Association

Motion by Her Many Horses, second Tlustos to authorize membership in the South Dakota High School Activities Association. Motion carried.

Policy

3rd final reading: Bullying JGC

Motion by Cope, second Her Many Horses to approve policy JGC: Bullying. Motion carried.

Personnel

Motion by Tlustos, second Her Many Horses to accept the resignations from Nicholas Ferguson, Dale Ruhoff, and Elizabeth Lockhart. Motion carried. The board was also informed that Ralph Knickrehm submitted his plan to retire at the end of this school term.

Contracts

Motion by Tlustos, second Cope to accept the 2022-2023 special education contract agreement with Rock Solid Consulting, LLC (Heather Hunsaker). Motion carried.

Motion by Her Many Horses, second Cope to accept the 2022-2023 speech therapy contract agreement with Just for Kids Speech Therapy, LLC (Kristeen Kirchgasser). Motion carried.

Motion by Cope, second Her Many Horses to approve the Head Track Coach position to Buff Tewahade for \$3,570 for the current school term. Motion carried.

Executive Session:

Motion by Cope, second Her Many Horses to go into executive session to discuss negotiations, *SDCL 1-25-2.4. Preparing for contract negotiations or negotiating with employees or employee representatives.*

The board went into executive session at 6:14 pm and resumed open meeting status at 6:30 pm.

Negotiations

Motion by Her Many Horses, second Tlustos to direct the school district negotiation team to make the offer as discussed and approved by the board. Cope abstained. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Tlustos, second Her Many Horses to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 PM. Motion carried.

Attested to by CEO/Superintendent Stone.

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