

**Minutes of the Board of Education of the
Oelrichs School District 23-3
Regular Board Meeting
June 8, 2020**

Call to Order

The Board of Education of the Oelrichs School District 23-3 met in regular session on June 8, 2020 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: Dave Osmotherly, Lance Tlustos, John Cope, and Jennifer Her Many Horses (arrived at 5:04pm).

Members Absent: Vince Logue

Others Present: Dr. Mitchell Stone, Darla Peterson, Valerie Sword, Mike Hickey by phone, and 2 public members.

Motion by Cope, second by Tlustos, to approve April 14, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

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

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

Public Participation

T'mara Twiss presented concerns regarding district personnel. She was informed by the school attorney to follow the school procedures and file a public complaint with the superintendent. Upon departing she uttered profanity directed at the board.

School Closure Update

Dr. Stone shared that credit recovery started today and that juniors and seniors are doing what they need to do to make up work lost due to COVID 19 school closure. The board was given information about various safeguards the surrounding school districts adopted to avoid assigning failing grades to students who had their structured educational environment shut down due to the coronavirus outbreak. Motion by Her Many Horses, second by Cope that students will earn the fourth quarter if that grade is the same or higher than the third quarter. Motion carried.

Motion by Tlustos, second by Her Many Horses to approve the Notification of School Closing with Plan to Instruct During Closing. Motion carried.

Dr. Stone handed out a proposed graduation schedule for the board to review. There was discussion about the limitation of family members attending the event and strategies that factored in social distancing. Dr. Stone and Principal Peterson will be sending out information to graduates with details about the ceremony scheduled for June 20 at 1:00pm.

School Success Plan

Dr. Stone and Principal Peterson handed out School Success Action Plans for school year 2020-2021. The purpose of the plan is to establish school improvement goals and action plan for next school year. The board reviewed and a motion by Cope, second by Tlustos to approve the action plans. Motion carried.

Reports

Dr. Stone reported that grant budgets had been amended with end of year data including the consolidated app, Indian Education, and 1003 (high school improvement). The school has been awarded money for school year 2020-2021 from the Homeland Security and Cares Act.

Dr. Stone shared that several members of the Oglala Sioux Education Committee thanks the board and school for providing food while the school is closed. The school continues to provide breakfast and lunch to cover Monday through Friday and food boxes provided by Feeding South Dakota.

Dr. Stone provided a handout listing the recommendations for reopening school in the fall. He shared that school practices will look different in the fall and administration is staying abreast of the changes as they occur at the state and local levels.

For the construction update, the school has been working with the city to determine if the property (currently the football field), Maple Street between 7th and 8th Street, has been vacated. The city was able to find the minutes from 1977 to verify the property was vacated. School Attorney, Mike Hickey, will determine what actions are necessary to file with the Fall River Register of Deeds. Upper Deck has been working with staff to finalize the plans for the new facility design to meet best instructional practices.

Motion by Cope, second by Her Many Horses to table amending the 2019-2020 budget until the next board meeting. Motion carried.

Financials

Sword presented claims and monthly financial reports. Motion by Cope, second by Tlustos, to accept the financial reports.

| | <u>Beginning Balance</u> | <u>Plus Receipts</u> | <u>Less Disbursements</u> | <u>Ending Balance</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| General Fund | 140,576.82 | 156,260.10 | 144,792.46 | 152,044.46 |
| Capital Outlay | 421,333.60 | 69,009.73 | 2,480.54 | 487,862.79 |
| Special Education | 32,937.83 | 37,281.68 | 18,983.77 | 51,235.74 |
| Impact Aid | 6,813,385.64 | 1,746.88 | 0 | 6,815,132.52 |
| Food Service | 6,369.72 | 12,648.30 | 11,974.95 | 7,043.07 |

Motion carried. Motion by Tlustos, second by Her Many Horses to approve May and June invoices. Motion carried

2020-2021 Proposed Budget – first reading

Contracts

Motion by Cope, second by Her Many Horses to approve the contract for ELO to provide an audit for school year ending June 30, 2020. Motion carried

Motion by Cope, second by Tlustos to accept the two quotes from Golden West for Genetec software and two APC Smart backup with warranty. Motion carried

Motion by Cope, second by Tlustos to approve 2020-2021 \$500 per month lease agreement with Dale Ruhoff for the property located at 846 W 8th Street, waiving the security deposit and allowing him to have one small pet. Motion carried.

Motion by Cope, second by Her Many Horse renting the property at 960 Elm Street be contingent upon cleaning and passing inspection for safety.

Personnel

Motion by Her Many Horses, second by Cope to approve the following contracts for fiscal year 2020-2021. Motion carried.

| Employee | Position | Contract Amount |
|----------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|
| Katie Bauder | Activities Director | 6,000 annual |
| Terri Cornay | Summer Cook (June-Aug 14) | \$100 per day |
| Terri Cornay | Head Cook (Aug – June) | \$19.01 hour |
| Glen Elshire | Co-Transportation Director | \$4,200 annual |
| Glen & Darla Elshire | Summer Bus Routes (June-Aug 14) | \$75 per route |
| Nancy Fleming | Behavior Specialist | \$46,023.67 annual |
| Brittany Kneebone | Summer Custodial | \$12.50 |
| Ralph Knickrehm | Teacher/Tech/Dean | \$46,023.67 annual |
| Ray Meade | Custodian | \$15.38 hour |
| Roy Merdanian | Maintenance | \$20 hour part time |
| Rebecca Naser | School Secretary | \$16.83 hour |
| Darla Peterson | Principal | \$75,000 |
| Valerie Sword | Business Manager | \$58,500 annual |

Motion by Cope, second by Tlustos to accept the resignation from Connie Gorsuch as special education teacher/director effective June 30, 2020. Motion carried.

Motion by Cope, second by Tlustos based on the current needs of the school, essential staff are identified as administration, administrative assistant, head cook, maintenance and custodial staff, and bus drivers. Motion carried

Motion by Tlustos, second by Her Many Horses all other staff identified as nonessential, be laid off effective immediately. They will be paid their hourly rate through May 29. Motion carried.

Note: President Osmotherly called for a break at 6:46pm. Regular session continued at 6:50pm

Executive Session

Motion by Tlustos, second by Her Many Horses 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 6:51pm and resumed open meeting status at 7:11pm.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Osmotherly declared the meeting adjourned at 7:12pm.

Attested to by CEO/Superintendent Stone.

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