

**Minutes of the Board of Education of the
Oelrichs School District 23-3
Regular Board Meeting
March 20, 2023**

Call to Order

The Board of Education of the Oelrichs School District 23-3 met in regular session on March 20, 2023, 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: John Cope, Katie Merdanian, Dave Osmotherly, Marty Schommer, and Lance Tlustos.

Administration Present: Dr. Mitchell Stone, Principal Peterson, Business Manager Sword, and Activities Director James Knutson.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian, to approve February 13, 2023, and February 15, 2023, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Cope, second Merdanian, to approve the amended agenda, removing item 7.0. Motion carried.

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

Public Participation - No participation

Open Bids

Two bid were received and opened for the 2003 13 passenger bus, that was placed in surplus in November.

MOTION by Cope, second Merdanian to accept the bid of \$685 from Lance Tlustos to purchase the 2003 surplus 13 passenger bus. Tlustos abstained due to conflict. Motion carried.

Old Business

High School Construction

Dr. Stone informed the board that the gym floor installation crew appears knowledgeable and are working to fix the areas of concern. They have inspected the subfloor and made necessary repairs. The logo will be painted, and two coats applied. Jake and John from Scull Construction will be working on guarantees and want to be paid the outstanding balance. H2I is documenting the replacement process.

The district has two bids for the overhead doors to cover the openings at the end of the high school gym. The contract to complete the elementary roof has been mailed to the school, Osmotherly will sign the contract to keep the project moving forward. Dr. Stone would like to have an insulation consultant inspect the high school and provide recommendations and possible bids. Osmotherly will be meeting with someone from Simons to give an estimate to have the parking lots covered in asphalt. He will be working to improve the grade/slop of the driveway. Osmotherly will also work on the long jump pit to improve the quality of sand.

Board Reports: Merdanian attended the NAFIS conference in Washington DC. She learned a lot and impressed upon the importance of meeting with congressional staff to ensure future funding to impact aid. She attended a session that demonstrated ways schools utilize the funds, one developing a program to teach how to use drones. They also stressed the importance of peer-to-peer tutoring, especially during the recovery from loss of academics due to COVID.

Administration Reports

Activities Director Knutson has been in contact with All Nations regarding football for next year. He offered two choices for next year's season, to either take the year off and just work with the JV team or co-op another team. We would provide a coach who would travel with the students to practices and be the assistant coach. Knutson has been building game schedules for next school year for all the sports. He is planning on scheduling more home games next school year. He is also looking at creative ways

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to increase coaching time with middle school students. One way to assist with managing middle school and high school would be to have 7th period as a study hall for middle school and those students in a sport can have focused coaching, working to develop fundamental skills.

Knutson is looking into getting Live Ticket TV so that family and fans could watch events live. There is a one-time payment for equipment, but spectators would be able to watch for free on YouTube. Business Manager Sword informed the board about the changes in health insurance premiums for next school term. The rates will increase \$14 per single policy monthly. This rate is much less than anticipated.

Dr. Stone informed the board that the audit draft is under review. There was one minor finding which is typical of a school this size, otherwise a very good audit. The audit will be available once the final audit is completed and uploaded to Legislative Audit.

Dr. Stone received information from Golden West regarding securing the back doors at the high school, outdoors security camera, and connecting the vape sensors for phone notifications. He will continue to move forward with completing those projects.

Dr. Stone informed the board about a sexual assault prevention program, made available through the University of Nebraska. The program will be available next school year for students K-12, 30 minutes for 12 weeks. Parents will have the option to opt-out if they don't want their child involved with the program.

Principal Peterson reported that the third quarter is over and all report cards have been mailed out. Study hall has been encouraged for students with failing grades. Truancy letters have been submitted. To date she has not received anything back from the office regarding any action taken.

Peterson stated the pow-wow was a success. It was well attended and she feels like having one entry works the best for our school. She was thankful for the people who stayed and assisted in the clean-up.

Financials

MOTION by Merdanian, 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	252,183.54	121,545.32		192,126.38	181,602.48
Capital Outlay	335,222.42	105,178		7,911.71	432,488.71
Special Education	103,555.75	10,710.39		17,100.94	97,165.20
Impact Aid	3,865,199.31	594,360.14	(7,000)		4,452,559.45
Food Service	388.09	8,268.77	7,000	11,758.89	3,897.97
Custodial Balance:	19,072.38	2,036.48			21,108.86

Contracts

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian to approve the contract with Carol Connell to provide custodial supervision and training for \$20 per hour, 3 days a week, until the end of the school term. Motion carried.

MOTION by Cope, second Tlustos to approve the contract with Rock Solid (Heather Hunsaker) to provide special education direct and administrative services \$75 per hour. Motion carried.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos to approve Buff Tewahade as Head Track Coach for \$3,675. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian to approve James Knutson as Assistant Track Coach for \$1,575. Motion carried.

Open Enrollment

MOTION by Merdanian, second Schommer to approve open enrollment for student 54. Motion carried.

Personnel

MOTION Cope, second Merdanian, to accept the resignation from Stephanie Shore. Motion carried.

MOTION Cope, second Tlustos, to accept the resignation from Brittany Kneebone. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding making up teacher contractual obligation. The association rejected adding 15 minutes to the school day.

MOTION Cope, second Tlustos to have teachers make up 10 days they did not work as the result of school closure due to weather. Teachers will have from May 22 – June 16 to work during summer school, they may use personal leave hours. The administration requests that staff identify the days they intend to work by April 15. Motion carried.

Negotiations

No action taken.

Executive Session

MOTION by Merdanian, second Cope to go into executive session at 6:45 pm for SDCL 1-25-2.4 Preparing for negotiations. Returned to regular session at 7:00 pm.

The next regular board meeting will be April 17, 2023.

Adjournment

MOTION by Tlustos, second Schommer to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 PM. Motion carried.

Attested to by CEO/Superintendent Stone.

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