

**Minutes of the Board of Education of the
Oelrichs School District 23-3
Regular Board Meeting
May 16, 2023**

Call to Order

The Board of Education of the Oelrichs School District 23-3 met in regular session on May 16, 2023, in the library. The meeting was called to order by Dave Osmotherly, Board President, at 5:12 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Members Present: Katie Merdanian, Dave Osmotherly, Marty Schommer, and Lance Tlustos.

Members Absent: John Cope

Administration Present: Dr. Mitchell Stone, Principal Peterson, Attorney Mike Hickey, and Business Manager Sword.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian, to approve April 17, 2023, meeting minutes with corrections. Motion carried.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Schommer, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

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

Public Participation – no participation.

Old Business

High School Construction

Dr. Stone provided an update on the status of the high school gym floor. A third-party consultant will be performing a test on the floor to determine if it meets the specifications. Dr. Stone has several proposals; one to have the HVAC system inspected and a second proposal to have the insulation inspected. The bids are set up so the district can purchase services based on needs and initial findings of the inspection. President Osmotherly asked about the status of grass on the football field and overall school grounds. He recommended drought-resistant, like the State uses on the roadsides.

Elementary School Roof

Work will begin May 16.

Board Reports

Merdanian gave an update on the Community That Cares Board. Oelrichs is a unique community, as the school is the primary connection to adolescents.

Administration Reports

Dr. Stone gave an update on end of year events that included a very successful elementary school field day. James Knutson and Charlee Ebmeier were recognized for their hard work to include members from the community, families, and visiting schools. The feathering ceremony had a great turn out with about 100 attendees. Graduation was a positive experience, and the student speeches were great. Kindergarten / 8th grade graduation was well attended by family and friends. The overall trend for end of the year events was successful with the help of many teachers and Principal Peterson.

Principal Peterson informed the board that this Thursday is the last day of school. Summer school / credit recovery starts next Monday, May 22.

Principal Peterson shared the school's state testing scores. She was optimistic that students are improving. She compared students who have attended Oelrichs over several years to show the improvement in academic growth provided while at our school. Peterson will continue to utilize the data to help teachers develop strategies to improve student performance.

Financials

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

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	<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	58,034.52	105,901.76	400,620	197,648.21	366,908.07
Capital Outlay	443,834.94	8,937.45		12,719.27	440,053.12
Special Education	89,853.67	5,674.01		21,464.13	74,063.55
Impact Aid	5,454,998.13	9,175.72	(400,620)		5,063,553.85
Food Service	17,310.03	270		13,822.13	3,757.90
Custodial Balance:	20,715.45			1,308.17	19,407.28

2023-2024 Preliminary Budget

The 2023-2024 preliminary budget was presented to the board, no action taken.

Contracts

MOTION by Merdanian, second Schommer to accept the Summer Enrichment Contract Agreement with Rock Solid Consulting, LLC at a rate of \$25 per hour. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Schommer to accept the engagement letter of professional services from Pinnacle Forensics for up to \$9,000. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Schommer to accept the contractual agreement with MKA International, Inc up to \$4,000 for the initial investigation. Motion carried.

Black Hills Doors quote for \$24,471 was signed by President Osmotherly to install doors for the high school gym.

The board was informed that the proposal from Handy Services, LLC to install the garage door on the bus garage was \$1,746.20.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Schommer to hire Rachel Nilles, 2023-2024 certified K-1 classroom teacher. Motion carried.

MOTION by Schommer, second Merdanian to hire Sheryl Crofut 2023-2024 certified teacher. Motion carried.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos to hire Emmanuel Black Bear, 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Schommer to hire Suzette Thunder Hawk \$15 per hour custodian. Motion carried.

Personnel

MOTION by Schommer, second Tlustos, to accept resignations from Katie Bauder, McKenzie Cope, Alisha Dryden, Joseph Evans-Dryden, Katie Frieden, and Lauren Stephens. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Schommer to give each continuing employee, including administrators, \$4,000 retention bonuses, effective September 15, 2023. Merdanian abstained. Motion carried.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos, to give \$2,500 signing bonus for new 2023-2024 contracts, effective September 15, 2023. Motion carried.

Executive Session

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian, to go into executive session at 6:12pm for SDCL 1-25-2.4 preparing for negotiations and 1-25-2.1 employee matters. Returned to regular session at 6:43pm.

Negotiation

MOTION by Schommer, second Merdanian, to approve changes to a one year negotiated agreement to include wage increase of 5.4%, add one additional day of personal leave, and create a teacher/administrator committee to develop a hiring payment schedule. Motion carried.

Adjournment

MOTION by Tlustos, second Schommer to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 PM. Motion carried.

Attested to by CEO/Superintendent Stone.

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

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