

OWOSSO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education Minutes
December 12, 2016
Report 16-49

President Jenc called the meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:01 pm. The meeting was held in the media center located at Owosso High School, 765 E. North Street, Owosso, Michigan.

Present: Jenc, Keyes, Mowen, Ochodnicky, Paez, Opanasenko-Lubkin, Webster

President Jenc made a motion to make an amendment to the consent agenda to add MASB Board of Directors Nomination, support by Mowen, motion carried unanimous.

Pledge of Allegiance

Building Reports

Superintendent Tuttle introduced OMS Principal Mr. Rich Collins. Mr. Collins introduced Owosso Middle School Social Studies Teachers Mrs. Karen Michalec and Mr. Zeb Perrin who will be talking about a specific activity done at the Middle School with the Social Studies classes during the month of December. December is the month of Caring at OMS. Mrs. Michalec shared some of the activities that are going on at the Middle School; Student Counsel has been going to the Salvation Army to separate and distribute Toys for Tots and Salvation Army bell ringing at Kroger's; Student Counsel is going every other Monday to the Baby Pantry to sort clothes; the 6th grade supports and sponsors families of Middle School students. This is the third year the sixth grade has sponsored families. They were able to support 22 families this year. As a staff we have donated 20 turnkey dinners.

Mrs. Michalec introduced Mr. Perrin who will be reporting on the warm scarves initiative. Mr. Perrin reported, Mrs. Michalec had seen the idea in another community; with the scarves was a note "we are not lost, please take us, if you are warm and you need something for the winter time". Mrs. Michalec and Mr. Perrin thought it would be a good idea to create a competition between their classes to see who could raise the most money and donate scarves and open it up to mittens, hats and money. The money would be used to purchase scarves. Ideally, the goal was to raise enough for every student to put a scarf downtown. The goal was met with approximately 650 scarves so everyone had a scarf to take downtown. We had approximately an extra \$300 which will be used to make some blessing bags to distribute and the remainder of the money will be used to sponsor a food bank truck for the spring. Mrs. Michalec and Mr. Perrin are working with the Greater Lansing Food Bank. This will give the students an opportunity to see their donations in use. Mr. Perrin reported, while the students were placing scarves downtown he was approached from an individual from Davenport University who inquired what the students were doing. He reported the individual stated he would like to incorporate this type of activity in his lesson plan.

Mr. Collins, gave a preview of the Owosso Middle School Facebook page stating the goal is to post something everyday engaging that is happening at the Middle School to Celebrate Kids!

Superintendent Tuttle introduced Jeanine Ignash, President of District V of the MSBOA to present a prestigious award to one of our finest teachers.

Mrs. Ignash, Director at Ovid-Elsie and second year as President of District V announced she has the wonderful pleasure to present the plaques to Mr. Mike Tolrud for District V Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Ignash and the other Directors have nominated Mr. Tolrud for the MSBOA State Teacher of the Year. He is one of three nominees of the State Band Director of the year. This will be voted and decided January 21st at the annual conference in Grand Rapids. If chosen, Mr. Tolrud will go to the Michigan Youth Art Festival and conduct a selection for one their ensembles there.

Superintendent Tuttle stated Mike exemplifies everything we want from our teachers at Owosso. He has a loving family. Whoever hired him made a great decision. "You are absolutely a Class Act Mike"

Mr. Mike Tolrud expressed his gratitude. Without the great kids and the support of the administration this would not be possible. The thing that attracted me to Owosso was the understanding of the importance that the arts play in a well-rounded student and program. Thank you for continuing to support the fine arts in Owosso.

Dr. Tuttle reported, the talent runs in the family, Elizabeth Tolrud qualified to play in the Michigan Middle School All-State Band. There were over 2,500 students who auditioned to be accepted in one of the five possible bands, orchestras and jazz bands. Elizabeth is one of the first flutes from OMS to ever make it into the select ensemble. The ensemble will perform January 19-21st at the DeVoss Performing hall in Grand Rapids.

Student Representative Lucy Popovitch this is the second week of the can drive with a lot of fund raisers going on. Spirit week is currently going on with hat day, selling Lances cookies, pajama day, selling hot chocolate and ugly Christmas sweater day. Every third hour we are having a competition to see who can raise the most money. The winner will have breakfast mad for them by Mrs. Bratschi and Mrs. Burzmor. Some of the staff have volunteered to have buckets placed in their room and if they raise their goal they will do a crazy thing. The student counsel has also gotten in on the competition and if they raise \$50 they will have to eat something gross in front of the school. Other fund raisers are; at the basketball games 50/50 raffle tickets; can drive t-shirts; teachers' pay \$20 for a month for casual for a cause and Home Alone will be showing on December 20th. The ABC 12 5:00 a.m. was cancelled and a pep assembly will be held instead. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas!

Board Correspondence

Superintendent Tuttle reported the Board and Student Representative Holiday packages this year consist of a variety of things produced by students and staff and some are from local stores including Apple Tree Lane. The Food Service Department made a cookie tray for all. This is a small gratitude for what you do for our district.

This is Janice's Trustee Opanasenko-Lubkins's last board meeting with us. She has serviced our district with Integrity, class, dignity, respect for 13 years and she has done so with great leadership and we have had a lot of Board members come and go during her tenure and she has mentored them. She is genuinely going to be missed. I have heard it from a lot of our Administrative team as well as our Board members.

We are excited to have Mr. Krauss on board. Dr. Tuttle presented Mrs. Opanasenko-Lubkin with a plaque of appreciation. Thank you and I hope you will continue with the Board.

Superintendent Tuttle reported we have officially joined the Flint Metro league. Things will pretty much stay the same. This will begin in the fall of 2017.

The Food Service department had a random health inspection the other day which was challenging. Mr. John Klapko and Mrs. Michele Prince did an outstanding job. They had a great inspection and audit from the health department.

The Senior Citizens Breakfast was a great success with almost 400 in attendance. Kudos to Community Education Director, Jessica Thompson.

The High School Head Football Coach interviews had four groups; community members, administrators, youth football coaches and students. A total of eight candidates were interviewed and it has been narrowed to two finalists.

Bentley Bright Beginnings had an outstanding holiday celebration with 70 families visiting Santa that night.

It is so impressive to see the talent of the band performances that would have blown you away, the choir performance and the elementary performances.

At Lincoln Alternative High School students have started Java Da Hut under the direction of Mrs. Kelly. The Mission Statement is "*Java da Hutt* makes and serves coffee to the students and staff of Lincoln High School in a professional, business like manner to make the school a happy, welcoming, and positive atmosphere anyone will want to keep coming to." If you are in the building in the morning sign up for a cup of coffee. The students are working in marketing and investing.

The Girls Basketball team won a basketball game ending the 44 game not winning streak. That was cool to see the reaction of students, parents and the community. Under Coach Graham's direction of doing things differently.

A Bryant Elementary classroom has adopted five soldiers and their units sending care packages.

Emerson Elementary has been notorious for filling the most amount of Toys for Tots boxes. This year they filled five complete boxes.

A local author visited Central Elementary and talked to students about setting goals.

All elementary participated in the code as technology and coding will be in some shape or form.

You may begin to notice the various furniture in buildings. Next time you will see some really cool furniture in the OHS media center. The District is trying to get away from traditional furniture. The question has been asked, does our facilities inspire our kids to learn? We are starting with the furniture.

The ABC 12 5:00 a.m. Spirit Assembly has been cancelled. The Student Counsel has planned something much more engaging.

Superintendent Tuttle complimented on an outstanding staff and wished all a very happy holiday season!

Dr. Selleck reported it is very exciting our airplane groups are highlighted in Flying Wire. The students are highlighted for the ultra-light. The girls in engineering program received another \$2,500 donation from Louise Wilson and IBM matches the donation. This is a total donation of \$10,000 for the program. Dr. Selleck would like to invite Louise Wilson sometime in January who is an Owosso graduate. Ms. Wilson came from meager means that supported her and eight siblings. She is currently a top executive at IBM and proud to give back to students. It is a great to have that opportunity. The Agriscience CTE Program application has been signed, sealed and delivered to the State of Michigan. The Aeronautics application will soon be completed.

Dr. Selleck reported she received from very good news from the counseling staff and administrators. Every year the state through the Perkins dollars for Career Technical Education looks at each district across the state and uses a formula to determine the money that will be allocated. This is based upon the programs that are offered; giving programs that are in high demand and high paying earning jobs and our students not only attending one year of the course, but minimally attending 2 years of the course becoming a completer. In addition, they look at the number of enrollees and the scores of exit exams for college credit. In 2013-14 our added cost dollars to Owosso Public Schools was \$38,000; in 2014-15 43,900; in 2015-16 \$80,600 and this year, based on last year's performance and enrollment, I am happy to report the added cost dollars to Owosso Public Schools is \$136,676. That money is to go back to the students in improving our Career Tech programs.

Public Participation

President Jenc stated that the Board of Education is a public body and recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues. Time has been included in the meeting's agenda for public participation. Members of the audience were reminded that they should announce their name and group affiliation when applicable and to limit their participation time to three minutes or less. Comments should be directed to the Board and be relevant to the business of the Board of Education. This is not an opportunity for dialogue with the Board of Education. The rules of common courtesy should also be observed

Mr. Tom Manke of *Friends and Community Owosso and Shiawassee News and Views* reported great news for Owosso. Mr. Manke stated Owosso has been picked up as being a mean average city in America by Time magazine. Time magazine did an article regarding the Person of the Year and Trump was picked as person of the year. Owosso was used as being the why did the vote go the way it did. Owosso has been known as being a weather vane, 13 out of the last 14 elections Owosso has taken. This election, I called it in June and the reason I could call it in June was. I could take all of the information from the primary. The big news is this community out of all of the communities out of the United States and our percentages and our mind sets, has nothing to do with race, color or creed; it is how we think. This community is the mean in this country. Owosso is America and America is Owosso. Time magazine, of all the communities they could have picked, came here and interviewed three of our local residents and a person from Saginaw. We

should be happy, Owosso is America. They could not do that with any other city. Diversity is alive and well.

For Action

- Moved by Mowen, supported by Opanasenko-Lubkin to approve the November 28, 2016 regular Board meeting minutes, November 28, 2016 closed session minutes, current bills, and financials as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Opanasenko-Lubkin, supported by Mowen to resolve the Board of education authorize the disposal of the following obsolete material. Motion carried unanimously.

Owosso Transportation Department:

1996 65 passenger Blue Bird School bus, VIN #1HVBBAAPZTH399116 with 244,417 miles

Owosso High School:

Drum – used for freshmen band but no longer of use

- President Jenc proudly reported Superintendent Dr. Tuttle received a highly effective evaluation from the Board of Education. President Jenc Congratulated Dr. Tuttle, stating she does a great job. The evaluation is completed independently by each Board member and the final evaluation is completed cumulative by the Board as a whole. Superintendent Tuttle is evaluated on the areas of; Governance and Board Relations, Community Relations, Staff Relations, Business and Finance, Instructional Leadership, Student Growth and Progress Towards District Wide Goals. If anyone would like to view Dr. Tuttle's evaluation, it will be posted on the District web site.
- Moved by President Jenc, supported by Mowen to approve the rolling three-year contract for Superintendent Dr. Andrea Tuttle through June 30, 2020. Secretary Ochodnicky conducted roll call vote. Ayes: Webster, Paez, Ochodnicky, Mowen, Jenc, Keyes, Opanasenko-Lubkin, motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Jenc, supported by Mowen to nominate Board Trustee Marlene Webster for the Michigan Association of School Board (MASB) Board of Directors. Motion passed unanimously. Trustee Marlene Webster accepted the nomination.

For Future Action

The Board of Education will be asked to authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Spicer Group for retention of their services for the Sinking Fund Project Administration and professional design services where required for the projects slated for the Summer of 2017.

The Board of Education will be asked to approve the out-of-state travel by Owosso High School students to attend and compete in the VE Great Lakes Trade Show, February 2-4, 2017.

The Board of Education will be asked to approve the out-of-state travel for Owosso High School Choir students and teacher Jessica Nieuwkoop on a trip to New York City, New York March 31-April 3.

For Information

Superintendent Dr. Tuttle reported Dena Church has accepted the 2.5-hour Food Service Worker position at Bryant Elementary; Jeanne Pahl has accepted the 3.25-hour Food Service Worker position at Bryant Elementary; Kim Faugh-Newberry has resigned her 3.25-hour Food Service Worker position at Bryant Elementary, but will continue to sub as a food service worker as needed.

Public Participation

Olga Quick, Band Booster member requested if water could be a consideration on the visitor concession stand side at Willman Field. The Band Boosters use this during football season and do not have water. It would be nice if the Board could consider the possibility of bringing water to that concession stand as part of the sinking fund projects.

Board Reports

President Jenc expressed his gratitude to Janice Opanasenko-Lubkin for being a friend and for all of the wonderful things she does and has done over the years. President Jenc also expressed his gratitude for the Christmas basket and looks forward to it each year.

Janice Opanasenko-Lubkin expressed her appreciation for the 13 years she has had the opportunity to be on the Board working with all of the staff, students and other Board members. She stated it is a remarkable district and sees nothing but good in the future.

Sara Keyes stated she has not been on the Board very long with Janice, but she feels she has known her longer stating she has been so welcoming and kind and always willing to help her out. She stated she will miss Janice. It is so good to hear our students are active in the community especially at the MS and it is so important to grow their roots here in the community. When you are involved you want to stay involved. She expressed her gratitude for the gift baskets. Mrs. Sara Keyes stated in reference to the Superintendent Evaluation, Dr. Tuttle makes it so easy carrying herself with such integrity and respect. Superintendent Tuttle is so support of the entire district with no hidden agenda. She expressed her gratitude to Dr. Tuttle for everything she does. Happy Holidays to everyone.

Marlene Webster stated it is great to be part of such a great team. She expressed to Janice Opanasenko-Lubkin, it has been a pleasure to serve with you and how positive you are, the great questions that you ask and we are going to miss you. It is a loss for us. Mrs. Webster expressed her gratitude to Mrs. Michalec and the Middle School for the care packages. Currently they are serving 15-20 people every night and expect the number to go up after the holidays and as the weather gets colder. The support of the community has been incredible. It is a great community and a great season to bring that out to share and care together.

Cheryl Paez expressed to Janice Opanasenko-Lubkin how much she has enjoyed working with her. Mrs. Paez congratulated Mr. Tolrud on his award. She also expressed her gratitude for the holiday basket.

Shelly Ochodnický expressed to Janice Opanasenko-Lubkin she is sincerely going to miss her. Throughout the years of knowing her was summed up as "One Classy Lady". Stating she brings a lot of class, integrity, a lot of knowledge, your passion and love for being here. Mrs. Ochodnický expressed her gratitude to the community, being a part of the Lincoln me day, five moms and five babies have been adopted this year. I also get the honor of being a part of the American Women's Auxiliary and we were able to adopt a family who is raising their grandchildren. This will be expanded and a one sheet application will be created for Veteran's families for our community and school to give winter coats, gas cards and meals.

Rick Mowen expressed his gratitude of a privilege of working with Janice Opanasenko-Lubkin and her leadership over the years. Dr. Tuttle mentioned about the culinary Arts program and this year our church did a harvest dinner on election day. Chef Poyner prepared the menu and foods. The comments received was the most successful dinner yet, the food was great, the kids were awesome. Mr. Mowen also stated he has been honored to know Mr. Tolrud since he has been here stating he is a great guy. Mr. Mowen expressed his gratitude for the holiday baskets. The gifts from the students are much more appreciated than those from off of a shelf. What the students put together are from the heart. It is such a surprise of what we receive. He expressed his gratitude to all and thanked Janice Opanasenko-Lubkin for her dedication. Mr. Mowen wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates:

- January 9: Board Subcommittee Meeting 5 pm
- January 23: Regular Board Meeting, 7 pm

Important Upcoming Dates:

- December 13: OMS Choir Concert 7:30 p.m.
- December 14: Bryant Gingerbread Houses – Kindergarten 1:00 p.m.
- December 15: Bryant Movie Night 4:00 p.m.
- December 15: OHS Vocal Music Concert 7:30 p.m.
- December 16: ABC 12 Can Drive Assembly 5:30 a.m. **(Cancelled)**
- December 16: LHS Blood Drive 10:00 am -2:30 pm
- December 17: Michigan Alternative HS Association State Volleyball Tournament – OHS 8:00 am
- December 20: OMS IB Learner/Athlete of the Month Breakfast
- Dec. 21-Jan 3: No School: Holiday Recess
- January 4: School Resumes
- January 5: Bryant Student of the Month 8:00 a.m.
- January 12: Bryant 1st Grade Field Trip – Comstock Inn 9:00 a.m.
- January 12: PTO Snowball Dance – Central Gym 6:00 p.m.
- January 17: Bryant Bake Sale
- January 19: Bryant Movie Night 4:00 p.m.
- January 20: Students half Day – Teacher Work Day PM (End of First Semester)

Adjournment

Moved by Mowen, supported by Ochodnicky to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. motion carried unanimously.

Minutes recorded by Bev White

Respectfully submitted,



Shelly Ochodnicky, Secretary