

OWOSSO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2019
Report 18-144

President Jenc called the Board of Education Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 5:02 pm. The meeting was held at the Washington Campus, 645 Alger Street, Owosso, MI 48867.

Present: Tim Jenc, Ty Krauss, Rick Mowen, Olga Quick, Shelly Ochodnicki, and Marlene Webster

Absent: Sara Keyes

Pledge of Allegiance

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.

There were no comments from the public.

Introductions

President Jenc asked those in attendance to introduce themselves. The participants of the meeting included President Tim Jenc, Vice President Rick Mowen, Secretary Shelly Ochodnicki, Trustee Ty Krauss, Trustee Olga Quick, Treasurer Marlene Webster, Superintendent Dr. Andrea Tuttle, Curriculum Director Steve Brooks, Chief Financial Officer Julie Omer, Director of Operations John Klapko, Mr. Gary Stellar of Clark Construction, Mr. Brendan Pollard of Kingscott Architects, and Administrative Assistant Clara Pitt.

Bond Update

Mr. Gary Stellar of Clark Construction and Mr. Brendan Pollard of Kingscott Architects provided an update on the secondary campus. The timeline and status of the bond budget was discussed at length by the Board, Superintendent Dr. Tuttle, Mr. Stellar, and Mr. Pollard. Superintendent Dr. Andrea Tuttle and members of the Board voiced their concerns about the lack of communication from Clark Construction and Kingscott even though there have been ongoing weekly construction meetings that should have provided an opportunity for these discussions. A meeting with the District's bond team and representatives from Clark Construction and Kingscott Architects is scheduled to be held on Friday, April 5th in Superintendent Tuttle's office to further address issues and concerns about the bond.

Sinking Fund

Superintendent Dr. Tuttle informed the Board that bids were received on March 22, 2019 for the 2019 Sinking Fund Improvements to the high school access drive project. The scope of the work was summarized by Superintendent Tuttle. There have been significant discussions regarding the limited and congested access that transportation vehicles have to the secondary campus,

including buses and emergency vehicles. It was determined that creating an access road to the property via Middleton Road would provide the best solution to address this issue. The Board will be asked to authorize the Superintendent to move forward with the access road from Middleton Road to the secondary campus at the April 8, 2019 Board meeting.

Staffing

Curriculum Director Steve Brooks reported that the District is in high need of middle school science and special education teachers. A small team from the District plans to attend a job fair at Michigan State University on Monday, April 8th with hopes of recruiting new teachers to fill the open positions.

Board Comments

President Tim Jenc expressed his interest in having a District program highlighted in an upcoming MASB Spotlight bulletin.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

April 8: Board of Education Meeting, 5:30 pm

April 22: Board of Education Meeting, 5:30 pm

Adjournment

Moved by Mowen, supported by Ochodnicky to adjourn at 6:57 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes recorded by Clara Pitt

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Ochodnicky, Secretary