

OWOSSO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education Minutes
Regular Meeting
July 27, 2022
Report 22-17

Present: Adam Easlick, Sarah Keyes, Ty Krauss, Rick Mowen, Shelly Ochodnicky Olga Quick,
Marlene Webster

Absent:

President Rick Mowen called the Board of Education Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Washington Campus Gymnasium, 645 Alger Street, Owosso MI 48867.

Pledge of Allegiance

Building Reports

Coach JoEllen Smith presented to the Board All-State Softball pitcher Macy Irelan for recognition as an All-State Athlete. Macy could not attend the meeting, but Coach Smith praised Macy as the most accomplished softball player, if not athlete, she has had the pleasure of working with in her 39 years of service in Owosso. Macy holds a multitude of career and season records just within her three years of playing softball. Coach Smith said Macy will be playing Softball for Penn State and she is excited to see what Macy will accomplish in the future. Brock Holtsclaw recognized two-time All-State Athlete and current school record holder for pole vault Claire Agnew, All-State Athlete in pole vault and sophomore record holder in pole vault Libby Summerland, and most-valuable field events athlete Peyton Spicer. Athletic Director Irelan thanked all athletes for their dedication to their sports and congratulated them on their accomplishments.

Students Joseph Kaye and Wyatt Boggs attended the SkillsUSA National Conference in June and thanked the Board for the opportunity to participate in the event. Both students engaged in intense and rewarding interactive leadership training. CTE Coordinator Carrie Warning chaperoned the trip and said all three of them had an excellent time while learning and engaging with other students, she thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the conference with the students.

Board Correspondence

Superintendent Dr. Tuttle began her report by stating that invitations went out for Opening Days August 16 and 17. On August 16 all District staff will meet at the Performing Arts Center at 8:00am to engage in team building activities, the theme of this year will be reconnecting with one another. The Board is invited to attend that day. Dr. Tuttle continued with an update on sinking fund projects: the Emerson basketball court refurbishment has begun, the Emerson tennis court is being repaved into a parking lot, the Bryant roofing project will begin next week as the materials have been delivered and the Emerson HVAC project is a little behind schedule but is

still on track to be a two-summer project. Dr. Tuttle thanked Operations Director John Klapko and his maintenance team for keeping all building grounds for looking clean and pristine. The middle school will be receiving their therapy dog next week. Dr. Tuttle said the District has also hired two additional liaison officers bringing the total number of officers to four and she thanked the Owosso Police Department for aiding the District in keeping safety and security of staff and students a top priority. Dr. Tuttle also said the District hopes to hire a second nurse and that position has been posted. Dr. Tuttle ended her report by saying OPS food service has served thousands of meals this summer and thanked the food service team for all their hard work and dedication to helping the community.

Curriculum Director Mr. Brooks began his report with an update on summer school; roughly 210 credits have been earned by the students this summer and the program has been a tremendous success for those involved. The program Books at Bryant remains popular within the community, and the last day of the event will be next week. Mr. Brooks invited the Board to breakfast during New Teacher Orientation on August 9 at Fortitude Fitness Center. He finished his report by thanking the Board for their donation to the Bryant Golf Outing on August 21.

Public Participation

President Mowen stated that the Board of Education is a public body and recognizes the value of public comment on education issues. Time has been included in the meeting's agenda for public participation. Members of the audience were reminded 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.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

- Tom Manke
- Vanessa Senk
- Bonnie Wood

For Action

- Moved by Webster, Supported by Easlick, to approve the June 20, 2022, Budget Hearing Minutes, the June 20, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes, the current bills, and financials as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Ochodnicki, supported by Keyes, to authorize the Owosso Public School's Transportation department to dispose of two buses that can no longer meet the transportation needs of students. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Quick, supported by Keyes, to approve the ESSER III initial expenditure plan allocations. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Keyes, supported by Easlick, to approve the course listings presented for the Middle School, High School, and Lincoln High School for the 2022-23 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

- Moved by Easlick, supported by Quick, to approve the purchase of new math textbooks and software for all 6th-12th grade math courses payable out of ESSER III funds. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Krauss, supported by Easlick, to adopt the CTE millage resolution and support the submission by the Shiawassee Regional Education Service District, Michigan, of the question of establishing an area career and technical education program and the levy of 1 mill for a period of ten (10) years, 2022 to 2031, inclusive, to the voters at an election to be held in each of the constituent districts located within Shiawassee Regional Education Service District on Tuesday, August 2, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Quick, supported by Krauss, to adopt the membership resolution of the Michigan High School Athletic Association for the year beginning August 1, 2022, through July 31, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Keyes, supported by Easlick, to approve the hiring of the following certified staff: Arlee Hoag -Owosso High School Guidance Counselor, Heidi Ellsworth -Owosso High School Math, Elizabeth Clark -Owosso High School Agriscience, Thomas Ogle - Lincoln Alternative Ed High School Social Studies, Emily Brinks -Lincoln Alternative Ed High School Science, Katelynn Fletcher -Lincoln Alternative Ed High School Math, Natalie Park -Owosso Middle School Fine Arts, Amanda Schreiner -Bryant elementary Special Education, Gary Hrncharik -Central Elementary Third Grade. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Keyes, supported by Easlick, to move Middle School Disposal from 'For Future Action' to 'For Action' and conduct vote on accepting the bid from Venture Inc for the purchase of the Water Street Facility. Secretary Webster conducted a roll-call vote; Ayes: Easlick, Keyes, Krauss, Mowen, Ochodnicky, Quick, Webster, Nays: None. Motion carried unanimously.

For Future Action

- The Board will be asked to approve the tax levy (L-4029) for 2022 as presented and as discussed during the Budget hearing at the regularly scheduled board meeting on June 27th.
- The Board will be asked to renew the contract with Baker College for Adult Education services for the fiscal year 2022-23 and authorize the Superintendent to sign the contract on behalf of the District.
- The Board will be asked to authorize the Owosso Public School's Technology department to dispose of miscellaneous outdated and/or broken technology equipment.

For Information

Dr. Tuttle announced the following personnel changes:

Accepted Positions

- Drew Williams has accepted a Custodian II position at Owosso High School.
- Christian Herald has accepted the Student Facilitator position at Bryant Elementary.
- Jerry Benjamin has accepted the Skilled Trades, Plumber position

Resignations

- Jessica Nieuwkoop, Vocal Music Teacher at Owosso High School has resigned.
- De’Nae Streeter, Agriscience Teacher at Owosso High School has resigned.
- Marley Apsey, Physical Education Teacher at Owosso Middle School has resigned.

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Board Comments

Vice President Ochodnicky congratulated the All-State Athletes and thanked the coaches for their presentation. She reminded the audience she is running for the Board again in November and looking forward to another year.

Secretary Webster addressed some public comments that were made regarding ‘inappropriate material’ in the school libraries. Secretary Webster said that she was not aware of any evidence of such material in our schools and encouraged anyone to immediately report unsuitable or offensive material if it were found in the school libraries.

Trustee Quick commended the student athletes and the SkillsUSA attendees for their commitment to their athletics and academics. She also praised the summer school program and applauded the OPS team for the success of the program.

Trustee Easlick congratulated the All-State Athletes and said he was impressed by the public speaking skills of Joseph Kaye and Wyatt Boggs. He thanked the District for hiring additional liaison officers and thanked the summer schoolteachers for their hard work over the summer.

Treasurer Keyes congratulated the students recognized at the beginning of the meeting. She commended the students for being role models for their classmates and community. Treasurer Keyes is looking forward to the start of an awesome new year.

Trustee Krauss is wishing all staff and students the best of luck for the beginning of the new year. He thanked OPS leadership for leading a great team and welcomed the new teachers.

President Mowen thanked everyone in attendance and said he is looking forward to the new year as well.

Upcoming Dates

- **August 9-10:** New Teacher Orientation
- **August 15:** Teacher Workday
- **August 16-17:** Professional Development
- **August 17:** Community Pep Rally
- **August 18:** First Full Day for all Students
- **August 24:** Board of Education Regular Meeting, 5:30pm, Washington Campus Gymnasium
- **September 14:** Board of Education, Committee of the Whole, 5:30pm, Washington Campus Gymnasium
- **September 28:** Board of Education Regular Meeting: 5:30 pm, Washington Campus Gymnasium

Adjournment

Moved by Quick, supported by Krauss to adjourn at 7:17 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes recorded by Brooke Barber.

Respectfully submitted,



Secretary, Board of Education

Marlene Webster