

OWOSSO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education Minutes
January 23, 2017
Report 16-73

President Jenc called the meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:16 pm. The meeting was held in the media center located at Owosso High School, 765 E. North Street, Owosso, Michigan.

Present: Jenc, Keyes, Krauss, Mowen, Ochodnicki, Paez, Webster

Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Oath of Office

Superintendent Tuttle announced that Notary Republic, Clara Pitt was present to notarize the Oath of Office. Newly re-elected Board Members Timothy Jenc, Sara Keyes, and Marlene Webster, along with the newly elected member Ty Krauss recited and accepted the Oath of Office.

Election of Officers

Superintendent Tuttle shared the process that will be used by the Board of Education for the annual election of officers. She explained that she will open up the nomination for Board President by taking the first nomination. The same process will be used by the newly elected President for the office of Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Motion by Rick Mowen to nominate Timothy Jenc for the office of Board President. Mr. Jenc accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations for Board President. Supported by Webster to close nominations for the office of Board President. Mr. Jenc was unanimously elected to the office of Board President.

President Jenc opened nominations for the office of Vice President. Motion by Cheryl Paez to nominate Rick Mowen to the office of Vice President. Mr. Mowen accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Supported by Webster to close the nominations for the office of Vice President. Rick Mowen was unanimously elected to the office of Vice President.

President Jenc opened nominations for the office of Secretary. Motion by Sara Keyes to nominate Shelly Ochodnicki to the office of Secretary. Shelly Ochodnicki accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations for the office of Secretary. Supported by Mowen to close the nomination for the office of Secretary. Shelly Ochodnicki was unanimously elected to the office of Secretary.

President Jenc opened nominations for the office of Treasurer. Motion by Mowen to nominate Cheryl Paez to the office of Treasurer. Mrs. Paez accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations. Supported by Ochodnicki to close the nomination for the office of Treasurer. Cheryl Paez was unanimously elected to the office of Treasurer.

Building Reports

Superintendent Tuttle introduced Bryant Elementary Principal Mr. Steve Brooks. Mr. Brooks reported that the District is blessed to have such an awesome Food Service Department that provides fresh fruits to students on a daily basis by offering a wide range of different fruits and vegetables every day. Mr. Brooks explained Bryant Elementary is one of the few schools in the state that is able to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to students through a grant. Mr. Brooks introduced Kindergarten teacher Mrs. Lesa McKeon and her students who have been working on their healthy habits and nutrition. The Kindergarten students shared a story with the Board. Mrs. McKeon reported one of the IB units taught in Kindergarten is about being balanced and healthy. The title the students came up with is “Don’t Be a Blob and Be Balanced and Healthy”. Kindergarten students, Aiden, Brooklyn, Alan and Kendall shared a little story about being balanced and healthy.

- Drink water and milk
- Eat healthy like fruits and vegetables
- Brush your teeth and wash your body and exercise every morning.
- Get enough sleep.
- We can be healthy.

Mr. Brooks reported one of the unusual items students can try are purple carrots. Mr. Brooks expressed his gratitude to the students and parents for their presentation.

Superintendent Tuttle recognized the Board of Education and stated that they are the heart and soul of the community they represent. Board members are responsible to attend trainings, meetings and volunteer their time to meet these demands. They are visible in our community and they listen to what the community members have to say. The District salutes and applauds them for their vision to prepare today's students. Superintendent Tuttle reported that Rick Mowen is the longest standing Board member with 12 years of service, Mr. Jenc has served for nine years, Mrs. Paez has served for eight years, Mrs. Ochodnicki has been a Board member for six years, Mrs. Webster has also been on the Board for six years, Mrs. Keyes has served for one year, and this is Mr. Krauss's first meeting as a Board Member. As a special recognition, Board members received a certificate of appreciation, a card and Owosso apparel. President Jenc expressed his gratitude and stated it is a pleasure.

Student representative Andrew Pond expressed gratitude from himself and Lucy Popovitch for the gift baskets and cookies received at the December Board meeting. Andrew reported the can drive raised \$5,000 at the high school. He expressed his appreciation to the students and staff. A pep assembly was held this year after the cancellation of the ABC 12 early morning assembly. The fundraiser was a success and there was positive student feedback on the pep assembly. The winter formal, which is new this year, is February 11th at D'Mar Banquet Center. It is a Sadie Hawkins dance and tickets are \$15 per person.

Student Representative Pond reported that the new e-board elections will be in March and interviews will take place in early March. The Drama Club will be participating in an annual competition at John Glen for districts. Owosso High school placed fifth in the state last year. The play has an important message about awareness and acceptance. It is staged in two halves, one is an autistic child and the friend of the autistic child. The play shows how an autistic mind works. The Drama Club hopes to make it past districts to advance to regionals. The drama will be presented to the public on February 3rd and 4th.

President Jenc asked if there were any teams participating in the Frankenmuth Ice Fest. Superintendent Tuttle informed Mr. Jenc that Mr. Gobel's and Mrs. Brown's class has a group participating at the festival.

Board Correspondence

Superintendent Tuttle reported the Robotics Club showcase is January 24th from 4-6 p.m. in the foyer area. Owosso high school hosted the Snow Globe Special Olympics competition again this year. There were 22 teams participating. Dr. Tuttle expressed her gratitude to the NHS members who volunteered their time, Athletic Trainer Alan, the Food Service Department for providing lunches, the athletes, coaches and referees.

Superintendent Tuttle reported there are after school activities for students through the Blue and Gold After School Club. In addition, Bryant Elementary offers home based after school clubs including bowling, dance and all sports. Emerson second grade students from Mrs. Buza's class are mentoring Bentley students with STEM. Mr. DeLong and the transportation department were acknowledged by Superintendent Tuttle for providing transportation to those students. Mrs. Anderson's class at Emerson is working with the 5th floor patients at Memorial Healthcare. Superintendent Tuttle proudly stated that this is a great community outreach with students.

Superintendent Tuttle congratulated the Food Service Department as they successfully concluded a pretty hefty audit receiving a great report.

Superintendent Tuttle reported the Owosso Middle School hosted the county wide SAT and PSAT assessments that offers students the opportunity to become a Shiawassee County Scholar.

Superintendent Tuttle expressed her gratitude to Lincoln Alternative High School Principal, Steve Irelan for presenting to the Leadership Shiawassee. It was reported that the presentation was the groups' favorite and they enjoyed learning about education.

Superintendent Tuttle reported that as part of the Central Elementary Young Entrepreneur program, each classroom keeps the profits earned. One class voted to donate \$200 to a family in New Lothrop who has a family member battling brain cancer. Another classroom purchased a vacuum for the Central Elementary Custodian.

Superintendent Tuttle reported on a very inspiring luncheon that was hosted by the District's newly hired Football Coach Devin Pringle. The students were very responsive to Coach Pringle and excited about the Football program. Coach Pringle will have a signing day for football players who want to be part of the football program coming up in the spring. Superintendent Tuttle reported she is excited about the signing day.

Superintendent Tuttle reported eight Owosso High School students will be participating in the Business Professionals of America (BPA) competition.

Superintendent Tuttle reported that staff has been asked to respect the Inauguration process, as our students are more involved in politics this year than ever before.

Dr. Selleck reported that an international IB trainer from Colorado was recently in the District and provided seven days of training to the middle school and high school teaching staff. The trainer will be returning this spring, possibly in June as well, and next year to continue the IB unit planning. Dr. Selleck reported that training sessions she observed were fantastic and she has heard positive comments about the training. Outcome of the training was reviewed at ILC with specific assignment analysis bringing actual assignments and looking at higher level thinking skills.

Dr. Selleck reported that Mr. John Hankerd is facilitating the January 24, 2017 Robotics Open House to give an opportunity for local businesses to see the work of students. An invitation was sent out to all manufacturers that belong to the Shiawassee Economic Development Partnership Board. Mr. Hankerd has worked very closely with Mr. Jones of the Airport Club. This is the fifth year of the Robotics Club. There are 21 students in the club, of which seven are females. For an under represented field for women, that is great, as we are trying to boost that number. There are also two females that are a part of the Airplane Building Club.

Dr. Selleck reported on the elementary literacy program that has been implemented with teachers and paraprofessionals. The District has benefited from the literacy grant and Title 1 funds for the past two years. Top notch materials have been purchased. Elementary Principals and Title I teaching staff have worked hard providing teacher's time to examine every element of the program that has been implemented. Dr. Selleck remarked that she has received a lot of positive feedback about the program.

Dr. Selleck reported that at the secondary level, IB personal projects are coming around nicely and will be presented in March. Dr. Selleck has viewed the list of students who will graduate next year and will receive ½ credit and a special cord for their participation in IB. These are the results of some long standing efforts.

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.

President Jenc reported he had an opportunity to be a part of the interview committee for the hiring of the Football Coach and to help facilitate the community interaction. President Jenc welcomed Coach Devin Pringle and his wife Kelly to the Board meeting.

Coach Pringle expressed his gratitude and stated that he is amazingly excited to be at Owosso. He stated Mrs. Pringle is his greatest accomplishment. He flashed back to 30 years ago when he was playing football at Bath High School and would go to practice and Mrs. Pringle would sit in the car waiting for him, as Coach Pringle finished in the Owosso weight room this evening Mrs. Pringle was waiting in the car for him. Coach Pringle commented Owosso is a destination district academically and he wants to be a part of that. In athletics, we want to be a destination district. Coach Pringle thanked everyone for their warm welcome.

President Jenc reported during the interview Coach Pringle sang the Owosso Public Schools fight song.

For Action

- Moved by Mowen, supported by Ochodnicki to approve the December 12, 2016 regular Board meeting minutes, December 12, 2016 committee of the Whole Board meeting minutes, January 9, 2017 committee of the Whole Board meeting minutes, current bills, and financials as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Mowen, supported by Ochodnicki to resolve that the Board of Education adopt the Bylaws for Owosso Public Schools as presented in the resolution. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Webster, supported by Mowen to resolve that the Owosso Board of Education authorize the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee to conduct and manage any school elections for the calendar year 2017. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Keyes, supported by Mowen to resolve that the Owosso Board of Education retain Thrun Law Firm, P.C. as the District's attorneys. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Mowen, supported by Webster that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent or a Board designee to accept professional staff resignations on behalf of the Board. Motion passed unanimously.
- Moved by Webster, supported by Mowen that the depository and withdrawal authorized signers for the Owosso Public Schools' financial and banking transactions for the 2017 calendar year be approved as presented including authorization for necessary ACH transactions and/or bank transfers. Motion passed unanimously.
- Moved by Ochodnicki, supported by Mowen that the Board of Education 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. President Jenc asked for a roll call vote; Ayes: Webster, Paez, Ochodnicki, Mowen, Jenc, Keyes, Krauss. Nays: None. Motion passed unanimously.
- Moved by Keyes, supported by Paez that the Board of Education approve the out-of-state travel by Owosso High School students to attend and compete in the VEI Great Lakes Trade Show in Rosemont, Illinois, February 2-4, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.
- Moved by Webster, supported by Keyes that the Board of Education 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, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.

- Moved by Mowen, supported by Ochodnicki to accept the 2017-2018 new hire of Owosso High School Teacher Devin Pringle. Motion passed unanimously. Superintendent Tuttle reported that no specific teaching position is noted at this time, as there are a few potential opportunities that will become available at the conclusion of the 2016-17 school year. Motion passed unanimously.
- Moved by Mowen, supported by Ochodnicki for the Board of Education to adopt as their 1st readings: Revised Bylaw 0100-Definitions, Revised Policies 7540-Technology, 7540.01-Technology Privacy and 7540.02-Web Content, Services, and Apps. Vice-President Mowen reported that the Business Services Committee was provided a breakdown of the policies by a NEOLA representative. Motion passed unanimously.
- Moved by Ochodnicki, supported by Mowen that the Board of Education adopt as their 1st readings: New Policy 1619, Revised Policies 3419/4419-Group Health Plans- Administration/Professional/Support Staff, Revised Policies 1619.01/3419.01/4419.01-Privacy Protections of Self-Funded Group Health Plans- Administration/Professional/Support Staff, and Revised Policies 1619.02/3419.02/4419.02-Administration/Professional/Support Staff. Motion passed unanimously.
- Moved by Ochodnicki, supported by Mowen that the Board of Education adopt as a 1st reading: New Policy 2628 – State Aide Incentives. Motion passed unanimously.
- Moved by Mowen, supported by Keyes that the Board of Education adopt as a 1st reading: Revised Policy 3142 – Probationary Teachers. Motion passed unanimously.
- Moved by Ochodnicki, supported by Keyes that the Board of Education adopt as a 1st reading: Revised policy 6424 – Purchasing Card. Motion passed unanimously.
- Moved by Ochodnicki, supported by Keyes that the Board of Education adopt as their 1st reading: New Policy 6605 – Crowdfunding, Revised Policy 5830 – Student Fund-Raising and Revised policy 9700-Relations with Special Interest Groups. Motion passed unanimously.
- Moved by Ochodnicki, supported by Mowen that the Board of Education adopt as a 1st reading: Revised Policy 8321 – Criminal Justice Information Security (Non-Criminal Justice Agency). Motion passed unanimously.

For Future Action

The Board of Education will be asked to adopt the revised resolution to the appropriations for the General Fund 2016-17 fiscal year.

The Board of Education will be asked to adopt the revised resolution to the appropriations for the School Service Fund for the 2016-17 fiscal year.

For Information

Superintendent Dr. Tuttle reported Ryan Hough has accepted the Custodian II position at Emerson Elementary. Erika Kohler, Special Education Teacher at Owosso Middle School resigned her position effective December 20, 2016. Superintendent Tuttle reported the Special Education position will be filled with a long term sub for the remainder of the school year. Deidre Howard, Food Service Lead Cook at Central Elementary resigned her position effective January 4, 2017.

Public Participation

Mr. Tom Manke of *Friends and Community Owosso and Shiawassee News and Views* addressed the Board requesting direction and help. Mr. Manke met with newly elected Shiawassee County Sheriff BeGole and an area of concern discussed were inmates housed at the Shiawassee County Jail that have drug charges and do not have a GED. Mr. Manke requested direction on establishing a program to provide a teacher for these individuals to obtain a GED while they are incarcerated.

Board Reports

President Jenc reported this was the 8th year that the Special Olympics Snow Globe Classic was hosted by Owosso High School. He expressed his gratitude to Mr. Phillips, Mr. Lintner and Mrs. Van Epps for their involvement, stating this would not be possible without them. Every year it gets bigger and bigger. There were over 200 athletes who participated this year.

Ty Krauss reported that his high school daughter is in Choir and this group is always spectacular helping celebrate the holidays. He remarked that he looks forward to the Robotics open house.

Sara Keyes welcomed Coach Pringle. She reported that her son attended Coach Pringle's meeting and he was so excited and super stoked. Mrs. Keyes stated Coach Pringle's energy is so refreshing and is exactly what the student's need. Mrs. Keyes expressed her gratitude to Dr. Selleck, commenting she takes such initiative to make sure the district has the latest and greatest for the students. She reported, this year her daughter loves to read and after listening to Dr. Selleck's Curriculum reports now understands why. Mrs. Keyes reported that she will be attending Board Professional Development this week.

Rick Mowen welcomed newly elected Board member Ty Krauss to his first Board meeting and welcomed Coach Pringle. Mr. Mowen reported he has heard great things about Mr. Pringle as a coach and teacher. Mr. Mowen stated it is nice to see this lovely lady in the audience, Mrs. Clara Pitt. Mr. Mowen commented on the importance of students to have the opportunity to be a part of the inauguration. Mr. Mowen expressed his gratitude to Mr. Brooks for the healthy snacks.

Shelly Ochodnicki reported that she is honored to be re-elected to the Board and expressed how much she enjoys being a Board member. Mrs. Ochodnicki stated that she attended the Human Trafficking meeting at OMS and has heard requests from the community for additional meetings. Mrs. Ochodnicki inquired about the possibility of having a recording of the Human Trafficking meeting on the web site. Mrs. Ochodnicki welcomed Coach Pringle and expressed her excitement for the fall football season. She also welcomed back Mrs. Pitt.

Cheryl Paez welcomed Mr. Ty Krauss to the Board.

Marlene Webster reported on poverty and under resourced students. She commented it is great to see the collaborations that are happening in the community to assist those in need. Mrs. Webster stated she is honored to continue serving and being a part of it.

President Jenc congratulated Mrs. Webster and commented there have been a couple of great articles in the paper regarding her on-going service to the community.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

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February 13: Business Services/Strategic Planning & Curriculum Subcommittees, 5:00 & 6:00 pm

February 27: Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 pm

Important Upcoming Dates:

January 24: Second Semester Begins

January 24: Robotics Open House 4:00-6:00 p.m. OHS Media Center

January 26: LHS Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:30 p.m.

January 27: Bryant Pinewood Derby 6:00 p.m.

January 27: Central PTO Family Movie Night/ Central Gym 6:00 p.m.

January 28: OHS Solo & Ensemble @ CMU/OMS Choir Solo & Ensemble

February 2: Bryant Detroit Pistons Assembly 2:45 p.m.

February 3&4: OHS Drama Competition Show 7:00 p.m.

February 6: NHS Oscars Night 7:00 p.m.

February 11: Band Solo & Ensemble @ St. Johns

February 11: Bryant Pistons vs NY Knicks 5:00 p.m.

February 11: OHS Student Council Winter Formal Dance 7:00 p.m.

February 17-20: No School: President's Day Recess

February 21: OMS Choir Festival Concert 7:30 p.m.

February 22: Emerson "We Haz Jaz" 7:00 p.m.

February 23: OHS Band Concert 7:30 p.m.

February 25: Jazz Band Dinner Dance @ Baker Welcome Center 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Moved by Webster, supported by Mowen to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes recorded by Bev White

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Ochodnicki, Secretary