

OWOSSO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education Minutes
Regular Meeting
October 26, 2022
Report 22-50

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

Owosso Middle School Principal Mr. Rich Collins recognized retiree Mrs. Beth Austin, OMS Media Center Aide, for her twenty-one years of service to the district. Mr. Collins said Beth is one of the employees who truly knows ‘how to do everything’ and her absence will be a tremendous loss to the district. Beth plans on keeping busy with her grandchildren and family in her retirement.

Student Representative Alayna Scriptor reported to the Board that the homecoming dance and game went well, the high school had a great voter participation in selecting the homecoming king and queen. Ms. Scriptor continued with upcoming events: Tonight, there is OHS Trojan Spectacular. Tomorrow, October 27, is the Powderpuff game at Wilman Field. On November 7, the high school will host ‘Volleybrawl’ at the high school gym. The second week of November will be ‘anti-bullying’ spirit week and the student government is brainstorming spirit ideas. Lastly there will be a food/can-drive the first week of December, and the Team-One Credit Union has donated \$1,000.00 to the drive. The Board thanked Ms. Scriptor for her report.

Board Correspondence

Dr. Tuttle began her report with the recognition of the late Bruce Cook, of the Cook Family Foundation. Mr. Cook was a beloved family and community member, a philanthropist, and staunch advocate for education. Dr. Tuttle thanked Bruce and the Cook family for always supporting Owosso students and the opportunities the district provides. Dr. Tuttle also recognized the late Mr. Tom Henne, another beloved community member and former Owosso teacher. Mr. Henne built steadfast and meaningful relationships with his students and coworkers and was highly respected in the Owosso community for his contributions to education. Dr. Tuttle and the Board gave condolences to both families.

Dr. Tuttle continued her report with good news in the district. October is national administrator recognition month. Dr. Tuttle thanked the administrative team for their hard work and asked

them to stand to be recognized by the Board. She continued by giving an update on sinking fund projects. The roof at Bryant is nearly finished and is estimated to be completed in mid-November. The replacement doors are ahead of schedule; Emerson doors are being installed this week and the team will move on to Bryant next week. The district has hired two additional nurses to provide aid at the elementary buildings and the secondary campus, all nurses will be on hand starting November 9. Continuing with good news in the District, Dr. Tuttle reported Bentley Bright Beginnings had their Halloween celebration this week. The children wore their costumes to school and participated in some holiday games. At the secondary campus, students learned how to winterize the district's four beehives to prepare them for the upcoming cold season. The AP biology students ventured to the Shiawassee River for a hands-on application of the materials they are learning. Owosso Middle School will have Fun Night this coming Friday and the kids are excited after having to post-pone fun nights during the pandemic. Dr. Tuttle thanked all the staff involved in creating and facilitating these exciting opportunities for the kids.

Curriculum Director Mr. Steve Brooks began by saying the Michigan Department of Education has approved the district's consolidated application, and he thanked CFO Omer for her assistance with the submission process. Perception surveys were also made available this past week, the surveys are available to parents, students, and staff. The data will be analyzed after January 1, 2023, and the district will look for ways to improve as well as celebrate areas the district is successful in.

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.

Public participants who addressed the board:

- Phil Hathaway

For Action

- Moved by Easlick, Supported by Krauss, to approve the September 28, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes, the October 12, 2022, Committee Meeting Minutes, and the current bills and financials as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Quick, supported by Keyes, to approve the audit report for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Webster, supported by Keyes, to approve the out-of-state travel for the Owosso High School Business VEI Students to the 2022 Midwest Region Conference & Exhibition in Chicago, IL from November 16th thru November 17th, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

- Moved by Easlick, supported by Krauss to approve the hiring of Ben Anderson, Central 5th grade teacher. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Webster, supported by Keyes to authorize the superintendent to sign a settlement agreement with Kingscott specific to their performance on the 2018 bond project. Secretary Webster conducted a roll-call vote. Motion passed in 7-0 roll call vote.

For Future Action

- The Board will be asked to authorize the Owosso Public School's Transportation department to dispose of a bus that can no longer meet the transportation needs of students.
- The Board will be asked to authorize the Superintendent to sign off on the permanent deed easements for the City.

For Information

- The Board was informed The District will establish a plan to increase extended learning opportunities to address the area of learning loss or lost instructional time. The District goal is to establish extended learning opportunities to those students who have suffered the most from the pandemic. Under-privileged students will be targeted for the areas of math, reading, writing, and science to close the learning gap. The board must be notified of potential grant application prior to Oct. 30, 2022. Administration and Instructional Leadership Council has provided input into the plan outline. The district will provide ongoing consultation process regarding the plan for 98c Learning Loss funds consistent with other grant procedures.

Dr. Tuttle announced the following personnel changes:

Accepted Positions

- Ben Anderson has accepted the 5th Grade Teacher Position at Central Elementary School.
- Matthew Churchill has accepted the Recess/Lunchroom Monitor position at Central Elementary School.
- Robyn Downer has accepted the Sub Bus Monitor position.
- Kristin Klumpp has accepted the Media Center Para-professional position at Owosso Middle School.
- Sarah Potter has accepted the Food Service Assistant position at Central Elementary School.
- Shannon Stacey has accepted the Monitor position at Emerson Elementary School.

- Amanda Preston has accepted the Special Education Para-professional at Bryant Elementary School.

Resignations

- Brittany Buth has resigned from the position of GSRP Associate Teacher at Bentley Bright Beginnings effective of October 28, 2022.
- Mya Lamay has resigned from the position of paraprofessional at Central Elementary effective of September 28, 2022.

Public Participation

No public participants addressed the Board.

Board Comments

Vice President Ochodnicky gave her condolences to the Cook and Henne families. She wished Mrs. Austin the best in her retirement. She thanked CFO Omer for her work on the budget and the audit.

Treasurer Keyes said her thoughts and prayers go out to the Cook and Henne families. She thanked Dr. Tuttle for her recognition of both men.

Secretary Webster thanked district staff for all of the exciting and fun events happening at each building. She thanked the educators for their dedication and support of the children and all the good they bring to the community.

Trustee Quick gave her condolences to the Cook and Henne family, she said both will be very missed in the community. She thanked CFO Omer for her work on the audit and said her expertise is highly appreciated.

Trustee Krauss gave his condolences to the Cook and Henne family. He thanked CFO Omer for her work on the budget. He wished the best of luck to the incumbents and hopeful candidates in the coming election.

Trustee Easlick commented that he recently attended the football game and was glad to see the energy and spirit the Owosso community brought to the game. He said it is great to see the community support the kids.

President Mowen echoed Trustee Easlick's comments on the football game and commended the athletes on their sportsmanship and spirit. He ended his comments by giving condolences to the Cook and Henne families, saying that both men built steadfast relationships in the community, and they will be sorely missed.

Upcoming Dates

- October 27: OHS Powderpuff Game, 7:00pm, Willman Field
- October 27: Emerson Trunk or Treat, 6:00pm, Emerson School
- October 28: OMS Fun Night, 3:00pm, Owosso Middle School
- October 31: Half Day for All Students, 12:00pm dismissal
- November 5: OHS Crafts and Cookies with Characters, All Day, PAC
- November 9: Board of Education Committee of the Whole Meeting, 5:30PM, Washington Campus Gymnasium
- November 16: Board of Education Regular Meeting, 5:30PM, Washington Campus Gymnasium

Adjournment

Moved by Easlick, supported by Keyes to adjourn at 6:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes recorded by Brooke Barber.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marlene Webster", is written over a horizontal line.

Marlene Webster, Secretary