

OWOSSO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education Minutes
Committee of the Whole Meeting
November 9, 2022
Report 22-51

Present: Adam Easlick, Sara Keyes, Ty Krauss, Rick Mowen, Shelly Ochodnicki, Olga Quick
Absent: Marlene Webster

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

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.

No public participants addressed the Board.

Professional Development

Dr. Tuttle reported that on November 8, district staff participated in Professional Development. Secondary teachers had PSAT/SAT data review sessions with department chairs, SAEBRS review, and discussed rubrics, assessments, upcoming units and personal projects. Elementary teachers participated in an assisted writing workshop, ALEKS training, and a curriculum overview. Dr. Tuttle stated a lot of time and preparation goes into these professional development days.

Mock Elections

Mock elections will take place in the coming week. The purpose of these elections is to provide students an opportunity to learn about the voting process. Dr. Tuttle said that voting for the first time can be intimidating and showing students what to expect can give them confidence.

Veterans Day Celebrations

Veterans Day celebrations will take place on Friday November 11. Students were sent home with invitations to give to a veteran they know. A hot breakfast will be available, and the students have written letters to give to their veterans. The buildings are expecting a great turn out.

Athletic Boosters Event

Dr. Tuttle said the Athletic Boosters event, an annual fundraiser put on by the athletic department, was well attended and everyone had a great time. She gave kudos to Athletic Director Steve Irelan for the great turnout.

Drug Awareness

Dr. Tuttle informed the Board that on December 7 the secondary campus will be hosting a drug awareness assembly presented by 'Drug Education for Youth'. On November 30, the secondary campus will be hosting the same assembly for parents. Both presentations will take place in the Performing Arts Center.

Powder Puff and Volleybrawl

Junior and senior athlete girls played football on October 27 to fundraise for 'Voices for Children'. The game raised \$2,800. On November 7, the secondary campus hosted Volleybrawl. This is an annual event where the athlete boys play volleyball coached by the girls. This event raised \$1,000 for the Humane Society.

Swimming and Cross Country

Dr. Tuttle reported the girls' cross-country team did incredibly well over the weekend, scoring 14th in the state. She gave kudos to Libby Summerland, Josie Jenkinson, Emma Crandell, Claire Agnew, Julionna West, Natalie Summerland and Emma Johnson for their individual performances. Dr. Tuttle thanked coach Brock Holtzclaw for his support of the athletes. For swimming, Dr. Tuttle said Owosso has more girls going to the state competition than all previous years. Dr. Tuttle wished good luck to Kate Grinnell, Amanda Brainerd, Liz McCroan, Lily Pumford, Lily Usher and Sophie Voss at the competition.

Senior Citizen Event

The Senior Citizen Event will take place on December 9. The seniors will enjoy student performances in the Performing Arts Center and will receive holiday treats to take home with them.

Mr. Bruce Cook Celebration of Life

Dr. Tuttle thanked Trustee Quick for attending Bruce Cook's Celebration of Life. The celebration took place at the Performing Arts Center and the community was invited to watch performances dedicated to Mr. Cook. Dr. Tuttle thanked everyone involved in organizing the event and thanked all those who attended.

Perception Surveys

Mr. Brooks informed the Board that perception surveys have been available on the Owosso school website. The surveys are available to parents, students and staff. The data will be collected and reviewed in January.

Concert Season

The Owosso Middle School and High School bands and choirs have performances coming soon in December. The holiday band concerts will take place on December 6 and December 7 at 7:00pm in the Performing Arts Center. The holiday choir concerts will take place on December 13 and December 14 at 7:00pm also in the Performing Arts Center.

Wizard of Oz

Dr. Tuttle informed the Board that the Owosso High School will be performing the musical, Wizard of Oz, on November 18, 19, 20 at the Performing Arts Center.

Nurses

Dr. Tuttle reported that the district now has three nurses. Two have been hired through contracts with Memorial Healthcare and one has been hired through a contract with the Shiawassee Regional Education Service District. Dr. Tuttle clarified the nurses are not diagnosing students or prescribing medication, but they are providing essential human resources and knowledge to the district.

Lincoln Teacher

Dr. Tuttle informed the Board that the district is looking to hire another teacher for Lincoln Alternative High School to support the growing student population. The goal is to hire another teacher by the start of the next trimester.

Board Comments

President Mowen reminded the Board that the Board will be taking a closed session during the regular meeting on November 16 for the superintendent evaluation.

Vice President Ochodnicky suggested the district look into vape detectors for the bathroom at the secondary campus.

Trustee Quick reminded the Board that the OHS Band Craft Show is on Saturday from 10:00am-4:00pm. She also said that the celebration for Bruce Cook was a wonderful event, and it was great to see the community come together to remember him.

Trustee Krauss asked all members of the Board to support the kids during the concert season and said he was looking forward to their performances.

Trustee Easlick echoed Trustee Krauss' comments and said the elective courses like choir and band are so important to kids and often where they build lasting friendships.

President Mowen said the breakfast for the bus drivers was a great event and was nice to see kids show appreciation for their drivers. He also said he has heard great reviews from teachers and kids about the Navigate 360 lessons, and he is glad to see the program provide the support that administration hoped it would give.

Upcoming Dates

- November 16: Board of Education Regular Meeting, 5:30PM, Washington Campus Gymnasium
- December 14: Board of Education Regular Meeting, 5:30PM, Washington Campus Gymnasium

Adjournment

Moved by Easlick, supported by Krauss to adjourn at 6:12 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