

OWOSSO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education Minutes
October 24, 2016
Report 16-34

President Jenc called the meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:01 pm. The meeting was held in the media center located at Owosso High School, 765 E. North Street, Owosso, Michigan.

Present: Jenc, Keyes, Mowen, Ochodnicky, Opanasenko-Lubkin, Paez, Webster

Pledge of Allegiance

President Jenc requested Superintendent Evaluation be added to the agenda, moved by Ochodnicky, support by Opanasenko-Lubkin to add Superintendent Evaluation in closed session to the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

President Jenc welcomed Bev White, who will be working with the Board in the absence of Clara Pitt.

Building Reports

Owosso High School Principal Jeff Phillips introduced Mr. Ben Smith, Owosso High School Wood Tech Teacher and reported the class projects displayed in the commons area.

Mr. Smith reported the student projects on display in the commons area are reclaimed and distressed pieces. This year the students had the opportunity to use the new Chromebooks. Each project was done by a group of students under the leadership of a crew leader. First the students had to get to know the other students in their group and decide what trait each would bring to the group, i.e. design, working with metal or good workers. Then students sent an email to staff asking for pieces they could reclaim or distress and if they could sell them. Secretary Ochodnicky brought a bed she found on the side of the road to crew leader Kaley Thompson's group to be reclaimed. Mrs. Ochodnicky brought pictures of how she wanted the piece finished and the students also found other pictures. Pictures were shown of the project during the process to ensure it was what the client wanted. For the bed, they have been offered \$500 for the finished project. During the process students also prepared sample pieces to show clients to see if that is what they actually wanted. There was a lot of communication between the students and client of showing pictures and samples in finding what exactly the client wanted the piece to look like.

Mr. Smith talked about the kitchen table on display in the commons area and how some civil war documentation was found. Talked to the students of how to use this in the marketing of a piece, as it has a story behind it that makes it worth more. Mr. Smith reported where each piece of the table came from. It is a lot like American Pickers, it is a part of Owosso Americana.

Superintendent Tuttle asked the students to introduce themselves and report their favorite part of the project.

Britton Spencer is working on the coffee table with the barn wood flooring and the desk. The thing he enjoyed most was the process of building and seeing the finished product.

Chris Tarolli is building the door table and he enjoyed seeing it done.

Dylan Horn worked on building the bed frame and enjoy most seeing the finished product.

Riley Gale repurposed Dr. Selleck's table for her, the TV stand and she really enjoyed watching Dr. Selleck see what Riley's group did for her.

Caliegh Thomason repurposed the bed for Mrs. Ochodnicky and the thing she enjoyed most was working with her group.

Gavin Good worked on the multi colored table and enjoyed learning the new skills used on the table.

Richard Hayes worked on the two door book shelf with the barn wood flooring and the thing he enjoyed the most was working together with the group to make a project like this.

Patrick Vreibel reported his group has been working on a mini bar which was not on display since they are still working on it. What he loves most about the piece is you have to put every piece of knowledge you have into it. Seeing from the ground up, what it was to what it is now is very rewarding and amazing.

Collin Drury worked on the two door bookshelf and enjoyed most working with the great group of people. Also going home and telling his Grandma about it and how his Grandpa would be really proud to see the outcome.

Jake Lake is working on the cabinet. He enjoyed working with the group and the challenge of working with other people to bringing three minds together to build the project.

Tyler Manning is working on the pie safe and enjoyed not only seeing and hearing ideas of the group, but also seeing and hearing the ideas of the client and what other like, which may not necessarily be what myself or my group would like.

Mr. Smith reported he spoke to the students about there is an art of what you want done and then there is the way of what a client wants done. It is very rewarding to hear the students say it was great to see what the client wanted come into a reality.

Superintendent Tuttle stated when listening to the students she was listening to IB propensities of risk taking, team building, communication and thinking. This was a great IB lesson. She commended the students on the outstanding projects and how proud she was.

Mrs. Ochodnicky commented she was excited to see what the students had completed and complimented them on a fabulous job.

Mr. Mowen commented we have become a throwaway society and it is neat to see things being recycled. The enthusiasm is great to see and will go a long way.

Mr. Terry Sedlar recognized retiree Diane Smith. Mr. Sedlar reported Mrs. Smith is a Paraprofessional retiring from Emerson Elementary and was unable to be here this evening, but wanted to thank everyone for her recognition and share the following information.

Diane Smith graduated from Powers High School in 1971.

She and her husband Dave were married in 1978 and have been married for 38 years and have one daughter Alicia who is a teacher at Paw Paw High School.

Diane has spent almost all 23 years of her career as a volunteer and paraprofessional at Emerson Elementary. She did a short stint with the RESD at the former Lincoln High School on Michigan Ave. Before being employed by OPS, she was a secretary and book keeper for her husband who ran a trade

exchange business. She also did book keeping for fast food chain that has since closed. She said that of all her jobs, the paraprofessional job was the best thing that she had ever done

Diane has no immediate plans for retirement life. She is going to live every day to the fullest and enjoy the ride!

Board of Education Student Representative Lucy Popovitch reported homecoming was a huge success with a Hawaiian theme. Student government decorated before the dance with lights and posters. Rachel Dahl built palm trees and Noah Parker built a tikki hut. King and queen were Joe Vondrasek and Riley Gale. Pat Dwyer came back as the Court Marshall. The homecoming parade was cancelled because of the weather. Sophomores won float contest. Student government just met for the first time since homecoming and discussed the Fall Festival that is going on. Students decorated the commons with leaves and streamers. There was fundraiser to raise money for Shelby Porubsky and Sophia Woodham. The staff is having a fund raiser for Mr. Gobel.

There is leadership luncheon is on Friday.

Board Correspondence

Superintendent Dr. Andrea Tuttle stated she would be providing a combined report of both the Superintendent and Curriculum as Dr. Selleck is not present. Superintendent Tuttle reported the Lincoln House groundbreaking was a great event. Several individuals spoke including Congressman John Moolenaar, Mayor Ben Frederick, representatives from the State of Michigan, representatives from WODA, Justin Horvath from the SEDP. WODA's goal is to be renting out space as of August of next year.

Superintendent Tuttle reported on the Owosso Gotcha! Program. Superintendent Tuttle and Mr. Steve Brooks met with Mr. Aaron Maike, the President of Baker College, about the Owosso Gotcha! Campaign. He was excited to incorporate this initiative into Baker College with staff and students. She also reported meeting with Memorial Healthcare.

Superintendent Tuttle remarked on a recent front page article in the Argus Press about our Airplane Club. The girls and guys will be making separate airplanes and then competing.

Superintendent Tuttle announced a cool donation was made to our high school to Mr. Phillips from the class of 1966. Mr. Phillips gave that class a tour a couple of weeks ago and were so impressed with the new VEI, Culinary Arts, Engineering and all of the new opportunities for our students that they made a donation of \$1,500.

Superintendent reported Baker College continues to donate their year-old computes to our district. This has allowed for the district to use the money budgeted for desktops to purchase technology for more 1:1 devices. Our high school is now one on one and we will be purchasing more Chromebooks at our middle school. The iPad will then be moved down to the elementary. I want to give kudos to Baker College. This year along they have donated more than 250 desktop computers and allows us to do other things.

Superintendent Tuttle reported on some cool things happening at our high school. The high school counseling department has just development immensely in the last few years. During college week staff worked one on one with students on filling out the FAFSA form, at least one college application and sending in their transcripts to colleges. Most recently, a coffee hour with the counselors was organized inviting 9-12 parents to talk with counselors giving them an opportunity to ask questions.

Superintendent Tuttle reported Friday was Walk to School day and all of our elementary students participated. This is an activity that promotes exercise and activity to show students it can be fun.

Superintendent Tuttle reported Human Trafficking is an international problem and Michigan is not void. There will be a parent night on November 9th in the high school auditorium with law enforcement speaking about safety. The objective of the assembly is to define human Trafficking, identify how teens are targeted including warning signs and provide strategies for students to get help and how to stay safe. There will be assemblies scheduled on November 10th for students. There will be an opt out for parents to sign for the assemblies.

Superintendent Tuttle reported we will have Veterans coming on Veteran's' Day, November 11th with district-wide events, programs and activities. If you have an opportunity she will provide a schedule of events of the day.

Strive for Five is an absence incentive for students and staff. For students who are absent for less than five days in a month. For staff members who have perfect attendance for the month Scott McCuaig was the September winner with perfect attendance.

Superintendent Tuttle expressed her gratitude to Mr. Randy Miller, Mr. Jeremy Wheeler, Mr. Joe Watson, Mrs. Samantha Lieberman, Mr. Jeff Phillips, Mrs. Karen Van Epps, and Mr. Dallas Lintner and all of the teachers and staff for a great job on the Chromebook integration and professional development activities. We have been very impressed and a lot of positive comments from parents and students.

Superintendent Tuttle reported on two Sportsmanship Awards, Boys and Girls Basketball – BCAM the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

Superintendent Tuttle reported that she is part of Rotary and Mr. Phillips brought two high school students to Rotary who were asked to share their schedule. When the students shared their schedule and all of the great opportunities available at Owosso, another student from another district was amazed by our student's schedule.

Superintendent Tuttle reported on her attendance at the Band Festival. This is the 59th consecutive year.

Superintendent Tuttle reported on student election activities. A packet was sent home with Pre-K through 5th grade students on how to vote and over 90% completed and returned the packet. Lincoln students participated with Mr. Dewley in a mock election.

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.

For Action

- Moved by Mowen, supported by Opanasenko-Lubkin to approve the September 28, 2016 regular meeting minutes, October 10, 2016 Board Workshop minutes, current bills, and financials as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

- Moved by Mowen, supported by Keyes to approve the participation and membership of the Owosso Public Schools in the Flint Metro Sports League starting with the 2017-18 sports year. Motion carried unanimously. It is noted Superintendent Tuttle reported the Youth Football Program 3rd-8th grade would remain for the 2017-18 school year.
- Moved by Opanasenko-Lubkin, supported by Mowen to approve the audit report for the 2015-16 fiscal year as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Keyes, supported by Ochodnicki to authorize the Food Service department and Operations department to dispose of obsolete material as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Ochodnicki, supported by Opanasenko-Lubkin to approve the out-of-state travel by Owosso High School students to attend an Art Tour of New York City, March 22-25, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Mowen, supported by Webster to approve the out-of-state travel by Owosso high School students to attend and compete in the VE Midwest Trade Show, November 19-21, 2017.

For Information

Superintendent Tuttle provided the Board with a personnel update. Jessica Collier has accepted the Food service worker position at Owosso High School. Angela Rowell has accepted the At Risk Paraprofessional position at Lincoln Alternative High School. Annette Richmond has accepted the 1.75-hour monitor position at Owosso High School. Jill Arend has accepted the Paraprofessional position at Central Elementary. Sharon Piotrowski, has accepted a Food Service position at Owosso High School. Melony Daley has accepted the 1.75-hour Monitor position at Emerson Elementary. Gwen Shafer has resigned her 1.75 hour Monitor position at Emerson Elementary. Diane Smith, Paraprofessional at Emerson Elementary has submitted her letter of retirement effective after 21 years of service with the District.

Public Participation

There was no public participation

Board Member Comments/Updates

Marlene Webster reported she received a not from a parent who transferred to Owosso commenting on how they are. It made her very proud to receive a great note from a parent.

Cheryl Paez commented on how beautiful the pieces in the foyer are. She recalled the pieces on display last year were not distressed.

Shelly Ochodnicki reported on teacher, Mr. Gregory who attends the Owosso swim meets and doesn't have a child in the program. He cheers them on and is very involved. She also commented on how the great the Chromebooks have been and her children have embraces it. She has not had any problems. It has been a great transition.

Rick Mowen commented on the nice articles in the Argus regarding the aviation program, the forward thinking and fabulous work that is being done. Mr. Mowen commented on the young men working on the farm table and the door, the fabulous work and enthusiasm. He reported when the old Owosso Post Office was torn down it was all marble and oak. Some of the items might say special delivery, he salvaged some of the items and his son-in-law found an oak table and took one of the iron grills, it was a beautiful thing to display.

Tim Jenc reported there was a great article about a young lady who was a 2014 Owosso graduate who had a leading role in Wicked.

Sara Keyes commended on how impressed she was with the pieces on display. It shows that there are so many opportunities for our students and something for everyone. Very proud to be from Owosso.

Janice Opanasenko-Lubkin expressed how impressed she was with the students and the pieces. It used to be that was the end to end all to be able to apply academically to the real world. She liked Mr. Smith's idea about Owosso being Americana. Mrs. Opanasenko-Lubkin stated when she was in school CTE was as important as the 3 R's then this ended. This project shows how CTE can apply academics to real life applications. It is amazing the things that are happening here in Owosso and how far we have come.

Rick Mowen stated he is looking forward to attending the Trojan Spectacular. Mr. Mowen also stated that Mrs. Friend's third grade class frequently visits the residents of Oliver Woods. The students are paired with a resident that they interact with through reading and other activities. Mr. Mowen remarked that his grandson participates in this activity and he believes that the unique interactions benefit both the students and residents.

Cheryl Paez remarked that after a very hot summer she is looking forward to a long fall and a great school year.

Marlene Webster reported that she was recently contacted by an OHS sophomore who is working on her IB personal project. The student is studying food waste and she plans on hosting a dinner and prepare food using ugly food. During the conversation, the student had her Chromebook and was looking up various local resources that will assist her with the project. Mrs. Webster remarked that she appreciated being able to assist the student. She stated that she was impressed with the student's level of engagement, deep thinking, and her passion for food that is being thrown away when there are so many hungry people.

Upcoming Board Meeting Dates:

November 14: Board of Education Workshop, 5 – 8 pm

November 28: Regular Board Meeting, 7 pm

Important Upcoming Dates:

October 26: OMS IB Learner/Athlete of the Month Breakfast

October 27: Half Day Elementary Only: Afternoon & Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences

October 27: OMS Choir Concert 7:30 pm

October 28: Central PTO Family Movie Night 6:00 pm

October 28: Lincoln Alternative High School Field Trip to Crest Marine

October 31: Bentley Bright Beginnings Parent/Child day 9:30-11:30 a.m. – No Preschool

October 31: Bryant Halloween Parade 10:30 a.m./Half Day for all Students

November 1: Trojan Spectacular 7:30 pm OHS Gym

November 2: OMS Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00

November 3: OMS & OHS Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences 5:00-8:00 p.m.

November 4: Central School 3-5th grade Student of the Month Breakfast 8:00 a.m.

November 4: All 3rd graders to "chicken dance" Performing Arts Committee Performance at OMS 9:15

November 11: Bryant Veterans Day Assembly

November 11: Veterans Parade – 9th Grade Band Fayette Square 5:30 pm

November 12: Band Craft Show 10:00 am

November 18: Bryant All-Pro Dad's Breakfast 7:45 am

November 22: Half Day for all Students

November 23-25: No School: Thanksgiving Recess

Superintendent Evaluation

Motion by Jenc, supported by Webster to move into closed session at 8:05 p.m. for Superintendent Evaluation. Secretary Ochodnický conducted roll call vote. Ayes: Webster, Paez, Ochodnický, Mowen, Jenc, Keyes, Opanasenko-Lubkin, motion carried unanimously.

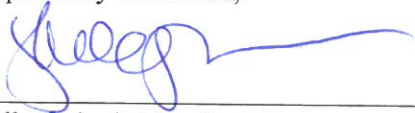
Motion by Mowen, moved by Opanasenko-Lubkin to move back into open session at 8:36 p.m. Secretary Ochodnický conducted roll call vote. Ayes: Webster, Paez, Ochodnický, Mowen, Jenc, Keyes, Opanasenko-Lubkin, motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

Moved by Mowen, supported by Opanasenko-Lubkin to adjourn at 8:37 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes recorded by Bev White

Respectfully submitted,



Shelly Ochodnický, Secretary