

**OWOSSO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education Minutes**  
**Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
**January 11, 2023**  
**Report 22-70**

Present: Adam Easlick, Nick Henne, Ty Krauss, Rick Mowen, Marlene Webster, Olga Quick  
Absent: Shelly Ochodnicky

Mr. 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**

**Oath of Office**

Administrative assistant and notary public Ms. Brooke Barber administered the Oath of Office to newly elected Board member Mr. Nick Henne and to re-elected Board members Mr. Mowen, and Mrs. Quick. Mrs. Ochodnicky was absent.

**Election of Officers**

Superintendent Dr. Tuttle shared the process to be used by the Board of Education for the annual election of officers. Dr. Tuttle explained that she will open the nominations for Board President by taking the first nominations. The same process will be used by the newly elected President for the offices of Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. When the elections are completed, the meeting will continue with the new officers in place.

Superintendent Dr. Tuttle opened the nominations for the office of President. Mrs. Webster nominated Mr. Mowen for the office of Board President, and Mr. Mowen accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations for Board President. Mr. Mowen, Mr. Easlick, Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Quick, Mr. Krauss, and Mr. Henne voted to elect Mr. Mowen as Board President. Mrs. Ochodnicky was absent. Mr. Mowen was elected to serve as Board President effective immediately through January 1, 2024.

President Mowen opened the nominations for the office of Vice President. Mrs. Quick nominated Mrs. Webster for the office of Board Vice President, and Mrs. Webster accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations for Vice President. Mrs. Quick, Mr. Easlick, Mrs. Webster, Mr. Krauss, Mr. Henne and President Mowen voted to elect Mrs. Webster as Vice President. Mrs. Ochodnicky was absent. Mrs. Webster was elected to serve as Board Vice President effective immediately through January 1, 2024.

President Mowen opened the nominations for the office of Treasurer. Mr. Easlick nominated Mrs. Quick for the office of Board Treasurer, and Mrs. Quick accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations for Board Treasurer. Mrs. Quick, Mr. Easlick, Mr. Krauss, Mr. Henne, Vice President Webster, and President Mowen voted to elect Mrs. Quick as Board

Treasurer. Mrs. Ochodnicky was absent. Mrs. Quick was elected to serve as Board Treasurer effective immediately through January 1, 2024.

President Mowen opened the nominations for the office of Secretary. Vice President Webster nominated Mr. Krauss for the office of Board Secretary. Mr. Krauss accepted the nomination. There were no other nominations for Secretary. Treasurer Quick, Mr. Easlick, Mr. Henne President Mowen and Vice President Mowen voted for Mr. Krauss for the office of Secretary. Mrs. Ochodnicky was absent. Mr. Krauss was elected to serve as Board Secretary effective immediately through January 1, 2024.

### **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.

### **Wayne Wright Policy Update**

NEOLA representative Mr. Wayne Wright introduced the 2022 revised policies. Policy 6110, Grant Funds, has been revised to include the latest changes to the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR). Specific requirements for Maintenance of Effort (MOE) and Maintenance of Equity (MOEquity) will need to be documented and provided at the time of audit of specific funded programs (ESSER, GEER, etc.) This revised policy reflects current EDGAR provisions and should be adopted to maintain accurate policies. Policies 6114, Cost Principals – Spending Federal Funds, and 6325, Procurement-Federal Grants/Funds, have been revised to include the latest changes to the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR). Specific prohibitions regarding costs incurred for telecommunications and video surveillance services or equipment are included, along with the Davis-Bacon prevailing wage provisions for contracts in excess of \$2,000 related to construction, alteration, repairs, etc. These revisions reflect current EDGAR provisions and should be adopted to maintain accurate policies. Policy 6108, Authorization to Use Electronic Transfer Funds and Automated Clearing House Arrangements, is a new policy provided in response to client requests. In order to utilize electronic fund transfers and automated clearing house (ACH) arrangements and transactions, the District must have a written ACH policy in place. This policy includes the components required by Michigan statute. Policy 6460, Vendor Relations, has been revised at client request to provide optional language that allows for preferred vendor access to students and their parent/guardian for non-district purchases. Policy 5610, Emergency Removal, Suspension, and Expulsion of Students, has been revised to clarify the definition of suspension. The Board will have their first reading of these policies at the January 25 regular meeting.

## **Board Workshop**

Dr. Tuttle informed the Board that on February 8, MASB Representative Debbie Stair will be hosting a Board workshop in place of the regular Committee Meeting. The Board will discuss strategic planning, long-term facilities planning, and the sinking fund. Ms. Debbie Stair will provide guidance on Board member and superintendent relationships, as well as Board member relationships with the community.

## **County School Board Positions**

Dr. Tuttle reminded the Board that during the regular meeting on January 25, the Board will appoint representatives for the following positions: Shiawassee County School Board Executive Board and Shiawassee RESD Budget Review and Election. These appointments will require a motion, support, and vote of the Board.

## **Annual Board Meeting Agenda Items**

Dr. Tuttle reminded the Board that at the January 25 regular meeting the Board will vote on the following annual items: Bylaws resolution, Delegation of Election Duties, Retainer – School Attorneys, Authorization for Superintendent to Accept Resignations, Designation of Financial Institutions/Authorized signers, and the SRESD Designation of Representative.

## **Board Comments**

Trustee Henne expressed his gratitude and excitement to be elected to the OPS School Board. He thanked everyone for their support and said he is looking forward to what is to come.

Trustee Easlick welcomed Mr. Henne and said he is looking forward to a great year.

Treasurer Quick said she is looking forward to working with Mr. Henne. Ms. Quick also thanked the OPS staff for their hard work year-round, and said she is in awe of all the opportunities students are given throughout the school year. She gave a special shout-out to Ms. Clark and her work with the Agri-science students.

Vice President Webster said she would like to see the Board make more of an effort to build comradery amongst each other this year. She acknowledged the contentious year regarding the pandemic, the contentious election, and she said with a new Board member it would benefit everyone to spend some time team building.

Secretary Krauss welcomed Mr. Henne and said he looks forward to building a bright future for Owosso students. He also echoed Vice President Webster's comments regarding relationship building. He said the Board needs to present a united front. He ended his comments by thanking Mr. Brooks for his work on professional development.

President Mowen welcomed Mr. Henne to the Board. He said he is looking forward to a great year and working with the Board again.

## **Upcoming Dates**


- **January 25:** Board of Education, Regular Meeting, 5:30PM, Washington Campus Gymnasium
- **February 8:** Board of Education, Committee of the Whole, 5:30PM, Washington Campus Gymnasium
- **February 22:** Board of Education, Regular Meeting, 5:30PM, Washington Campus Gymnasium

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Quick, supported by Krauss to adjourn at 6:06 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes recorded by Brooke Barber.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Ty Krauss, Secretary