

**OWOSSO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes**  
**October 14, 2019**  
**Report 19-107**

President Jenc called the Board of Education Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at 5:30 pm. The meeting was held at the Washington Campus, 645 Alger Street, Owosso, MI 48867.

Present: Tim Jenc, Sara Keyes, Ty Krauss, Rick Mowen, Olga Quick, Marlene Webster  
Absent: Shelly Ochodnicky

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**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.

**NEOLA Board Policy Review**

NEOLA Representative Mr. Wayne Wright provided the members of the Board of Education with information and an explanation of the proposed, new, revised, and replacement policies that need to be adopted for compliance purposes. A synopsis of the policies was shared with the Board. The policies that were reviewed are as follows:

Policy 1420 – School Administrator Evaluation. The revisions to this policy include removing expired dates from the Policy. It also removes a paragraph regarding evaluation language in CBA.

Policy 2265 – Child Care Center Staff and Volunteers. This new policy includes the Child Care Center Organization requirement for more intensive background checks. It also discusses volunteer requirements.

Policy 2450 – Community and Adult Education. The revision is for districts providing community & adult education so they are eligible for tuition funds paid by USD of VA.

Policy 2628 – State Aid Incentives. The revision reflects current changes to Section 31A characteristics.

Policy 3210 – Staff Ethics. The revision provides the latest provisions set forth by the Michigan code of Educational Ethics, May 2019.

Policy 3220 – Professional Staff Evaluation. The revision includes removing expired dates from the policy and a paragraph regarding evaluation language in CBA.

Policy 5230 – Late Arrival and Early Dismissal. The revisions include the option of requiring use of photo ID when releasing a student to a non-parent/guardian.

Policy 5330.02 – Opioid Antagonists. The policy was updated due to changes in Public Act 38 and 39. If the district adopts they shall purchase Opioid Antagonists and have individuals trained to administer.

Policy 6800 – System of Accounting. The revision includes added language relating to GASB 84 dealing with student’s activity accounts.

Policy 7300 – Disposition of Real Property. The revision lists methods which may be used by the Board to dispose of real property such as using Real Estate Brokers.

Policy 7440.03 – Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems. The new policy references 1) use of drones are prohibited; 2) use of drones can be approved if properly licensed.

Policy 8400 – School Safety Information. This policy has been reissued to provide clients to choose threat assessment procedures which few clients accepted in the past.

Policy 8462 – Student Abuse and Neglect. The revision included added language regarding “mandatory reporters”.

Policy 1615 – Use of Tobacco by Administrators. This new policy has been added and is similar to policy 3215.

Policy 3215 – Use of Tobacco by Professional Staff. The revision includes added language prohibiting use of tobacco at all times on school property and in all school vehicles. A detailed definition of tobacco has also been added. Language has been added regarding tobacco promotion.

Policy 4215 – Use of Tobacco by Support Staff. The revision includes the same language as added in policy 3215.

Policy 5512 – Use of Tobacco by Students. The revision includes similar language as added to policies 3215 and 4215.

Policy 7434 – Use of Tobacco on School Premises. The revision includes similar language as added in other tobacco policies.

Policy 2410 – Prohibition of Referral or Assistance. The revision meets current law, removes the \$100,000 penalty and 3% penalty for individuals who assist.

Policy 2414 – Reproductive Health and Family Planning. The revision adds language that a parent of a child can recommend abortion.

Policy 2418 – Sex Education. The revision adds same language which was added to policy 2414.

### **Bond Update**

Superintendent Dr. Tuttle presented an update on the bond. Information about construction progress at the secondary campus, value engineering, and use of the sinking fund was shared. The Board was informed that they will be presented with a recommendation to replace the roof of the high school, which is anticipated to cost between \$700,000-\$800,000. A document listing areas that have been enhanced or added and where the sinking fund money would contribute was also shared with the Board.

### **Audit**

Chief Financial Officer Julie Omer explained that an unofficial audit document was included in the meeting’s packet. She stated that an audit report for the year ending June 30, 2019 will be presented during the October 28<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. The actual budget had a \$674,361.61 variance over what was anticipated with an actual fund balance of \$4,395,701.88 (14.38%).

### **Schools Cannot Do It Alone**

Superintendent Dr. Tuttle presented information on just how much America's public school students have changed. The ever-increasing burden of what is required of schools and how much has been added to the curriculum since the 1900's was discussed.

### **Memorial Healthcare**

Superintendent Dr. Tuttle shared information about a proposal that has been initiated by Memorial Healthcare. Additional information will be presented to the Board for approval at the October 28<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

### **Board Retreat**

Superintendent Dr. Tuttle reported that a Board Retreat is scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup>. The Retreat will be held in place of the Committee of the Whole meeting. Debbie Stair from the Michigan Association of School Boards will facilitate Board training at the Retreat.

### **Student Attendance**

Curriculum Director Steve Brooks informed the Board that the District Behavior Team has been participating in social emotional and student absenteeism training. Owosso Public Schools had a 24.8% chronic absenteeism rate during the 2018-2019 school year as a District. This included students who missed more than 18 days of school for any reason. Mr. Brooks explained that we have targeted this problem and our District Behavior Team is working to address this at each building and as district. The percentages comparing September 2018 to September 2019 was shared with the Board.

### **Blue and Gold**

Curriculum Director Steve Brooks reported that currently, 187 students are participating in after-school activities that are offered through the Blue and Gold program. Additional offerings are being added for the next session. Mr. Brooks applauded Jayne Brown for doing a great job coordinating the program.

### **November 14 – Professional Development**

Curriculum Director Steve Brooks announced that the afternoon of November 14<sup>th</sup> is scheduled for professional development. Staff will participate in additional training that includes math, social emotional learning (SEL), and IB at the elementary level. Secondary staff will participate in PSAT/SAT data analysis.

### **Perception Surveys**

Curriculum Director Steve Brooks stated that perception surveys are scheduled to occur October 14-28. Students, staff, and parents will participate in the annual survey that will be used to compare data for the past several years.

### **Health Advisory Board**

Curriculum Director Steve Brooks informed the Board that the District is organizing a Health Advisory Board for the 2019-20 school year. The curriculum is not changing; however, updates are required in regards to opioids and vaping concerns.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm

Minutes recorded by Clara Pitt

Respectfully submitted,

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Shelly Ochodnicky, Secretary