

OWOSSO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education Minutes
Committee of the Whole Meeting
October 12, 2022
Report 22-39

Present: Adam Easlick, Sarah Keyes, Rick Mowen, Shelley Ochodnicky, Marlene Webster, Olga Quick

Absent: Ty Krauss

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.

Sinking Fund Update

Dr. Tuttle gave an update on the sinking fund. Mr. Darrick Huff from the Spicer Group attended the meeting to answer any questions from the Board. Dr. Tuttle explained the District's needs exceed the funds available, so the District will need to choose which projects will receive funding. Dr. Tuttle provided the Board with a list of possible improvements including drainage improvements, tennis court improvements, fencing, interior and exterior doors replacements, and bell and PA replacements, among other items. Secretary Webster asked if the outdated sprinkler systems in the buildings are considered a life-safety issue. Mr. Huff explained that new schools will be built with sprinkler systems, however it is rare to retrofit older buildings with sprinklers because older buildings are not highly combustible. He ended his answer stating that the sprinkler systems are not a high-risk issue and there are other needs of the District that are more pressing. Vice President Ochodnicky suggested saving the funds and to re-assess next year. She also suggested that if the district were to choose projects to fund this year, that the projects chosen should be relevant to safety and structural needs and not cosmetic improvements. Dr. Tuttle reminded the Board no decisions will be made at this meeting, but eventually the District will need to decide if any of these improvements should be addressed this year and if so, which improvements are most necessary.

Visiting With Veterans

Dr. Tuttle explained this year the buildings will be celebrating Veterans Day on Friday November 11 from 7:30am-8:30am. An invitation will be sent home with students, and they are encouraged to RSVP a veteran from their family to join them for breakfast. Some classrooms will also be inviting veterans to speak to the kids.

Health Clinic

Dr. Tuttle informed the Board that she, Curriculum Director Mr. Brooks, and CFO Omer had the opportunity to speak with Great Lakes Health Bay about the possibility of adding an on-site health clinic to the District. This health clinic could provide students and staff with their immunizations, exams, and prescriptions. This idea is in its infancy, but the District is exploring the possibilities.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Dr. Tuttle shared with the Board that the Trojan Time class for new students has been raved about by parents. New students have found friendships and common interests in this class.

Positive Culture Activity

Dr. Tuttle passed out Owosso postcards to the Board members and encouraged them to write thoughtful notes to students or staff members. This is an activity the District is asking the teachers and students to participate in as well.

Upcoming Dates

- October 26: Board of Education Regular Meeting, 5:30PM, Washington Campus Conference Room

Adjournment

Moved by Webster, supported by Keyes to adjourn at 6:12 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes recorded by Brooke Barber.

Respectfully submitted,



Marlene Webster, Secretary