

OWOSSO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education Minutes
Regular Meeting
April 25, 2022
Report 21-137

Present: Adam Easlick, Sarah Keyes, Ty Krauss, Rick Mowen, Shelly Ochodnicky, Olga Quick,
Marlene Webster

Absent:

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

Building Reports

Student Representative Madalyn Hasyn reported that the seniors had a wonderful time at prom, located at the Z Hall in Owosso. The DJ, the food, and the dancing were all excellent and a fun ending to a busy year. Madalyn said the seniors are preparing for their final exams and graduation on May 19 at Willman Field.

Dr. Tuttle introduced Bryant Elementary 5th grade teacher Mrs. Marsha Ladd to showcase the 5th grade Exhibition. Mrs. Ladd explained the purpose of the Exhibition is for students to work in teams to research a global issue and present potential solutions to that issue. The Exhibition spans across all IB curriculum subjects and teaches students valuable skills they will need in their future careers. Mrs. Ladd said that although the pandemic prevented a large audience at the Exhibition, next year the teachers and students are hopeful they will be able to invite the community to see the student's projects in person. Two short videos from Bryant Elementary and Emerson Elementary were shown that included interviews of students and explanations of the projects they presented.

Board Correspondence

Dr. Tuttle reported she attended the elementary ukulele concert and applauded the students for their performance. She noted that prom was a hit among students and staff, she thanked everyone involved for putting together a great experience and lasting memory for the kids. Dr. Tuttle also thanked everyone who attended and participated in the Blue and Gold Banquet. The Banquet is held to recognize academic excellence and students who earned a 4.0 or above presented their starfish awards to staff members who had a notable impact on them. A banquet was also held by the SRESB for the Top 10 graduating seniors, a nice event to recognize the top students of the senior class and celebrate their academic achievements. Dr. Tuttle reported that the 5th grade students went to Hartley Outdoor Education Center for an overnight trip. Hartley provides students an opportunity to explore nature, wildlife, natural resources, and history while enjoying

fun and unforgettable experiences. Dr. Tuttle finished her report by thanking local businesses for their support of the school, noting Cargill donated 1000 large saplings to the students.

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.

The following individuals addressed the Board:

- Jessica S.

For Action

- Moved by Webster, supported by Easlick to approve the March 14, 2022, Board of Education Meeting Minutes, the April 11, 2022, Board of Education Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, Current Bills, and Financials as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Krauss, supported by Keyes to authorize the Superintendent to contract with R.C. Hendrick in an amount not to exceed \$440,000 from Sinking funds to promote safety and security. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Krauss, supported by Quick to adopt the Budget Revision #1 resolutions for the 2021-22 appropriations for the General, School Service and Sinking funds as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Quick, supported by Easlick to authorize the district to accept the bid from Great Lakes Air Mechanical Services out of Bay City, Michigan to supply and install 8 new Carrier to replace the existing roof top air conditioning units at cost not to exceed \$41,141.80 inclusive of demolition and disposal of the old units and approve the bid of \$26,457.49 from Presidio to install cameras at the Bentley campus to promote safety and security (bid based on REMC pricing). Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Quick, supported by Keyes to approve the agreement with Paradise for Facility/Therapy Training to be funded out of ESSER funds for training of staff for six therapy dogs at a cost of \$11,000 overall staff training for each dog. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Keyes, supported by Ochodnický to approve the out-of-state travel for Owosso High School Business student and parent chaperone on a trip to Dallas, TX, May 4-8, 2022.
- Moved by Keyes, supported by Ochodnický to approve the out-of-state travel for Owosso High School Engineering students and teacher Carrie Warning on a trip to Atlanta, GA, June 17-25, 2022.

- Moved by Easlick, supported by Quick to approve the hiring of Taylor Sergent as the Bryant Elementary Principal. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Quick, supported by Keyes to approve the hiring of Carrie Rugenstein as the Lincoln Alternative Education High School Principal.
- Moved by Keyes, supported by Easlick to approve the hiring of Alexandria Brown as a Central/Bryant Special Education Teacher.

For Future Action

- The Board will be asked to authorize the Superintendent to award the contract for sinking fund work for the summer of 2022.
- The Board will be asked to authorize the Superintendent to sign the proposed contract with ESS Midwest (formerly PCMI/Willsub) for the contract for the 2022-23 fiscal year.
- The Board will be asked to authorize Bentley Bright Beginnings, Owosso Public School's Operation and Athletic departments to dispose of items that they have identified as no longer considered of use to the staff or students of the district.
- The Board will be asked to authorize the district to purchase 7 used 77 passenger buses and lease 2 additional buses.

For Information

Dr. Tuttle announced the following personnel changes:

Accepted Positions

- Valentina Mariutza has accepted the Custodian II position at Owosso High School.
- Cletus Tithof has accepted the Custodian II position at Owosso Middle School.
- Maria Luisa Petroff has accepted the GSRP Associate Teacher position at Bentley Bright Beginnings.
- Racheal Metzger has accepted the Bus Monitor position.

Resignations

- Katelyn Horgan, Teacher at Owosso High School has submitted her letter of resignation effective at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year.

Public Participation

The following individuals address the Board:

No individuals addressed the Board.

Board Reports

Trustee Easlick commended the fifth graders for their Exhibition. He said his senior daughter had a great time at prom and thanked administration for providing a safe and fun experience for the kids. He ended his comments by congratulating Mrs. Rugenstein and Mr. Sergent for their new positions.

Trustee Quick said the 5th grade Exhibition was very enjoyable and she was impressed by all the students and their projects. She attended the Blue and Gold Banquet and is proud of the students and the relationships they have built over the years. She commended the staff for providing a safe space for students to learn and grow.

Secretary Webster said she had a great time at the Blue and Gold Banquet. She gave kudos to the administrators for a smooth, well-organized event. Secretary Webster also commented that she has heard throughout the community how well behaved and respectful the students were at prom and how impressed and proud she is to hear those comments.

Vice President Ochodnicky welcomed Mr. Sergent and Mrs. Rugenstein to their new positions, she knows they will bring great things to the district. She also thanked CFO Omer for her hard work on the budget and she appreciates her willingness to provide thorough explanations and answer questions for the Board.

Treasurer Keyes commented this is a fun part of the year for students and it is fun for the community to celebrate those who are graduating and moving on. She is looking forward to all the upcoming events. She thanked all the administrators and teachers for their hard work.

Trustee Krauss welcomed Mr. Sergent, Mrs. Rugenstein, and Mrs. Brown to their new positions. He is also looking forward to the end of the year events for students.

President Mowen said he had the opportunity to attend the Culinary contest at the high school. He said the dishes were unique and delicious, and he commended the students for their creativity. He also enjoyed the elementary concerts and applauded the students for their commitment to learning their instruments.

Upcoming Dates

- May 6,7,8: OHS Spring Play, Friday and Saturday 7:00pm, Sunday 2:00pm, PAC
- May 13, 14, 15: OHS Cabaret, Friday and Saturday 7:00pm, Sunday 2:00pm, PAC
- May 16: OHS Athletic Awards, 7:00pm, PAC
- May 17: OHS Honor Convocation, 7:00pm, PAC
- May 18: LHS Graduation, 6:00pm, PAC
- May 19: OHS Commencement, 7:00pm, Willman Field
- May 21: OMS 8th Grade Awards, 6:00pm, PAC
- May 21: OMS Spring Fling, 7:00pm, OMS Gym
- May 27: Last Day of School
- June 1: OPS Job Fair, 4:00pm, PAC

Adjournment

Moved by Quick, supported by Keyes to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes recorded by Brooke Barber.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Webster

Marlene Webster, Secretary