

OWOSSO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Board of Education Minutes
Committee of the Whole Meeting
November 8, 2023
Report 23-63

Present: Easlick, Henne, Krauss, Mowen, Webster, Quick
Absent: Ochodnicky

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

Sinking Fund Election

Dr. Tuttle informed the Board that the Sinking Fund proposal did not pass in the election on Tuesday November 7, 2023. Dr. Tuttle said that while this is not the outcome the district was hoping for, the district does have approximately \$2.9 million in savings in the current sinking fund, and will collect an additional \$1.2 million before January 1, 2024. This gives the district a total of approximately \$4.1 million in sinking fund savings, and traditionally about \$1 – \$1.5 million is used each year on sinking fund projects. Dr. Tuttle said the Board will continue discussion on the sinking fund at the Board retreat, currently scheduled for February 14, 2024.

Dr. Tuttle informed the Board that Thrun attorney Ms. Lisa Swem will be attending the Board workshop in 2024 to explain new legislation that will have large impact on negotiations in the spring of 2024.

Professional Development

Curriculum Director Mr. Stephen Brooks shared with the Board that district-wide professional development took place yesterday, November 7. Four different sessions were offered and lasted about an hour to an hour and twenty-five minutes. Each session covered an array of topics and staff could pick and choose topics that were meaningful to them. Topics included reading, phonics, mathematics, technology training, International Baccalaureate, writing, mandated reporting, among others.

In the morning, secondary staff also spent some time preparing for the upcoming International Baccalaureate audit coming up in December.

Business Office

Dr. Tuttle informed the Board that interviews are scheduled for the Chief Financial Officer position, as CFO Julie Omer will be leaving the district as of December 4, 2023. The accounts payable position has found a candidate, pending Board approval at the November 29, 2023 Board meeting.

Leave of Absence

Dr. Tuttle recommended the Board vote on and approve a time-sensitive leave of absence request for Culinary Arts Instructor Hannah Poyner, effective immediately through November 27, 2023.

- Moved by Webster, supported by Henne, to approve the leave of absence requested by Culinary Instructor, Hannah Poyner, effective immediately through November 27, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Board Comments

Dr. Tuttle reminded the Board that the Senior Citizen Holiday breakfast is coming up on December 8. Plans will be formalized in the coming weeks and as always, Board members are invited to attend.

No further comments were heard from the Board.

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.

Upcoming Dates

- Veteran's Day Celebrations: November 10
- OHS Volleybrawl: November 13
- OHS Musical: November 17-19
- Regular Board Meeting: November 29
- OMS Band Concert: December 5
- OHS Band Concert: December 6
- OMS Choir Concert: December 12
- OHS Choir Concert: December 13
- Regular Board Meeting: December 13

Adjournment

Moved by Quick, supported by Henne to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes recorded by Brooke Barber.

Respectfully submitted,


Ty Krauss, Secretary