

OPP CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.
Board Meeting

A. Call to Order

Dr. Walter Burgess, Board President, called the meeting to order.

B. Roll Call

Those present:

Dr. Walter Burgess
Mr. Merrill Culverhouse
Dr. Katie Fuller

Those absent:

Mr. Andrew McCord
Dr. Lori Stanfield

C. Approval of Agenda

- a. Mr. Merrill Culverhouse moved to accept the agenda as presented with the change of moving up the Personnel Report to follow approval of the minutes. Dr. Katie Fuller seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

D. FY24 Audited Financial Report

- a. Melissa Barnes with Carr, Riggs & Ingram presented the FY24 Audited Financial Report to the Board.

E. Approval of Minutes

- a. Dr. Katie Fuller moved to accept the minutes from the May 21st meeting as presented in written form. Mr. Merrill Culverhouse seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

F. Personnel Report

Mr. Ted Watson recommended the Board approve the Personnel Report as presented and detailed below.

Retirements

Amanda Brock – Special Education Teacher /OHS
Ninett Wood – Child Nutrition Worker/OES
Amelia Norris – Special Education Teacher/OES

Resignations

Peyton Whigham – English Teacher/OHS
Caitlyn Morris – English Teacher /OHS
Cody Powers – Math Teacher/OHS
Valerie Brownlee – Science Teacher/OHS
Brandon Benson – Band Director/OHS
Whitney Jones – Special Education Aide/OHS
Justin Bayman – Instructional Aide/OHS
Orlando Lacey – Assistant Basketball Coach/OHS
Abby Presley – Head Coach Cross Country & Track/OHS
Campbell Hudson – Wellness Coach/OMS & OHS
Savannah Youmans – Language Arts Teacher/OMS
Will Spurlin – Maintenance/HVAC

Internal Transfers

Brian Jones – Interim Assistant Principal/OHS To Assistant Principal/OHS

Sharon Spurlin – OMS Principal To Federal Programs/Central Office

Kristi Meeks – From Counselor/OMS To Counselor/OES

Christy Harrell – From Part-Time Asst Principal/Part-Time Counselor/OES
To Full-Time Asst Principal/EL District Coordinator/OES

Kenny Caylor – From Grounds Keeper To Maintenance

Intents to Hire

Garyn Blair – Teacher/OES

Melita Hudson – Science Teacher/OHS

Marcella Williams – English Teacher/OHS

Brittany Fiore – Math Teacher TEAMS/OHS

Daniel Allison – English Teacher/Head Boys Basketball Coach/OHS

Dustin Little – Grounds Keeper

Tyler Logan – Band Director/Chorus Director

Dr. Katie Fuller moved to accept the Personnel Report as presented and detailed above.
Mr. Merrill Culverhouse seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

G. Approval of Financials

- a. Dr. Katie Fuller moved to accept the April 2025 Financial Report as presented by Mrs. Linda Harper, CSFO, Opp City Schools. Mr. Merrill Culverhouse seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote. (Documentation Attached)

H. Awards & Resolutions

- a. None

I. Public Comments

- a. None

J. Old Business

- a. None

K. New Business

- a. Budget Amendment #2

Mr. Ted Watson recommended the Board approve the FY25 Budget Amendment #2 as presented by Mrs. Linda Harper, CSFO, Opp City Schools. Dr. Katie Fuller moved for the Board to approve the FY25 Budget Amendment #2 as presented by Mrs. Linda Harper, CSFO, Opp City Schools. Mr. Merrill Culverhouse seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

- b. Resolution – Approval of Bond Counsel

Mr. Ted Watson recommended the Board approve the Resolution for Approval of Bond Counsel as presented and detailed in the attachment. Dr. Katie Fuller moved for the Board to approve the Resolution for Approval of Bond Counsel as presented and detailed in the attachment. Mr. Merrill Culverhouse seconded the motion, which passed with unanimous vote.

c. Bid Approval for Synthetic Turf System

Mr. Ted Watson recommended the Board award the lowest bid for Synthetic Turf System at Opp High School to GeoSurfaces, Inc. in the amount of \$110,000.00. Dr. Katie Fuller moved for the Board to award the lowest bid for Synthetic Turf System at Opp High School to GeoSurfaces, Inc. in the amount of \$110,000.00. Mr. Merrill Culverhouse seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

d. Bid Approval for Flooring

Mr. Ted Watson recommended the Board award the lowest bid for flooring at Opp High School to Bob Taylors Carpet One in the amount of \$172,000.00. Dr. Katie Fuller moved for the Board to award the lowest bid for flooring at Opp High School to Bob Taylors Carpet One in the amount of \$172,000.00. Mr. Merrill Culverhouse seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

e. Out of State Field Trip

Mr. Ted Watson recommended the Board approve the Out of State Field Trip as detailed below.

Opp High School Marching Black & Gold – To Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee
(Depart on May 27th & Return on May 30th)

Dr. Katie Fuller moved for the Board to approve the Out of State Field Trip as detailed above. Mr. Merrill Culverhouse seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

f. Summer Pay Rates/Extended Day Pay Rates/School Day Rates

Mr. Ted Watson recommended the Board approve the Summer Pay Rates/Extended Day Pay Rates/School Day Rates as presented and detailed in the attachment. Dr. Katie Fuller moved for the Board to approve the Summer Pay Rates/Extended Day Pay Rates/School Day Rates as presented and detailed in the attachment. Mr. Merrill Culverhouse seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

g. Summer Feeding Sites

Mr. Ted Watson recommended the Board approve Opp Elementary School Lunchroom and Opp Middle School Lunchroom as open feeding sites for the Summer Feeding Program effective June 2nd – June 26th. Dr. Katie Fuller moved for the Board to approve Opp Elementary School Lunchroom and Opp Middle School Lunchroom as open feeding sites for the Summer Feeding Program effective June 2nd- June 26th. Mr. Merrill Culverhouse seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

h. District Office Administrative Position

Mrs. Linda Harper, CSFO, addressed the Board for approval to publicize and interview for an additional position within the support staff of the Central Office. Mrs. Harper explained that the work load as become overwhelming causing specific employees to have to work late evenings and weekends to get the workload done. Mrs. Harper also shared that Ms. Edgar gave her blessing to add the position. Dr. Katie Fuller moved for the Board to approve the Central Office to publicize and interview for an additional position within the support staff. Mr. Merrill Culverhouse seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

L. Superintendent's Report

- a. Mr. Watson and Mr. Blake, Opp High School Principal, provided the Board with an update on the status of the HVAC project.
- b. Mr. Watson informed the Board that at the upcoming June Board Meeting there will be additional personnel hires needed and a possible additional meeting added near the end of June to address the sell of the bonds for the HVAC project at Opp High School.

J. Adjourn

There being no further business, Dr. Walter Burgess moved to adjourn the meeting.

Mr. Merrill Culverhouse seconded the motion, which passed with unanimous vote.



Mr. Ted Watson, Acting Superintendent



Dr. Walter Burgess, Board President