

**OWOSSO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education Minutes**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**November 16, 2022**  
**Report 22-58**

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

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**

Owosso Middle School Principal Rich Collins introduced the Board to the OMS therapy dog, Maverick. Maverick has been working at the middle school since September of this year and has been a popular addition to the OMS team. Maverick visits classrooms and is available to students in need of comfort throughout the day. Principal Collins also presented a slideshow of pictures of Maverick at work.

Student Representative Alayna Scripter reported to the Board that last week's 'Volleybrawl' game, a traditional game in which the boys play volleyball coached by the girls, was a successful fundraiser for the Humane Society and a fun time for all the athletes. Ms. Scripter also reported that after the Thanksgiving break the student government will be working on the annual canned food drive. The Board thanked Ms. Scripter for her report.

**Board Correspondence**

Dr. Tuttle stated the holiday season is upon Owosso, a season of giving and gratitude. The Owosso community has given so much to the students and helped the school district develop into a district of opportunity for all students. Dr. Tuttle shared the following gifts from the community of Owosso that set Owosso apart from other districts, to the tune of the twelve days of Christmas:

*“On the school year of 2022-2023 my community brought to me:*

*A one-thousand seat auditorium for our community*

*Two free meals a day per student*

*Three district nurses*

*Four sinking fund mileages*

*Five Liaison Officers*

*Six Career and Technical Education Classes*

*Seven therapy dogs*

*Eight elementary encore classes*

*Nine million dollars in received grants*

*Ten by two fall athletes who qualified for state competition*

*Eleven buses under the age of four*

*Twelve Years of Veterans' Day Celebrations''*

Dr. Tuttle continued saying Owosso has received much more than can be sung in one song, including: fourteen advanced placement opportunities in the district as well as many more virtually or through our Regional Service District. 2022 is the 15th year of the canned food drive to help local families in need and the 16th year of the Senior Citizen Holiday luncheon. Dr. Tuttle finished her report by reminding the Board and the audience of the OHS Wizard of Oz Production taking place in the Performing Arts Center on November 18, 19, and 20.

Curriculum Director Mr. Brooks reported to the Board that November 8 was a district wide professional development day. Staff in each building participated in a variety of activities including data review of fall assessments and curriculum overview. Mr. Brooks also distributed a document regarding MICIP (Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process), the state's school improvement plan. Mr. Brooks explained the district must review MICIP annually and the process reviews elements such as basic needs, social, emotional, and behavioral initiatives. Mr. Brooks said MICIP drives the district's school improvement plan and staff involvement. Mr. Brooks finished his report by saying that staff is currently preparing for the 2023-2024 school year; syllabus and course updates, dual enrollment preparation, and textbook updates.

### **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.

Public participants who addressed the board:

- John Morovitz

### **For Action**

- Moved by Krauss, supported by Easlick to approve the October 26, 2022 regular meeting minutes, the November 9, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes, and the current bills and financials as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Quick, supported by Easlick to authorize the Owosso Public School's Transportation department to dispose of a bus that can no longer meet the transportation needs of students. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Quick, supported by Krauss to authorize the Superintendent to sign off on the permanent deed easements for the City for the aforementioned purposes.

### **For Future Action**

- The board will be asked to authorize the Owosso Public School's Maintenance department to dispose of a truck that can no longer meets the operational needs of the district.

### **For Information**

Dr. Tuttle announced the following personnel changes:

### **Accepted Positions**

- Lisa Spicer has accepted the Title I paraprofessional position at Central Elementary.
- Tasha Speck has accepted the Pupil Accounting Specialist position at the administration building.
- Carrie Yoho has accepted the Human Resources Director position at the administration building.

### **Public Participation**

No public participants addressed the Board.

### **Board Comments**

Vice President Ochodnicky said she enjoyed the Veteran's day activities in the district and heard positive feedback from parents and students. She complimented district staff for their work and dedication to making the events go smoothly for everyone.

Trustee Quick also thanked district staff for organizing the Veteran's day activities and she has heard wonderful feedback from members of the community that participated. She wished a happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Trustee Easlick thanked Mr. Collins for bringing in Maverick and sharing his success. He also thanked Dr. Tuttle for sharing all the district accomplishments, he said hearing all those achievements makes him proud to be part of the Owosso community.

Trustee Krauss said he is looking forward to the holiday concerts and encouraged the Board to attend the upcoming school events and support the kids.

President Mowen thanked everyone for attending and said he appreciates all the hard work from the Owosso staff members to make fun events happen for the students.

### **Upcoming Dates**

- **November 18, 19, 20:** OHS Wizard of OZ, Performing Arts Center, Friday at 7:00pm, Saturday 2:00pm & 7:00pm, Sunday 2:00pm
- **November 22:** OHS Mr. Wonderful, 7:00pm, Performing Arts Center
- **November 23-25:** Thanksgiving Recess
- **November 28:** Emerson Culver's Fundraiser, Culvers, 4:00pm
- **December 6 & 7:** OMS, OHS Holiday Band Concerts, Performing Arts Center, 7:00pm
- **December 13 & 14:** OMS, OHS Holiday Choir Concerts, Performing Arts Center, 7:00pm

Moved by Quick, supported by Easlick, to move into closed session at 6:02 p.m. for the purpose of conducting the Superintendent's Evaluation. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

Moved by Ochodnicky, supported by Quick to move back into open session at 6:55p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Easlick, supported by Krauss to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes recorded by Brooke Barber.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marlene Webster", written over a horizontal line.

Marlene Webster, Secretary