

**OWOSSO PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Board of Education Minutes**  
**July 25, 2016**  
**Report 16-06**

President Jenc called the meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held in the media center located at Owosso High School, 765 E. North Street, Owosso, Michigan.

Present: Jenc, Keyes, Mowen, Ochodnicki, Paez, Webster  
Absent: Opanasenko-Lubkin (Motions of the Board of Education that were unanimous did not include Opanasenko-Lubkin)

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Jenc asked that the meeting's agenda be corrected to show that the June 26, 2016 Closed Session Minutes should be listed as June 27, 2016, which is the same date as the regular Board Meeting. In addition, the June 27, 2016 regular meeting minutes list Ochodnicki's name twice as being present and does not include Opanasenko-Lubkin's name. Trustee Opanasenko-Lubkin was in attendance at the meeting.

**Board Correspondence:**

Superintendent Tuttle reported that crews have been working very hard to complete the Board approved Sinking Fund projects prior to the start of school. The summer projects include the installation of new windows on the back-side of the Owosso Middle School, exterior door replacements in buildings where needed, and sidewalk replacements at Bentley Bright Beginnings. In addition, there have been fire alarm improvements at Bentley Bright Beginnings (PA system), Bryant, Emerson, and the Washington Campus. Superintendent Tuttle stated that bids for a new roof on the bus garage came in higher than expected and as a result other options are being explored.

Superintendent Tuttle sadly announced the resignation Mr. John Van Wagoner, Assistant Superintendent of the SRES. Mr. Van Wagoner has accepted a Superintendent's position in the Alpena area.

Superintendent Tuttle stated that the District has had great attendance at its summer school programs. She thanked Bryant Elementary Principal Steve Brooks and the administrative teams at Owosso Middle School and Owosso High School on their new and innovative lessons that are making summer school fun and engaging for students. In addition, the students are able to receive free breakfast and lunch through the summer food program.

Superintendent Tuttle thanked Food Service Director John Klapko and his assistant Michele Prince on doing an outstanding job with the summer food program. The number of students that are taking advantage of the program has increased since last year.

Superintendent Tuttle commented that she is honored to report that three Owosso High School students had the privilege of participating in a competitive summer leadership camp sponsored by SET SEG. The student leaders representing OPS are Jessa Baumdraher, Brendan Ihm, and Heidi Slawson.

Superintendent Tuttle reminded the Board that the annual Community Pep Rally is scheduled for Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at Willman Field. Some exciting changes have been incorporated into this year's program. The Trojan Marching Band will take the field to begin what promises to be another outstanding year for OPS. The gates open at 5 p.m. and children can hop into one of several inflatable bounce houses before grabbing a slice of pizza and a drink. Then the OHS Fall Sports teams will be introduced and engage the crowd in entertaining, brief competitions. Trojan pride prizes will be given to some lucky attendees! All activities and food are free.

**Public Participation:**

President Jenc stated that the Board of Education is a public body and recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues. Time has been included in the meeting's agenda for public participation. Members of the audience were reminded that 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.

There were no comments from the public.

**For Action:**

- Moved by Mowen, supported by Ochodnicki to approve the June 27, 2016 regular meeting minutes, June 27, 2016 closed session minutes, current bills, and financials as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
- Moved by Ochodnicki, supported by Mowen to authorize the high school and food service staff to dispose of obsolete material utilized by the Woodworking Department by donation, disposal or sale as deemed appropriate based on the judgement of staff. Motion carried unanimously
- Moved by Mowen, supported by Paez to approve the hiring of certified staff members Jerry T. Ciarlino II, Owosso High School Guidance Counselor; and Shelley A. Lindsey, Bryant/Emerson Special Education Teacher. Motion carried unanimously.

**For Information:**

Superintendent Tuttle provided the Board with a personnel update. Mike Hendrickson has accepted the Custodian III position at Owosso High School. Angela Manns has accepted the seven hour Food Service Lead Cook II position at Owosso Middle School effective with the 2016-2017 school year. Austin Wells has accepted the Custodian II position at Owosso Middle School. Doris Love, Executive Secretary at Bryant Elementary has resigned effective July 15, 2016. Kim Ellsworth, 4-Wings Teacher Assistant at Bentley Bright Beginnings Early Childhood Center has resigned effective July 19, 2016.

**Public Participation:**

There were no comments from the public

**Board Member Comments/Updates:**

Sara Keyes thanked Mr. Brooks for his leadership with the Bryant Elementary summer school program. She stated that her daughter has been attending the program and is very happy with the intriguing activities.

Marlene Webster commented that she is very grateful for the summer food program. The location that she serves and works has benefited greatly from this. She remarked that it is always a joy to see the food truck arrive every day.

Marlene Webster announced that she will doing some international travel and will be traveling to Guatemala for 10 days on a mission trip. She remarked that she is looking forward to coming back and sharing some IB experiences.

Marlene Webster expressed her gratitude to John Klapko and the custodial, maintenance, and grounds staff. She stated that the District looks great.

Cheryl Paez commented that she is having a fun and relaxing summer.

Shelly Ochodnicki thanked OHS Girls' Basketball Coach Teresa Graham for giving the team an

opportunity to attend a summer basketball camp. Fourteen girls attended the camp at Grand Valley State University and it was a great experience for the team members.

Shelly Ochodnicky commented that the new doors that have been installed look great and she is happy to see that the Sinking Fund dollars are being put to good use.

Shelly Ochodnicky remarked that she always gets excited about a new school year and the opportunity to meet new staff members.

Shelly Ochodnicky stated that she recently received a compliment about Central School's staff and the positive changes that have been made at the building.

Rick Mowen remarked that he is wondering where the summer went because his grandchildren are counting the days until school starts back up. He stated that he also hopes everyone has been able to enjoy the great summer.

**Upcoming Board Meeting and Important Dates:**

August 8, 2016 – Board Subcommittee Meetings at 5 and 6 pm

August 8, 2016 – Football Practice Starts

August 9-10, 2016 – Lincoln High School Registration, 10 am – 2 pm

August 10, 2016 – Fall Sport's Practice Starts

August 15-24, 2016 – Band Camp

August 16, 2016 – New Teacher Orientation, 8 – 10 am

August 17, 2016 – OHS Trojan Days, 8-11 am and 4-6 pm

August 17, 2016 – OHS Fall Sport's Parent Night, 6 pm

August 18, 2016 – OMS Registration, 8 am-6 pm

August 19, 2016 – Willman Field Pep Rally, 6 pm

August 22, 2016 – 2016-2017 Grand Opening Celebration at OHS, 7:30-10:15 am

August 22-23, 2016 – Professional Development

August 22, 2016 – OHS Open House/Make-up Registration, 4-6 pm

August 22, 2016 – LHS Open House, 5:30-7 pm

August 22, 2016 – School Board Meeting, 7 pm

**Adjournment:**

Moved by Mowen, supported by Ochodnicky to adjourn at 7:16 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes recorded by Clara Pitt.

Respectfully submitted,

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Shelly Ochodnicky, Secretary