

Onion Creek School District #30
Special School Board Meeting Minutes
2006 Lotze Creek Rd., Colville, WA 99114, District Office
March 25, 2020, 3:15 PM

This meeting was held via Zoom teleconference, with an access point at the OCSD district office due to school closure. The public was welcome to attend in person or via Zoom using the meeting ID

- I. School Board Members present were: Elissa Dyson, Andy James, Joel Anderson, Lukas Miller and Melody Bowlby; Staff: Bekah Angus and Hugh Humes; Visitors were John Rumelhart and Dustin Bartolo
- II. Elissa called the meeting to order at 3:16
- III. Visitors: John to answer budget related questions via Zoom or teleconference meeting
 - a. Non-high payment discussion: Bekah will type a draft of a letter asking Pete Lewis in Colville to forgive the two years of non-high billing, and Elissa will edit it. It will be ready for Board approval at the April Board Meeting.
- IV. Andy made a motion to table approving the Minutes from the January 29, 2020 Special School Board Meeting, and Lukas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - a. Lukas made a motion to approve the Minutes from the February 20, 2020 Special School Board Meeting February 28, 2020 Special School Board Meeting and March 17, 2020 Special School Board Meeting and Joel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- V. Andy made a motion to approve the adoption of Board Resolution No. 2019-20/04 Resolution – Emergency – Suspension of Policy, and Lukas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- VI. Andy made a motion to approve the Business Consent Agenda and Lukas seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - a. Approval of Payroll Expenditures: total **\$60,838.97**
 - i. Employee Warrants (106187 – 106194) \$2,929.13
 - ii. Employee Direct Deposit: \$28,741.28
 - iii. Payroll Accounts Payable:
 1. Ded/Ben Warrants (106195 – 106202) \$11,434.20
 2. Payroll Tax Payments: \$ 9,548.14
 3. Retirement Payments: \$ 8,186.22
 - b. Approval of General Fund Expenditures: total **\$32,927.91**
 - i. General Fund Warrants (106203-106227) \$32,463.41
 - ii. Capital Projects Fund Warrants (106228-106-229) \$344.50
 - iii. ASB Fund Warrants (106230) \$120.00
 - c. Acceptance of Donations: ASB Penny Drive : **\$5.00**
- VII. Superintendent/Principal's Report
 - a. The February Budget Status Report & Cash Flow Chart were reviewed.
 - b. The K-8: enrollment for March was 41.2 FTE.
 - c. Lukas made a motion to approve awarding the ADA Ramp contract to Baumann Brothers Construction Inc. for a total of \$77,289.08 to build the ramp and repair current walkways and

entrances to be ADA compliant and Andy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- d. Andy made a motion to approve Dani's Intermediate Field Trip May 27 - 29, 2020 and Lukas seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1, with one nay vote.
 - i. Both this overnight trip and the Eighth Grade Trip will be revisited at the April Board Meeting pending changes in the governor's proclamation for school closures, currently scheduled to end on April 24, 2020.
- e. To comply with the new Open Public Meetings Act requirements adjusted for the COVID-19 the following items have been tabled so that the public can be part of future meeting discussions:
 - i. Review Homeschool Options for 2020-21;
 - ii. Discussion about April Capital Projects Levy allocation: phones, or 30% of district obligation for Avista window grant IF awarded. Windows could be the focus of the October Capital Projects Levy allocation and/or we could add it to the Small, Rural Modernization grant application in the fall;
 - iii. Board book study discussion—any interest? *The Speed of Trust* by Steven Covey?
 - iv. Begin the superintendent evaluation process
- f. Bekah canceled the April Community Advisory to the Board Meeting, and Joel will post that on the OCSA website.
- g. Thank you to Keith Matlock for coming out from All Seasons Tree Care and looking at the bus yard and grounds trees on March 6, 2020. The Board asked about the current tree situation and Bekah recapped the situation as best she knew it, but referred the Board to Hugh for specific questions and answers.
- h. Volunteer Recognition: Volunteer Recognition: Liam Clendenen—Art-Tech Club, Joel Anderson—Middle School math and coding, Dayna Woods—AmeriCorps, Seth Patrick—AmeriCorps, Melody Bowlby—Intermediate classroom, Cathy Wilson—Middle School ELA and Art Tech Club, Linsey Lamb—Art-Tech Club, James Looney—instrumental music lessons, Emily Bowlby— Middle School math, Chris Glassett—Primary and Intermediate classrooms, Andy James—Middle School, Louis Patrick—Middle School, Melody Bowlby—Preschool.

VIII. Board Reports:

- a. Board Chair, Elissa, did not have a report..
- b. Legislative Report, Andy:
 - i. Because of the recent pandemic declaration, reporting on the actions of the legislature this session will be of limited value. One only needs to look at WSSDA's final legislative update to realize this limitation. In spite of the nearly total upheaval this worldwide situation places on school districts the legislature did wind up providing new dollars for elementary school counselors, seismic retrofits, small schools modernization grants, special education, para-educator training, and a hold harmless provision for transportation. We'll have to see if this funding "holds" under the circumstances.
 - ii. Bills WSSDA is continuing to monitor include HB 5572 (Modernization grants for small school districts) and HB 2040 (changes determination of the amount of non-high payments to the lower of enrichment levies per student in both the high- and non-high districts. It also allows the non-high district to access to annual data for attendance, grades, discipline, and state assessments for the non-high students attending the high school district. With 5572 we'll have to wait and see if funding is actually provided. It's unclear if 2040 will help us much.
 - iii. Three bills dealing with Covid-19 and that directly affect Onion Creek: SB 6189 Employees retain SEBB eligibility for rest of school year regardless of school closures, employee quarantine or child care due to day-care closure. HB 2739 allows for shared leave for employees who are quarantined.
 - iv. With all of this in mind we also need to understand that the scope of this current emergency will necessarily change many things that are current educational practices

within our public schools and the amount of tax money available for public education. We are a sales tax dependent state. We should expect a dramatic drop in available funds to the state next year to fund all state services during this emergency. Education will not be spared.

- v. Due to the pandemic declaration, it would be counterproductive for us to pursue the open range issue with the county commissioners at this time. We'll put that issue on hold for now.
 - c. Facilities/Transportation, Lukas said that all his report items were discussed in the meeting already.
 - d. Staff/Community Relations, Melody asked Bekah to work with her on the newsletter format for the May-June edition.
 - e. Curriculum/Technology, Joel:
 - i. Some middle school students have devices that enable them to work from home, but not all do. Joel will be working on a solution to this situation.
- IX. Lukas made a motion to approve adjourning the meeting at 4:30, and Melody seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Elissa Dyson, Board Chair