

Onion Creek School District #30
Special School Board Meeting Minutes
2006 Lotze Creek Rd., Colville, WA 99114, District Office
February 28, 2020, 3:15

- I. School Board Members present were: Elissa Dyson, Andy James and Joel Anderson; Staff: Bekah Angus, Troy Phillips and Hugh Humes; Visitors were Tanner Walston and Dustin Bartolo
- II. Elissa called the meeting to order at 3:22
- III. Flag salute
- IV. Troy talked about the school meal program. The Board reiterated that, although the federal government pulled back on some of the whole grain etc. requirements for school meals, the board would like to keep the Obama-era regulations in place for OCS students.
- V. Andy made a motion to table approving the Minutes from January 29, 2020 Special School Board Meeting and Joel seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- VI. The Board Members present asked Dustin and Tanner questions about their bid proposal. After discussion Joel made a motion to table approving the award for the ADA Ramp Bid until March and Andy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- VII. Joel made a motion to approve Business Consent Agenda and Andy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - a. Approval of Payroll Expenditures: \$59,966.21
 - i. Employee Warrants (106147 – 106151) \$2,551.73
 - ii. Employee Direct Deposit:\$28,500.75
 - iii. Payroll Accounts Payable:
 - iv. Ded/Ben Warrants (106152 – 106159) \$11,390.11
 - v. Payroll Tax Payments: \$ 9,453.73
 - vi. Retirement Payments: \$ 8,069.89
 - b. Approval of General Fund Expenditures: \$18,737.15
 - i. General Fund Warrants (106160-106185) \$18,109.15
 - ii. ASB Fund Warrants (106186) \$628.00
 - c. Acceptance of Donations, ASB:
 - i. Clint & Lee Nasland ASB donation \$50.00
 - ii. Ski Trip donation \$54.00
 - iii. Penny Drive \$206.50
 - d. Acceptance of Donations, General Fund:
 - i. Richard Stripling library donation \$100.00
- VIII. Correspondence
 - a. Thank you from Linsey Lamb for supporting the 100 Stockings Project,
 - b. Congratulations from Mike Dunn and the NEWESD for OCSD's community passing the local levy, and
 - c. Certification letter regarding the passing of the local levy from the Stevens County Auditor's Office.
- IX. Superintendent/Principal's Report
 - a. Budget Status Report & Cash Flow Chart

- b. Enrollment K-6 & K-8: 39.95 FTE
- c. Bekah shared the results of parent survey with the Board.
- d. Playground structure discussion with feedback from the February staff meeting
 - i. Hugh reported that repairing the current structure would likely cost the ASB approximately \$2,000 in materials. The Board directed Bekah to add an option to the survey that includes no grant for replacing the structure, but instead repairing it with the help of community volunteers, and to give the ASB and staff that survey. The Board also directed Bekah to seek a grant to replace the current pre-school structure if the students and staff decide that rebuilding the current structure is the direction OCSD will take.
- e. Bekah recapped the Welcome back activities in place of Open House and school performance discussions held at the February staff meeting.
- f. Preschool tuition notification discussion continued with Bekah sending Elissa a current draft to be edited before the May-June newsletter deadline.
- g. From the Board calendar:
 - i. Joel made a motion to approve Board Resolution 2019-20/03, application for a 3-day waiver so the OCSD calendar will have 177 days instead of 180 days for the 2020-21 through 2022-23 and Andy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- h. Joel made a motion to approve the following board policies and Andy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously:
 - i. Second reading of BP3142 Preschool
 - ii. Second reading of BP4129 Family Engagement: the policy blends the WSSDA model policy and the CPR required language from ESSA
 - iii. Second reading of BP2029 Animals as Part of the Instructional Program
 - iv. Second reading of BP3110 Qualification of Attendance and Placement
 - v. Second reading of BP6700 Wellness
- i. Volunteer Recognition: Volunteer Recognition: Liam Clendenen–Art-Tech Club, Joel Anderson–Middle School math and coding, Dayna Woods–AmeriCorps, Seth Patrick–AmeriCorps, Cathy Wilson–Middle School ELA and Art-Tech Club, Linsey Lamb–Art-Tech Club, Lukas Miller–Reader Board, James Looney–instrumental music lessons, Andy James–Middle School, Chris Glassett–Primary and Intermediate classes, Lorrie Baunach– Primary class, Melody Bowlby–art volunteer, Louis Patrick–schoolwide, Sally James–Middle School

X. Board Reports:

- a. Board Chair, Elissa:
 - i. The Legislative Conference was very good.
 - ii. Marissa Rathbone, Director of Government Relations for WSSDA would like to come and visit our school on April 22 to talk to staff impacted by the district’s budget cuts, and to stay for the Board Meeting. Elissa will make those arrangements.
 - iii. Elissa is also going to invite Mike Dunn from the NEWESD and Stephanie Hance to the March School Board Meeting where John will also be in attendance. The goal is to familiarize Stephanie with the district and to explain first-hand the budget impacts of the McCleary Decision on the OCSD.
 - iv. We will begin the process of the superintendent evaluation in March.
- b. Legislative Report, Andy:
 - i. According to Senator Christine Rolfes, Senate Ways and Means Committee Chair, there will be no additional funding allocated for the public schools during this session. This means that hoped-for relief from inequities resulting from the new LEA formula and the switchover from PEBB to SEBB, will not be forthcoming for our district. This means that any bills passed that require new resources for implementation are either unfunded or underfunded mandates. The board discussed whether we ought to openly oppose these bills in spite of whether we support the idea behind the bill. An email message sent to Representatives Kretz and Maycumber opposing comprehensive sexual health education on the grounds that it comes without

the funding needed to implement it, was shared with the board. Other bills, still alive, that fit this situation and would impact us are, HB 1860, lead in drinking water; HB 2816, social/emotional school and classroom policy; and HB 2660, free student meals.

- ii. According to a League of Education Voters informational handout there is a House proposal for the 2020 supplemental budget which would grant a one-time hold-harmless provision totaling \$48 million to offset greater than expected property value increases. The Senate offers an increase of \$45 million. Also referenced is a proposal by the Senate to increase special education funding by \$20.2 million to increase the special education multiplier and would lower the Safety Net threshold. The House and the Governor's office propose additions to the supplemental budget of \$1.7 million for expanding nursing services in the smallest schools. The House proposes a \$1.3 million increase to fund counselors at high-poverty schools. The House proposes \$3.5 million, and the Governor and Senate propose \$2.6 million to strengthen the new statewide network of behavioral health and safety supports. And finally, the House is proposing an increase of \$17 million, and the Senate, 12.6 million for additional para-educator training. These are all provisions we will support as the legislature works on its supplemental budget.
- iii. The U.S. Department of Education has made a rule change that would result in more than 800 schools losing federal funding as part of the Rural and Low-Income School Program. The change involves how poverty rates are figured, from the percentage of "free and reduced" to census data. The latter routinely undercounts rural inhabitants. There is widespread, bipartisan opposition to this change in rules. Bekah was asked if we receive any funding from this source.
- iv. Andy raised the concern of exactly what our legal obligations are as a school district with respect to maintaining ongoing education for our students in the event of a full-blown pandemic.
- v. Letter to county commissioners, Elissa will send some edits to Andy.
- c. Facilities/Transportation, Lukas: Absent, although he did ask about a district plan given the current state of the Coronavirus. Bekah will have Joel post district policy and procedure regarding infectious diseases on the website.
- d. Staff/Community Relations, Melody: Absent
- e. Curriculum/Technology, Joel: We're still having problems with printing from the middle school Chromebooks.

XI. Joel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 and Andy seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Elissa Dyson, Board Chair