

Onion Creek School District #30
School Board Meeting Minutes
Monday November 16, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

Following Open Public Meetings guidance during the COVID-19 Stay Home, Stay Healthy Proclamation, the meeting was held via Zoom.

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** The regular board meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. School Board Members present were: Elissa Dyson, Andy James, Joel Anderson, Lukas Miller, and Melody Bowlby, a quorum. Staff members present were: Bill Glidewell, Kristina Allen, John Rumelhart, Alyson Clendenen, Liz Wolf, Shannon Kearney, and Dani Arnold. Community member present was Leslie Atkins and Linsey Lamb.
 - A. WELCOME**
 - a. Flag Salute- The flag salute was performed via Zoom.

- II. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS:** Addition of Action item C. STATEMENT OF APPRECIATION.
 - A. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None at the time

- III. CONSENT AGENDA:** Reading of the regular school board minutes and review of payroll/vouchers: Joel Anderson moved to approve both the minutes from the previous meeting and payroll/vouchers, Andy James seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. 5/0

- IV. REPORTS**
 - A. BUDGET STATUS REPORT:** The budget status report and cash flow documents were reviewed.

 - B. CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATION-PUBLIC AND VOLUNTEER:**
 - a. Volunteer Recognition- The board recognizes Onion Creek volunteers: Karen Anderson and Terry and Mark Charbonneau.

 - C. ENROLLMENT REPORT:** 42 FTE

 - D. SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT:**
 - a. **100 Stockings:** Time was taken to discuss how to safely proceed with modified events such as 100 stockings. The discussion looked to utilizing the covered slab, require masks, and social distancing with

small groups. No food or drink would be offered and community members would not be able to linger.

- b. **Tri County Health Department Report:** There has been a significant increase in Covid19 cases in Stevens County. The increase pushes us well above the original limit of 25/100,000. The latest Tri-County meeting stated there is great hesitance to close schools again if at all possible. According to Dr. Artzis it does not appear schools are a major contributor to the spread of the virus. Through contract tracing it has been determined that the majority of students statewide with the virus have contracted it outside of schools and have not been transmitting it at school due to masks and other safety protocols.
- c. **End of Quarter:** Teachers sent out progress reports for end of the first quarter and met with families by phone. Teachers shared data from academic testing as well as classroom performance with students and families.
- d. **Newsletter:** Kristina and staff provided a draft of the November newsletter for board review. Feedback was provided and the newsletter will be sent to families prior to Thanksgiving.

V. BOARD REPORTS

- a. **BOARD CHAIR:** Elissa Dyson, board chair, reported on the upcoming virtual WSSDA Annual Conference November 18-20, 2020. Elissa Dyson was recognized by WASA with the Golden Gavel for her outstanding contribution to public education and her many years of service to Onion Creek School District and small schools across the Washington State.
- b. **LEGISLATIVE:** Andy James, legislative representative, presented his letter to the legislature for review by board members. Mr. James also provided a review of the weekly WSSDA COVID meetings.
- c. **FACILITIES/TRANSPORTATION:** Lukas Miller, facilities/transportation representative, reported our transportation department passed the surprise State Patrol inspection. Lukas also reported that Hugh is working on various manintence projects.
- d. **STAFF AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Melody Bowlby, community representative, reported an update of the communities aspect for proceeding with the 100 stockings events. Mrs. Bowlby also inquired about the WSSDA annual conference schedule.
- e. **CURRICULUM/TECHNOLOGY:** Joel Anderson, curriculum/technology representative, did not have anything to report at this time. Mr. Anderson did inquire if there were any technology needs for Onion Creek. No immediate needs were expressed.

VI. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. **2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR UPDATE:** The revised 2020-2021 school calendar with removed dates and events due to COVID was reviewed.

Andy James made the motion to approve the 2020-2021 Onion Creek School calendar with revisions, Joel Anderson seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. 5/0

B. PARAPROFESSIONAL POSITION: There have been recent changes to the student population and Onion Creek requires the addition of a one-on-one instructional support. Our paraprofessional staff schedule is already full and additional staff is required to meet this requirement. Andy James made the motion to run an advertisement and conduct interviews for a part-time paraprofessional, Melody Bowlby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. 5/0

C. STATEMENT OF APPRECIATION: Elissa Dyson presented a Statement of Appreciation for the Charbonneau family and their many efforts for the Onion Creek School District: *At it's November 16, 2020 meeting, the Onion Creek School Board approved a statement of appreciation to recognize the recent contribution of framed historical documents donated to the school by Terri and Mark Charbonneau, owners of the Onion Creek Store. They are an outstanding addition to our 1917 building and middle school classroom, and only the most recent sign of the longstanding partnership that Mark and Terri have maintained with Onion Creek School throughout the years. We also want to thank them for their enduring support for our community, and if we have to say good-bye soon, we will miss their presence and leadership and wish them well in their future endeavors.* Andy James made the motion to approve the Statement of Appreciation for the Charbonneaus, Melody Bowlby seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. 5/0

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE SCHOOL: Alyson Clendenen commented on the positive school climate and the increase in creative play by Onion Creek students. Elissa Dyson read an inspiring passage apropos for the times.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Melody Bowlby made a motion to adjourn the Onion Creek November 2020 School Board Meeting at 6:17p.m., Andy James seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. 5/0

Elissa Dyson, Board Chair