

OBERLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 294  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE  
131 EAST COMMERCIAL  
OBERLIN, KANSAS

JANUARY 9, 2017

The Board of Education of Unified School District 294 met in Regular Session, Monday, January 9, 2017. REGULAR SESSION

The meeting was held at the Board of Education Office, 131 East Commercial, Oberlin, Kansas 67749.

President Monte Moore presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. PRESIDING

Board Members Present:      Doug Brown  
                                         Dan Grafel  
                                         Abby Hissong  
                                         Roger May  
                                         Monte Moore  
                                         Dan Wasson  
                                         Tucker Woolsey BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Board Members Absent:      None BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Others Attending:      Duane Dorshorst, Superintendent  
                                 Benjamin Jimenez, DCJ/SHS Principal  
                                 Cynthia Haynes, Reporter, Oberlin Herald  
                                 Alex Heeger, Patron  
                                 Jillian Peters, DCJ/SHS Student  
                                 Wendy Scott, DCJ/SHS Instructor  
                                 Marlene Moxter, DCJ/SHS Instructor  
                                 Linda Glaze, District Media Specialist  
                                 Josh Williby, DCJ/SHS Instructor  
                                 Joe Dreher, DCJ/SHS Instructor  
                                 Vickie Lippelmann, Clerk, Board of Education OTHERS ATTENDING

Due to health reasons, President Monte Moore asked Vice President Abby Hissong to conduct the business meeting this evening.

During Public Forum, Alex Heeger, patron, suggested the agendas and board meeting minutes be updated on the district website.

During Board Forum, Dan Wasson reported because of weather conditions the Vo-Tech College board meeting was conducted on a conference call. Mr. Wasson reported the tech college received a Hanson Grant in the amount of \$275,900 to purchase security cameras for the campus.

Moved by Tucker Woolsey and seconded by Roger May to adopt the agenda as amended.

MOTION  
Adopt  
Agenda

Items for Discussion—

Add—

B. NHS Banquet

Principal Jimenez will provide information regarding the upcoming banquet

C. Building Project Updates

The board will receive an update on the status of building updates

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

Superintendent Dorshorst reviewed financial reports.

The 2016-2017 board goals were reviewed.

\*DCHS Scholars Bowl Team is league champions. They went 6-1 in competition today.

Consent Agenda Items were reviewed for approval:

\*Minutes of the December 12, 2016, regular meeting

\*Minutes of the December 14, 2016, special meeting

\*Payment of bills as presented (form signed by attending board members)

Moved by Dan Grafel and seconded by Dan Wasson to approve the consent agenda as presented.

MOTION  
Approve  
Consent Agenda

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

No annual agenda items and reports were given.

Jillian Peters, DCJ/SHS student, is requesting a waiver from the speech class credit required for graduation. Miss Peters completed the college speech class offered by Colby Community College.

Moved by Doug Brown and seconded by Tucker Woolsey to grant the request from Jillian Peters to waive the required speech class credit for graduation by completing the college speech class.

MOTION  
Grant  
Speech  
Class Waiver

Voted on and carried, 6-1. (Roger May abstained)

(Jillian Peters left the meeting at 6:39 P.M.)

Superintendent Dorshort presented the special education transportation policy for first reading. (Attachment 1-1)

Following discussion, the policy will be presented at the February meeting for second reading and/or adoption.

Moved by Dan Grafel and seconded by Doug Brown to accept the special education policy for first reading as discussed and present the policy at the February meeting for second reading and/or adoption.

MOTION  
Approve  
Special Education  
Transportation  
Policy

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

The board discussed selecting 21 or more questions that will be used during the interviews for the superintendent/elementary principal position in February. Following discussion, it is recommended to approve the questions selected. (Attachment 1-2)

It was suggested the questions be emailed to Gary Sechrist, KASB Search Team Leader, for review.

Moved by Dan Grafel and seconded by Dan Wasson to approve the selected questions to be used to interview candidates during the interview process for the superintendent/elementary principal position, and have Gary Sechrist review the questions.

MOTION  
Select  
Interview  
Questions

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

Tucker Woolsey read the resolution to extend the term of office for any elected board member whose term would expire at any time in 2017. Newly elected board members will take office on the second Monday of January, 2018. This resolution is pursuant to K.S.A. 2015Supp. 25-21a01. (Attachment 1-3)

Moved by Tucker Woolsey and seconded by Dan Grafel to approve the resolution as presented to extend the term of office for any elected board member whose term would expire at any time in 2017.

MOTION  
Approve  
Extend Term  
of Office  
Resolution

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

Vice President Hissong read a letter from Superintendent Dorshorst recommending the contract of Benjamin Jimenez, DCJ/SHS Principal, be extended through the 2018-2019 school year. (Attachment 1-4)

Moved by Dan Wasson and seconded by Roger May to extend the contract of Benjamin Jimenez, DCJ/SHS Principal, through the 2018-2019 school year as presented.

MOTION  
Approve  
Contract Extension  
Of DCJ/SHS  
Principal

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

The Letter of Notice for the 2017-2018 negotiations is due by March 1. Board members will need to consider items to be noticed and have those items ready to discuss during the February regular meeting.

The National Honor Society Banquet will be held on January 23, 2017. Principal Jimenez provided information to the board regarding continuing the banquet the same as last year. The banquet will be held in the cafeteria, with the induction ceremony in the library. The food will be purchased by the district, and the administrators will cook the meal.

It is the consensus of the board to continue the banquet the same as it was last year.

Vice President Hissong and Superintendent Dorshorst provided an update on building projects. Items discussed were:

\*Heat in the DCJ/SHS vocal music area--

Garrett Plumbing and Heating have installed booster fans to see if this will solve the problem of heating the area. If this does not work, auxiliary gas heaters may have to be installed.

\*Weight room--

Heaters have been ordered for this area, at an approximate cost of \$3,500

- \*Vo Ag building south wall--  
No update on this project
- \*Maintenance Building--  
Waiting until spring to make a decision on whether to fix the roof  
verses a new building
- \*Art room--  
Window area project is completed. Windows and blocks will need to  
be sealed on the outside in the spring.
- \*Windows on the kindergarten building at OES--  
Project is completed.
- \*Track--  
A representative from Track Renovations will present options for  
track repair at the February meeting.

Items for future board meetings were reviewed:

- Future Capital Outlay projects
- Site Council reports for February
- Report on the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade History Trip
- Superintendent's evaluation
- Negotiations for 2017-2018
- 2017-2018 Calendar for February meeting

A tentative date for the Calendar Committee to meet and develop possible calendars for the 2017-2018 school year was discussed. The Calendar Committee is scheduled to meet on January 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 P.M. at the district office.

During the Superintendent's Forum, Superintendent Dorshorst provided information on the following:

- \*Board members are encouraged to listen and follow the legislative session, as well as the State of the State address by Governor Brownback
- \*Board members would like to be advised when legislative representatives are in the area

Board member workshop opportunities were discussed:

- Governmental Relations Conference, Topeka, January 12 and 13
- Practicum in Negotiations, Topeka, January 20
- Human Resources Academy, Newton, March 17
- Human Resources Academy, Topeka, March 22
- Negotiations Workshop, Oakley, April 11 (9:00 to Noon)**
- Negotiations Workshop, Topeka, April 13

Upcoming dates in the superintendent's search process were reviewed.

\*Position closes on January 26

\*A special meeting is scheduled for February 1 at 6:30 P.M. when the screening committee will provide the board with a report and recommendations.

\*Interview dates are February 6, February 8, February 9, and February 10 if needed.

Moved by Dan Grafel and seconded by Dan Wasson to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION  
Adjournment

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

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Vickie Lippelmann, Clerk, Board of Education

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

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President, Board of Education