

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION OFFICE
131 EAST COMMERCIAL
OBERLIN, KANSAS

FEBRUARY 13, 2017

The Board of Education of Unified School District 294 met in Regular Session, Monday, February 13, 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

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MEMBERS
ABSENT

Others Attending: Duane Dorshorst, Superintendent
Benjamin Jimenez, DCJ/SHS Principal
Carrie Morford, OES Site Council
Representative
Gary Walter, DCJ/SHS Site Council
Representative
Cynthia Haynes, Reporter, Oberlin Herald
Darci Schields, representative from
GNWKCF
Alex Heeger, Patron
Mike Dixon, representative from Track
Renovations

OTHERS
ATTENDING

Heidi Ehlert, representative from Track
Renovations
Terry Ream, Outdoor Maintenance Supervisor
Josh Williby, DCJ/SHS Instructor
Brenda Breth, DCJ/SHS Instructor
Joe Dreher, DCJ/SHS Instructor
Vickie Lippelmann, Clerk, Board of Education

There was no Public Forum this evening.

During Board Forum, Dan Wasson reported on the Northwest Kansas Technical College board meeting he recently attended.

(Roger May arrived at the meeting at 6:31 P.M.)

On behalf of the board of education, Monte Moore thanked staff, community members, and many others for their assistance in making last Thursday and Friday a success for the candidates interviewing for the position of superintendent/elementary principal.

Moved by Dan Wasson and seconded by Roger May to
adopt the agenda with the following change.

MOTION
Adopt
Agenda

Item XIII—Executive Session

Add—

An executive session for personnel matters. (A)

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

Superintendent Dorshorst reviewed financial reports.

(Joe Dreher arrived at 6:39 P.M.)

The 2016-2017 board goals were reviewed.

- *Sponsor Mrs. Scott and the DCHS Scholar Bowl Team were congratulated for being the League Champions and qualifying for the State Tournament.
- *The DCHS Wrestling Team and Coaches will be competing in the upcoming Regional and State Tournaments.
- *Luke Koerperich will be competing in the State Piano competition.

Consent Agenda Items were reviewed for approval:

- *Minutes of the January 9, 2017, regular meeting

- *Minutes of the February 1, 2017, special meeting
- *Minutes of the February 9, 2017, special meeting
- *Minutes of the February 10, 2017, special meeting
- *Payment of bills as presented (form signed by attending board members)
- *Resignation—Brandi Diederich, assistant junior high volleyball coach

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

MOTION
Approve
Consent Agenda

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

During Annual Agenda Items and Reports, Gary Walter, DCJ/SHS Site Council representative, provided information regarding site council happenings and meetings. Carrie Morford, SOS representative, reported on SOS activities throughout the school year.

Darci Schields, representative from the Greater Northwest Kansas Community Foundation group, provided information regarding options available to invest scholarship funds. (Attachment 2-1)

It is the consensus of the board to explore and pursue further options available for investments, and report at the March regular meeting.

(Darci Schields left the meeting at 7:12 P.M.)

(Gary Walters left the meeting at 7:13 P.M.)

Mike Dixon and Heidi Ehlert, representatives from Track Renovations, provided information regarding possible options for track updates/repairs. Three options were discussed and the cost ranging from \$428,628 to \$537,214. Superintendent Dorshorst has submitted an application for a waste tire grant. Following discussion, it is recommended to pursue letting bids for the track renovation project, with the stipulation that the board reserves the right to reject any or all bids received. Superintendent Dorshorst will also get information regarding a lease purchase agreement as possible funding for the project. (Attachment 2-2)

Moved by Dan Grafel and seconded by Tucker Woolsey to have Superintendent Dorshorst pursue letting bids for a Trac Full Pour System, with the board reserving the right to reject any and all bids received, and to pursue getting information regarding lease purchase agreements as discussed.

MOTION
Let Bids and
Pursue Financing
Available

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

(Mike Dixon and Heidi Ehlert left the meeting at 8:17 P.M.)

The new special education transportation policy was read and presented for second reading and/or adoption. It is recommended the policy be approved and adopted as presented. (Attachment 2-3)

Moved by Abby Hissong and seconded by Doug Brown to approve and adopt the special education policy as presented for second reading and adoption.

MOTION
Approve
SpEd Transportation
Policy

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

Teachers voted on four optional calendars developed by the Calendar Committee. The calendar receiving the most votes was Option #1. The calendar was reviewed, and it is recommended to approve Option #1 for the 2017-2018 school year. (Attachment 2-4)

Moved by Dan Grafel and seconded by Abby Hissong to approve Option #1 calendar for the 2017-2018 school year as presented by the Calendar Committee.

MOTION
Approve
2017-2018
Calendar

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

The Knights of Columbus presented a check for \$1,180.68 to be split between the elementary school and the junior/senior high school for the special education programs. The donation is proceeds from the 2016 Tootsie Roll Program. Superintendent Dorshorst recommends accepting the donation on behalf OES and DCJ/SHS.

Moved by Tucker Woolsey and seconded by Roger May to accept the donation of \$1,180.68 from the Knight of Columbus for the special education programs at OES and DCJ/SHS from the Tootsie Roll Program.

MOTION
Accept
Donation

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

The board offered a contract to Dr. Troy Pitsch of Pflugerville, Texas for the position of superintendent/elementary principal. Dr. Pitsch has accepted the contract to serve in this capacity from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019. It is recommended to approve the contract as presented.

Moved by Abby Hissong and seconded by Dan Wasson to approve the contract of Dr. Troy Pitsch to serve as superintendent/elementary

MOTION
Approve

principal beginning July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019 as presented.

Contract

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

Items for future board meetings were reviewed:

- Negotiations for 2017-2018
- Superintendent's evaluation
- Future Capital Outlay projects
- Report on the 8th Grade History trip to Topeka
- Scholarship investment presentation in March

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

- *Financial update
- *Legislative update

Board member workshop opportunities were discussed:

- 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

Moved by Tucker Woolsey and seconded by Roger May to go into a 5 minute executive session for the purpose of discussing matters relating to employer-employee negotiations and return to open session at 8:38 P.M., with Superintendent Dorshorst in attendance.

MOTION
Executive
Session

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

(Brenda Breth, Carried Morford, Josh Williby, Joe Dreher, Mr. Jimenez, Alex Heeger, and Terry Ream left the meeting at 8:33 P.M.)

President Moore called the meeting back into open session at 8:38 P.M.

Moved by Roger May and seconded by Dan Wasson to go into a 5 minute executive session to protect the privacy rights of identifiable, nonelected personnel and return to open session at 8:44 P.M., with only board members in attendance.

MOTION
Executive
Session

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

President Moore called the meeting back into open session at 8:44 P.M.

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 8:46 P.M.

Vickie Lippelmann, Clerk, Board of Education

Date: _____

President, Board of Education