

OBERLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 294
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
OBERLIN, KANSAS
JANUARY 11, 2021

The Board of Education of Unified School District 294 met in Regular Session, Monday, January 11, 2021.

REGULAR
SESSION

The meeting was held at the DCJ/SHS Library, and via Zoom, 605 East Commercial, Oberlin, Kansas 67749.

President Monte Moore presided and called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Board Members Present:

PRESIDING

Board Members Present: Doug Brown
Megan Carter
Abby Hissong
Roger May
Monte Moore
Spring Louderbak
Kris Mathews

BOARD
MEMBERS
PRESENT

Board Members Absent: None

BOARD
MEMBERS
ABSENT

Others Attending: Dr. Joel Applegate, Superintendent
Brenda Breth, DCJ/SHS Principal
Brandon Gehring, OES Principal
Dayna Mannebach, Reporter, Oberlin Herald
Carla Depperschmidt, Deputy Clerk Board of Education
Jill Seller, Patron
Stosh Seller, Patron
Paul Shields, Patron
Susan Nelson, Patron/Former Teacher

OTHERS
ATTENDING

Zoom attendees:
Diane Mann
Gordon Pettibone
Iris Mastin
Travis Hissong
Sheila Jansonius

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by those in attendance.

There was no Public Forum.

Board Forum:

President Moore read a letter from Dan Wasson giving his NWKTC report.
President Moore read a Thank You card from the DCJ/SHS faculty and staff.
Megan Carter reported she had attended a President/Vice President Workshop.
President Moore gave a report on his NKESC meeting.

Board Appreciation:

Dr. Applegate presented each board member a certificate in recognition of their dedication and service to USD #294.

Adoption of Agenda:

President Moore wanted to clarify on XIII item I. Administrative Contracts.
It should read Administrative Contract Renewals.

Moved by Megan Carter and seconded by Kris Mathews to adopt the agenda noting the clarification.

MOTION
Adopt Agenda

Financial Reports:

Diane Mann from the Smoky Hill Education Service Center was available for any questions the board may have regarding the financial reports.

Doug Brown questioned the Visa Card payment for an IPAD/Case and Screen Protector. Dr. Applegate said he thought it was for streaming for the athletic department but would check into it and let them know.

Board Goals:

Dr. Applegate asked the building principals if there were any students or staff members currently on quarantine due to Covid. The elementary school does not have any currently, the high school had 2 students as of today.

There was some discussion on whether to do the climate survey in March as originally planned.

Consent Agenda for approval:

* Minutes of November 9, 2020 meeting

*Minutes of December 14, 2020 meeting

Megan Carter noted that in the December Minutes under the Motion to Approve the District Covid Plan and the Motion to Approve the Modified Quarantine Plan the vote of 7-0 needed

to be added to each motion.
* Approval of bills for payment

Moved by Doug Brown and seconded by Roger May to approve the consent agenda as presented with the correction in the December minutes.

MOTION
Approve
Consent Agenda

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

There were no Annual Agenda Reports.

Discussion Items:

Jill and Stosh Seller presented information regarding starting Shooting Sports at the High School as a District Activity/Club. The only things required from the district would be the use of the school name and permission to use the eligibility requirements. The club would use the local gun range and would not require travel unless they participated in state or national events which are optional. Grades 6-12 could be eligible.

Jill Seller asked that they be added to the February agenda for an action item.

(Jill and Stosh Seller left the meeting at 7:39 p.m.)

Paul Shields gave a presentation to the board regarding the Decatur Community Education Foundation. Stating the foundation was started in 2004. There are several parts of the foundation: endowments, scholarships, and education, explaining each of them. He stated that he could give them a copy of the annual report when it became available.

(Paul Shields left the meeting at 7:52)

Moved by Megan Carter and seconded by Spring Louderback to go into executive session for a period of 20 minutes under the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA to discuss an individual employee's performance, discuss an individual employee's contract, and discuss interviews with prospective employees with the board and superintendent present. Returning to open session at 8:13 p.m.

MOTION
Executive
Session
Personnel

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

(Susan Nelson left the meeting at 8:02)
(Dr. Applegate left the executive session at 8:04 p.m.)

President Moore called the meeting back in session at 8:13 p.m. with no action taken.

Action Items:

*Election of officers

President Moore opened up the nomination of Board President. Kris Mathews nominated Doug Brown for President. Spring Louderback seconded the nomination.

Moved by Roger May and seconded by Megan Carter to cease the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Doug Brown for Board President.

MOTION
Cease
Nominations

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.
Doug Brown is President.

Monte Moore nominated Megan Carter for Vice President. Roger May seconded the nomination.

Moved by Kris Mathews and seconded by Roger May to cease the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Megan Carter for Board Vice President.

MOTION
Cease
Nominations

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.
Megan Carter is Vice President.

*Smoky Hill Contract

The Board discussed the Smoky Hill annual contract. Dr. Applegate stated that they are open to some flexibility in the 12-month contract, possibly renegotiating the contract in June or July.

Moved by Megan Carter and seconded by Spring Louderback to approve the annual contract as presented.

MOTION
Approve Contract

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

*Spanish Curriculum Agreement

The Board discussed the Fuel Ed agreement with the SWPRSC to teach Spanish at the high school for the Spring Semester. Currently there are about 20 students enrolled in Spanish 1-3.

Moved by Spring Louderback and seconded by Roger May to approve the SWPRCS agreement for Spanish classes for the Spring Semester.

MOTION
Approve
Agreement

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

*Wrestling Mat Sealed Bid/Sale

Brandon Gehring, asked permission to sell 2 old wrestling mats by sealed bid with a minimum price being \$200.00 per section.

Megan Carter moved and Monte Moore seconded the motion to sell by sealed bid with a minimum price of \$200.00 per section of the old wrestling mats.

MOTION
Sealed Bid

*Donation to Athletics Department

John Stanley Memorial Foundation would like to make a donation to the athletics department to be used for live streaming of school activities for current and future use.

Roger May moved to accept the John Stanley Memorial Foundation Donation to the athletics department. Spring Louderback seconded the motion.

MOTION
Accept Donation

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

* Anonymous Donation to Athletics Department

There was an anonymous donation of \$1,000 to the Athletic Department to help defray the loss of monies due to Covid 19.

Roger May moved to accept the anonymous donation. Spring Louderback seconded the motion.

MOTION
Accept Donation

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

* Approval of Pre School Grants

Dr. Applegate would like permission from the board to apply for the KSDE Early Childhood Grant and the KPP Grant to help fund Pre School. The grants are due before the next board meeting.

Megan Carter Moved to grant permission to apply for both the KSDE Early Childhood Grant and the KPP Grant.

MOTION
Apply For Grants

*Board Clerk

Superintendent Applegate recommends the hiring of Jolene Dempewolf as board clerk.

Moved by Kris Mathews and seconded by Megan Carter to hire Jolene Dempewolf as board clerk.

MOTION
Hire

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

Megan Carter moved and Monte Moore seconded the recommendation to move item XVII, Executive Session on the agenda to now.

MOTION
Change In
Agenda

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

Megan Carter moved to go into Executive Session for a period of 6 minutes under the non-elected personnel exception under KOMA to discuss an individual employee's contract with just the board.

MOTION
Executive
Session

The board will return to open session in this room at 8:45 p.m.

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

President Doug Brown called the meeting back in session at 8:45 p.m. with no action taken.

* Administrative Contract Renewals

Megan Carter moved and Kris Mathews seconded the motion to renew the Elementary Principal, Brandon Gehring's Contract for one year,

MOTION
Renew Contract

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

Megan Carter moved and Spring Louderback seconded the motion to renew the High School Principal, Brenda Breth's Contract for one year.

MOTION
Renew Contract

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

Megan Carter moved and Spring Louderback seconded the motion to extend the Superintendent, Dr. Applegate's Contract for 2 years.

MOTION
Renew Contract

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

Discussion Items:

*Policy Committee

Board members discussed the recommendations from their individual committees for necessary changes in sections D, E, and F of the Board Policy Book.

*Board Books

Superintendent Applegate suggested using google docs and looking into Board Books again maybe next year due to the cost accrued for Smokey Hills. The board could possibly use the old Chromebooks. Board Members would receive school email accounts.

Superintendent's Information:

- *New oven at OES has been installed.
- *ESSER Reporting is due Jan. 20
- *Information on Document Retention Schedule-has been received and Dr. Applegate will be sharing that with the board.
- *Moved and cleaned new board clerk office-the office has been moved to the old copier room.
- *Substitute Teacher Pay-Dr. Applegate informed the board that he had checked with area schools in our league and we are about the same as other schools up to the first 5 days. He will do some more research on extended sub pay.
- *The elementary school teachers will be on the agenda in February to give the board an update on Really Great Reading.
- *ESSER II-New money for our district will be coming on March 1st.

Board Workshop Opportunities:

- * Advocacy Updates through KASB on Fridays 12:00-1:00
- *Clerk, Payroll, HR, Monthly Support-January 19th 2:00-3:00
- * Annual Negotiation Training

Items for Future Board Meetings:

- *Negotiations for 2021-22. A Letter of Notice for the 2021-22 Negotiations are due by March 1. Board members will need to consider items for negotiations.
- *Classified Salaries

Moved by Spring Louderback and seconded by Megan Carter to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION
Adjournment

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Carla Depperschmidt, Deputy Clerk,
Board of Education

Date: _____

President, Board of Education