

**Odessa School District #105
Odessa, Washington**

**Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
November 20, 2023**

- BOARD WORKSHOP** The board held a workshop in the district office at 5:15 pm. The board held discussions regarding school health and the latest safety report.
- OPEN MEETING** The Board of Directors of Odessa School District #105 met in the library on Monday, November 20, 2023 at 6:00 pm. This meeting was publicized by posted notice and notices presented to administration, union presidents, board members and the newspaper.
- PRESENT** Ed Deife; Chris Crossley; Carmen Weishaar; Janie Steward; Steve Fisk, Superintendent; and Staci Claassen, Business Manager. Also present were Maria Brooks, Travis Schuh, Dee Deife, and Zach Schafer. Board member Heather Valverde was absent.
- FLAG SALUTE** The flag salute was led by Chairman Deife.
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** **Action:** Janie Steward moved and Chris Crossley seconded a motion to approve all items on the agenda. Motion carried. 4 – 0
- STAFF/PUBLIC INPUT** Travis Schuh presented a brief overview of math topics students are learning in his classes and thanked the district for the new interactive panel for his classroom. Maria Brooks presented learning topics for each grade in the elementary along with elementary art. Brooks also shared students are showing growth in recent testing and preparations are being made for conferences.
- CONSENT AGENDA** The board approved the consent agenda which included:
Minutes:
October 25, 2023 Regular Meeting
November 15, 2023 Special Board Meeting
Bills & Payroll:
General Fund A/P Warrant: #615835, \$17,536.23;
Payroll Warrants: #615836-615856 and
Direct Deposit Warrants: #900010095-900010162, \$333,793.81;
General Fund A/P Warrants: #615857-615887, \$66,295.61;
Capital Fund A/P Warrants: #615888, \$49,515.15;
ASB Fund A/P Warrants: #615889-615901, \$10,327.58;
General Fund A/P Warrant: #615902, \$1,429.88;
ASB Fund A/P Warrants: #615903-615905, \$501.81.
Action: Janie Steward moved and Chris Crossley seconded a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Motion carried. 4 – 0
- REPORTS** **Superintendent’s Report**
Superintendent Fisk shared enrollment is steady at 212 students. Fisk shared about current grants the district is working on, which include a Healthy Kids grant for a new playground structure and other urgent repairs, a Farm to School Grant for the Food Services Department, and a Case Grant for the Agriculture Science program.
Superintendent Fisk is seeing improved behavior in the elementary and hosted Niki Topie, a behavior specialist from NEWESD101, to perform observations and work with staff in our classrooms. Paraprofessional

training will take place this week centered on supporting behavior challenged students.

Principal's Report

Superintendent Fisk reported in Principal Kane's absence. The first round of teacher evaluations are complete. Kane is working with Mr. Lloyd to prepare for the Winter Concert on December 12th. National Honor Society held an induction ceremony for new members Zachary Claassen and Viet Tran two on November 17th. Kane will be meeting with a possible Business Education Teacher candidate soon. Fisk also shared about the Intervention CARE team which allows teachers to bring students of concern to the team for assistance.

Board Report

The board shared memories from all the years Ed Deife served on the school board. Ed Deife was thanked for his hard work and was presented with an appreciation gift. Deife shared that even though the work wasn't always easy he was able to still have fun and was honored to spend time with all board members.

AD Report

Athletic Director Cori Kane was absent. Superintendent Fisk reported high school basketball practice has begun with 8 girls and 18 boys. The first game will be on December 1st and the boys will have new uniforms. Principal Kane is looking for students interested in singing the National Anthem for home basketball games.

Legislative Report

Superintendent Fisk briefly discussed future legislative changes to school bonds.

Facilities Report

Operations Supervisor Justin Parr was absent. Superintendent Fisk reported Parr continues to trouble shoot challenges with CSN to resolve issues with the HVAC system.

Financial Report

Superintendent Fisk presented the ASB balance sheet for October. He further presented the Financial Activity reports for General Fund for October showing an unassigned fund balance of \$890,202.57. He presented computer printouts for all funds.

NEW BUSINESS

Date of Next Regular Meeting

The next regular board meeting will be held Thursday December 14, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the high school library. The board scheduled a workshop at 5:15 pm before the regular meeting.

Action: Carmen Weishaar moved and Janie Steward seconded a motion to schedule the next regular board meeting on Thursday December 14, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the high school library, preceded by a board workshop at 5:15 pm.

Motion carried. 4 – 0

Resolution #2-2023-24 Educational Programs & Operation Levy

Action: Chris Crossley moved and Heather Janie Steward seconded a motion to approve Resolution #2-2023-24 presented by Superintendent Fisk;

“Whereas, the funds available for Odessa School District #105-157-166J through presently scheduled programs are insufficient to meet the needs of the district, and - - - - Now, therefore, be it here by resolved - - - that a special levy be held in the aforesaid district on the 13th day of February, 2024, - - - - - Which shall be submitted to the electors of said district for their approval or rejection in the form of the following ballot title: “Shall a replacement excess levy of \$625,000 be collected in the year 2025, requiring approximately \$1.89 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation - - to be placed in the General Fund and used for Educational Programs and Operation” - - - - - The aforesaid resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the aforesaid district on the 20th day of November, 2023 –“

Motion carried. 4 – 0

Resolution #3-2023-24 Capital Levy for School Improvement

Action: Janie Steward moved and Chris Crossley seconded a motion to approve Resolution #3-2023-24 presented by Superintendent Fisk;

“Whereas, the funds available for Odessa School District #105-157-166J through presently scheduled programs are insufficient to meet the needs of the district, and - - - - Now, therefore, be it here by resolved - - - that a special levy be held in the aforesaid district on the 13th day of February, 2024, - - - - - Which shall be submitted to the electors of said district for their approval or rejection in the form of the following ballot title: “be authorized to levy a one-year replacement tax levy be collected in the year 2025, the sum of \$125,000, requiring approximately \$0.38 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation - - - to be placed in the Capital Projects Fund to be used to support the modernization of school facilities - - - of Odessa School District #105, Lincoln County, joint with #157, Adams County and #166J Grant County?” - - The aforesaid resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the aforesaid district on the 20th day of November, 2023 –“

Motion carried. 4 – 0

Mike Carlquist – HS Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

Action: Chris Crossely moved and Janie Steward seconded a motion to hire Mike Carlquist as the High School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach as recommended by Superintendent Fisk.

Motion carried. 4 – 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

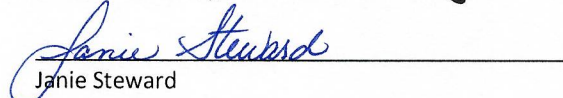
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ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Deife adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.

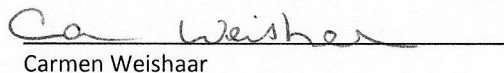
Ed Deife, Chairman


Christine Crossley, Vice Chairman


Janie Steward


Steve Fisk, Superintendent

Heather Valverde


Carmen Weishaar