

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

**Minutes  
Regular Board Meeting  
September 27, 2023**

- BOARD WORKSHOP** The board held a workshop in the district office at 5:15 pm. The board held discussions regarding an update on EES , Open House, board school visits, and the conference schedule.
- OPEN MEETING** The Board of Directors of Odessa School District #105 met in the library on Wednesday, September 27, 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; Heather Valverde; Janie Steward; Carmen Weishaar; Steve Fisk, Superintendent; Cori Kane, Principal; Staci Claassen, Business Manager; and Justin Parr, Operations Supervisor. Also present were Kristen Sebesta and Jeff Wehr.
- FLAG SALUTE** The flag salute was led by Chairman Deife.
- ADOPTION OF AGENDA** **Action:** Chris Crossley moved and Heather Valverde seconded a motion to approve all items on the agenda. Motion carried. 5 – 0
- STAFF/PUBLIC INPUT** Kristen Sebesta shared about positive happenings in the elementary hallway. Miss Sheer has been building relationships with her small kindergarten class. Miss Lindberg has been taking her first-grade students on virtual field trips to the zoo to watch animals on live cameras. Mrs. Iverson is teaching her second graders about being kind and respectful to peers and adults and how to be a strong classroom community. Mrs. Sebesta’s third grade class is participating in the Grant County Conservation District’s “Fish in the Classroom” program. Third grade students will raise trout in the spring and later release them into a local lake. The third-grade students will also have the opportunity to dissect trout together with the junior high and high school science classes. Mrs. Scrupps and her fourth-grade class are working on metaphors and similes. Mrs. Brooks and the fifth graders are working on being responsible when traveling between classes and remembering to make up work when absent. Mrs. Brooks and the elementary art students are creating fall themed art projects using writing skills.
- Jeff Wehr shared the year is going well and has been very positive and refreshing in the high school. Students are enjoying new equipment in the science lab and are excited for spirit week.
- CONSENT AGENDA** The board approved the consent agenda which included:  
**Minutes:**  
August 23, 2023 Regular Meeting  
August 28, 2023 Special Board Meeting  
**Bills & Payroll:**  
General A/P Warrant: #615662-615663, \$7,243.33;  
Payroll Warrants #615664-615680 and  
Direct Deposit Warrants #900009971-900010027, \$325,357.64;  
General Fund A/P Warrant: #615681-615735, \$223,250.11;  
ASB Fund A/P Warrants: #615736-615752, \$22,057.90;  
General Fund Comp Tax Wire Transfer, \$500.15.

**Action:** Heather Valverde moved and Janie Steward seconded a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Motion carried. 5 – 0

## REPORTS

### Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Fisk shared he really enjoyed Deutchesfest and loved serving and visiting with people from far and wide.

The current student headcount is 209 students. Fisk is working on the special education and consolidated title grants along with additional grants to fund the playground renovation and repairs to the football field lights, bathrooms, and school electrical panel. Other grants include a BEST grant which supports new teachers and a Farm to School grant which provides produce from local providers for the food services department. Fisk is meeting with a representative from the ESD, Master Gardener Club of Lincoln County and 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest to discuss the community garden on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Fisk discussed math support for elementary, secondary and special education and tools for intervention. Superintendent Fisk is working on the CTE end of year review along with getting approvals for spring courses. Fisk has also completed emergency sub applications for Danielle Scrups and Marra Schmierer, along with adding Tori King and Julie Lambert to our substitute paraeducator list. The district is still looking for a high school assistant girls basketball coach.

Open house is scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm in the multipurpose room.

### Principal's Report

Principal Kane reported Homecoming activities will begin next week, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade is at Camp Wooten, and the band program is going well. Conference schedules will be moved to November 20-22 pending board approval. Kane is working with Kimberly Ryan to offer AP courses next year. Testing for ASVAB, ACT, and PSAT will take place in October for high school students. College visits will begin in November along with a FAFSA night. Kane and Ryan are also working together to schedule a post-secondary hour for 3 days for 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade students to work on scholarships, resumes, and college research. Open house for P-12<sup>th</sup> grade is scheduled for October 12<sup>th</sup>. Kane also reported the ASB is looking into purchasing 2 monitors for an electronic sign system for the school.

### Board Report

None

### AD Report

Athletic Director Cori Kane shared the high school has four more regular season football games and four more weeks of regular season volleyball. The games have been well attended and attendance is up from last year. An assistant coach for the high school girls basketball team is still needed.

### Legislative Report

Superintendent Fisk reported the WSSDA General Assembly voted to allow one vote for each school district.

## Facilities Report

Operations Supervisor Justin Parr reported the new heating units are working well and trim work around the units will be done during non-school hours. Parr also reported Avista will be testing the football field electrical poles to see if they can support new lights. The Odessa Booster Club and the district are discussing ways to replace the burlap in the high school gym. Parr reported transportation is going well and he will begin a bus driving course with a current van driver.

## Financial Report

Superintendent Fisk presented the ASB balance sheet for August. He further presented the Financial Activity reports for General Fund for August showing an unassigned fund balance of \$1,014,469.67. He presented computer printouts for all funds.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Date of Next Regular Meeting

The next regular board meeting will be held Wednesday October 25, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the high school library. The board scheduled a workshop at 5:15 pm before the regular meeting.

**Action:** Heather Valverde moved and Chris Crossley seconded a motion to schedule the next regular board meeting at on Wednesday October 25, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the high school library, preceded by a board workshop at 5:15 pm.  
Motion carried. 5 – 0

### Charles Short – HS Boys Assistant Basketball Coach

**Action:** Chris Crossley moved and Heather Valverde seconded a motion to approve Charles Short as the high school boys assistant basketball coach as recommended by Superintendent Fisk. Motion carried. 5 – 0

### Megan Walter – Junior Class Advisor

**Action:** Chris Crossley moved and Heather Valverde seconded a motion to approve Megan Walter as the Junior Class Advisor as recommended by Superintendent Fisk. Motion carried. 5 – 0

### Lindsay Starkel – Photo Journalist

**Action:** Chris Crossley moved and Heather Valverde seconded a motion to approve Lindsay Starkel as a photo journalist as recommended by Superintendent Fisk. Motion carried. 5 – 0

### Reading Assessment Coordinator Stipend – Kristen Sebesta

**Action:** Janie Steward moved and Chris Crossley seconded a motion to approve a reading assessment coordinator stipend for Kristen Sebesta as recommended by Superintendent Fisk. Motion carried. 5 – 0

### 2023-2024 504 Professional Services Contract – Katie Douglas

**Action:** Janie Steward moved and Heather Valverde seconded a motion to approve the 504 professional services contract for Katie Douglas for the 2023-2024 school year as recommended by Superintendent Fisk. Motion carried. 5 – 0

**Resolution #1-2023-2024 Revolving Fund Balance Increase**

**Action:** Heather Valverde moved and Janie Steward seconded a motion to approve Resolution #1-2023-2024 Revolving Fund Balance Increase which will increase the revolving fund balance to \$2,000 to avoid bank fees as recommended by Superintendent Fisk. Motion carried. 5 – 0

**Elementary/HS Secretary Contract**

**Action:** Chris Crossley moved and Heather Valverde seconded a motion to approve extending the elementary and high school secretary contracts by 5 days as recommended by Superintendent Fisk. Motion carried. 5 – 0

**Sports Post Season Overnight Stays**

**Action:** Chris Crossley moved and Janie Steward seconded a motion to approve sports post season overnight stays for football, volleyball, basketball, baseball, track and golf as recommended by Superintendent Fisk. Motion carried. 5 – 0

**CTE Compliance Report**

**Action:** Janie Steward moved and Chris Crossley seconded a motion to approve the CTE Compliance Report as recommended by Superintendent Fisk. Motion carried. 5 – 0

**Conference Schedule**

**Action:** Janie Steward moved and Heather Valverde seconded a motion to approve rescheduling conferences from November 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> to November 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> as recommended by Superintendent Fisk. Motion carried. 5 – 0

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Deife adjourned the meeting at 7:01 pm.



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Ed Deife, Chairman



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Christine Crossley, Vice Chairman



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Janie Steward



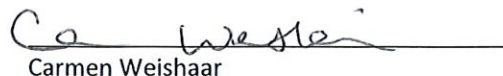
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Steve Fisk, Superintendent



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Heather Valverde



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Carmen Weishaar