

OKANOGAN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Okanogan School District
February 26, 2024
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1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- a) Chair Rae Jean Kelley called the January Regular Board meeting to order at 6:02p.m. School Board members present: Rae Jean Kelley, Heather Fisher, and Ryan Lafferty with Steve Quick, Superintendent, and about 8 audience members. The meeting took place at the MS/HS Library.

2) APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES, CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO FEBRUARY AGENDA

- a) The Board approved the January Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as well as, the February Regular Board Meeting Agenda with the addition of hiring TiLynn Everts, .5 General Education Para/.5 Life Skills Para, and the removal of item #7 approve the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school year calendars. **Lafferty/Fisher/Passed/3 for/0 against**

- 3) **PUBLIC COMMENT** Citizens wanting to speak on topics not on the agenda may comment at this point in the meeting. Personnel issues and employee performance are not discussed in public meetings and shall be referred to the superintendent. Other comments are limited to 3 minutes per person and 10 minutes per topic.
The Board heard a parent concern regarding middle school sports and the lack of reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at Middle School events.

4) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Jeremy Clark, Elementary Principal along with Angie Richards, Kindergarten Teacher and Heidi Weston, Second Grade Teacher presented to the Board information about students with traveling deficits and what they are doing for those students to close the gap. They also spoke about the new reading curriculum adopted this year and how teachers are already seeing improvement in students.

Mr. Quick reported to the Board that the new greenhouse at the high school has received its Substantial Completion Certificate. He also reported to the Board the house that is being purchased by the district will expand the district footprint and open opportunities for future projects. Mr. Quick informed the Board of being placed in the 2B classification for athletics for the next four years and how the district has submitted an application for a Gear Up Grant Program, which would see our district be a part of a 6-year grant with a consortium of other schools.

5) APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the following:

- a) Hired Cody Harvill, After School SEL Mindfulness Coach; Heather Downey, Assistant High School Track & Field Coach; Brenda Davison, MS/HS Life Skills Para Educator – Temporary Position; Derek VanderGriend, Food Service 2; TiLynn Everts, .5 General Education Para/ .5 Life Skills Para Educator.
- b) Accepted resignations from Chris Holand, Middle School Assistant Track Coach; Tracy Harrison, Bus Driver; Julie Gariano, Food Service Director.
- c) Terminated Jason Parten – Food Service 2
- d) February warrants (256867 through 256920 totaling \$ 570,469.29; additional warrants included 256955 through 257010 totaling \$ 396,615.61)
- e) February payroll totaling \$1,372,630.33.
- f) February enrollment totaling 1039.39

There were no objections from the Board regarding the consent agenda, the Board approved the consent agenda. Fisher/Lafferty/Passed/3 for/0 against

6) CONSIDER ADOPTING A MODIFICATION TO THE EDUCATION PROGRAM: ENDING THE 4 YR. OLD PRESCHOOL PROGRAM AND BEGINNING A TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM. WHICH WOULD REQUIRE A STAFFING REDUCTION OF 1.0 FTE CLASSIFIED AND A CERTIFICATED INCREASE OF 1.0 FTE. IF THE MODIFICATION IS APPROVED, DIRECTING THE SUPERINTENDENT TO APPLY APPROPRIATE CLASSIFIED CBA LAYOFF PROVISIONS

- a) After a brief discussion regarding funding, the Board moved to approve adopting the modification to the education program: ending the 4 yr. old Preschool Program and beginning a Transitional Kindergarten Program, which will require a staffing reduction of 1.0 FTE classified and a certificated increase of 1.0 FTE. Within this motion, we direct the Superintendent to apply appropriate classified CBA layoff provisions.

Lafferty/Fisher/passed/3 for/ 0 against

7) APPROVE RESOLUTION 02-02-23-24 IN OPPOSITION TO ESB 5462 AND HB 2331

- a) Mr. Quick explained the resolution in more detail to the Board. The Board made a motion to approve Resolution 02-02-23-24 In Opposition to ESB 5462 and HB 2331.

Fisher/Lafferty/passed/3 for/0 against

**8) FIRST READ FOR POLICIES:
POLICY 6215 EXPENSE CLAIM CERTIFICATION AND APPROVAL
POLICY 5001 HIRING RETIRED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES
POLICY 3231 STUDENT RECORDS**

POLICY 2230 TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN

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**POLICY 1400 MEETING CONDUCT, ORDER OF BUSINESS, AND QUORUM
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a) The Board held a brief discussion regarding Policy 5001 and Policy 2230.

9) FINANCIAL REPORTS

a) Klancy informed the Board that we are 40% through the year as of January 31st and the the district is right within budget for revenues and expenditures.

ADJOURNMENT

a) There being no further business to bring before the Board, Board Chair Rae Jean Kelley adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Steve Quick
Superintendent/Secretary

Luke McKee
Okanogan School Board Vice Chair