

OKANOGAN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Okanogan School District
September 30, 2024
Regular School Board Minutes
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1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- a) Chair Rae Jean Kelley called the September Regular Board meeting to order at 6:00p.m. School Board members present: Rae Jean Kelley, Heather Fisher, Ryan Lafferty, Luke McKee and Terri Mail (via zoom) with Steve Quick, Superintendent, and about 9 audience members. The meeting took place at the Okanogan Outreach.

2) APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES, CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO SEPTMEBER AGENDA

- a) The Board approved the August Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as well as, the September Regular Board Meeting Agenda with the addition of resignations from Jay Nearents, Middle School C Squad Basketball Coach and High School Assistant Tennis Coach. All resignations were added to the consent agenda. **Fisher/Lafferty/passed/5 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. Public comments were presented to the Board.

4) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Roy Johnson, Outreach Principal started off his presentation by bringing attention to the new planters in front of the Outreach building. The planters were made by Tim Dailey, Wood Shop Teacher and his students. The flowers in the planters were grown in the new greenhouse and given by Melissa Allen, High School Ag Teacher and her students. Chad Peterson then spoke to the Board about the new Alternative Open Door Program. He is currently teaching the program and stated after the first few days in this position he knew it was a perfect fit for him. He told the Board the Open Doors Program has many different avenues students can choose from to fit their learning style and dependent on the student's motivation and time spent determines how long it will take a student to complete a course. The program currently has 15 enrolled students and 6 students are starting orientation. Roy Johnson ended the presentation by giving kudos to Mr. Peterson for the great things he is already doing for the program.

Mr. Quick reported to the Board that our enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year is low with our October count being around 1007 FTE. He informed the Board of the Accountability Audit Exit Conference that was held. The district had no findings. He spoke

to the Board about the WIAA Amendment supporting females in athletics and it being a big hurdle on the legal side of things. The district was granted the Gear Up grant. This grant allows students to start thinking about and getting support with what they want to do once they graduate from high school starting in sixth grade. Lastly, Mr. Quick thanked all of the Board members for attending the Strengthening Tribal Consultation Training.

5) APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a) Hired Emma Freel, MS/HS Life Skills Para Educator; Kara Thornton, 4th Grade Leadership Team; Samantha Dalton, 5h Grade Leadership Team; Olivia Richards, High School Cross Country Coach; Martin Mitchell, Middle School Assistant Football Coach; Nick Saenz, Assistant High School Girls Soccer Coach; Kiara Gregory, High School C Team Volleyball Coach; Nick Fletcher, Middle School Girls Wrestling Coach.
- b) Accepted resignations from Cameron Gaber, MS/HS Life Skills Para Educator; Marty Staggs, High School Boys C Team Coach; Marty Staggs, Head High School Track Coach; Nick Fletcher, Middle School Girls Assistant Wrestling Coach; Jay Nearents, Middle School C Squad Basketball Coach; Jay Nearents, High School Assistant Tennis Coach.
- c) September warrants (257925 through 258014 totaling \$183,421.83)
- d) September payroll totaling \$1,324,322.27.
- e) September enrollment totaling 1006.49

There were no objections from the Board regarding the consent agenda, the Board approved the consent agenda. Lafferty/McKee/passed/5 for/0 against

7) APPROVE OKANOGAN OUTREACH AND ALE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

- a) After a brief explanation, Luke McKee made a motion to approve the Okanogan Outreach and ALE School Improvement Plans. **McKee/Fisher/passed/5 for/ 0 against**

8) APPROVE VIRGINIA GRAINGER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- a) Heather Fisher made a motion to approve the Virginia Grainger Elementary School Improvement Plan. **Fisher/Lafferty/passed/5 for/ 0 against**

10) FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a) Klancy Allen, Business Manager informed the Board that this month's financial report is preliminary until October 25th. The September report is a snapshot in time of where the district currently stands.

11) DISCUSSION

None heard

12) ADJOURNMENT

- a) There being no further business to bring before the Board, Board Chair Rae Jean Kelley adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Steve Quick
Superintendent/Secretary

Rae Jean Kelley
Okanogan School Board Chair