

OKANOGAN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Okanogan School District
October 28, 2024
Regular School Board Minutes
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1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- a) Chair Rae Jean Kelley called the October Regular Board meeting to order at 6:02p.m. School Board members present: Rae Jean Kelley, Heather Fisher and Ryan Lafferty (via telephone for all action items) with Steve Quick, Superintendent, and about 9 audience members. The meeting took place at the MS/HS Library.

2) APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES, CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO OCTOBER AGENDA

- a) The Board approved the September Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as well as, the October Regular Board Meeting Agenda. **Fisher/Lafferty/passed/3 for/0 against**

3) PUBLIC COMMENT

None heard

4) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Tanya Peterson, Special Education Director spoke to the Board about our current special education staff and the partnership the district has with the ESD to provide new director support, physical therapy support as well as a bridge to support student behavior. Tanya informed the Board that our special education program averages are meeting or better than what the State averages are. She is getting positive feedback from parents. Lastly she shared her goal of attending every IEP meeting for the year and has been doing well so far. There are 170 special education students district wide.

Mr. Quick briefly informed the Board of a few items including the two GEAR UP positions the district will be hiring starting December 1st. He also spoke about the new calling system the district is using. Lastly he informed the Board that Camp Progress was vandalized. He has contacted the Tribe and will be working on getting a lease in place for the tribal land on which Camp Progress is located.

Scott Lewis with Apollo was present at the meeting to give a brief explanation and answer any questions the Board had about the Energy Services Proposal that was provided to the Board prior to the meeting.

5) APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a) Hired Darci Hawkins, Special Education Teacher; Connor Townsend, Webpage Designer; Rich Moses, High School Boys C Team Coach; Crystal Stotts, Life Skills Para Educator;

- b) October warrants (258015 through 258062 totaling \$140,164.45 and 258098 through 258173 totaling 153,684.22)
- c) October payroll totaling \$1,357,410.27.
- d) October enrollment totaling 1006.49

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

7) APPROVE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGES FOR DECEMBER, MARCH AND MAY

- a) After a brief explanation of why the board meeting dates needed to be changed the Board set the dates to December 16, 2024, March 24, 2025 and May 27, 2025. Heather Fisher made a motion to approve **Fisher/Lafferty/passed/3 for/ 0 against**

8) FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a) Mr. Quick, Superintendent, briefly spoke to the Board about the year-end balance ending at the bench mark the district had hoped for, allowing the district to move forward with adding an additional increase for certificated staff as agreed upon in negotiations.

9) DISCUSSION

Mr. Quick and the Board members present held a brief discussion regarding the possibility of running a bond and dropping the capital projects levy hoping to keep taxes down for community members while addressing facility issues with a replacement bond. The Board spoke about meeting to go over district needs before the February deadline to submit a resolution in order to run a bond on the April ballot.

10) APPROVE DRAFT ENERGY SERVICES PROPOSAL

- a) Heather Fisher made a motion to approve the draft Energy Services Proposal.
Fisher/Lafferty/passed/ 3 for/ 0 against

11) ADJOURNMENT

- a) There being no further business to bring before the Board, Board Chair Rae Jean Kelley adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

Steve Quick
Superintendent/Secretary

Rae Jean Kelley
Okanogan School Board Chair