

OKANOGAN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Okanogan School District
April 28, 2025
Regular School Board Minutes
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1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- a) Chair Rae Jean Kelley called the March Regular Board meeting to order at 6:00p.m. School Board members present: Rae Jean Kelley, Ryan Lafferty, Terri Mail (joined the meeting at 6:07 p.m.) and Luke McKee via zoom with Steve Quick, Superintendent, and about 30 audience members present. The meeting took place at the MS/HS Library.

2) APPROVAL OF MARCH MINUTES, CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO APRIL AGENDA

- a) The Board approved the March Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as well as the April Regular Board Meeting Agenda. **Lafferty/McKee/passed/3 for/0 against**

3) PUBLIC COMMENT

Jenny Kruse had a comment regarding Policy 3530P, she felt in some areas it contradicted the ASB Handbook. It was suggested that Trace Paul, the ASB Secretary, should review the policy and handbook.

4) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Gary Wetch of Loofborrow and Wetch Architects was present and began by congratulating the Board on the successful passing of the school bond with 67.00% approval. He stated that this achievement represents great things ahead for the district, its students, staff, and the community. Mr. Wetch emphasized the excitement around the bond being a no-cost change to taxpayers, while still allowing for much-needed improvements to all school buildings. He also expressed his interest in coming back to meet with administration and staff to further discuss facility needs and priorities.

Tim Dailey, CTE Construction Teacher, gave a presentation to the Board alongside students Cutter Prichard and Paige Sullivan. Cutter shared that this is his third year in the class, while Paige noted it is her second. Both students spoke about the value of the course, emphasizing how learning to work with their hands and use a variety of tools has been beneficial for everyday life and could support their future careers. They also highlighted how the program has taught them important skills such as problem solving, teamwork, time management, and goal setting.

Jason Brown, American Sign Language (ASL) Teacher, presented to the Board along with students Camryn Ashworth and Lena Coggins. The students shared their experience attending an ASL Conference, where they were required to communicate using only sign language. Both Camryn and Lena expressed that ASL is a fun and engaging class and mentioned a possible interest in pursuing interpreting as a future career. Mr. Brown

informed the Board of the current statewide shortage of sign language interpreters and highlighted the excitement around the district's ASL program being the first of its kind in Okanogan County.

Rebecca Hallam, Business Education Teacher, presented to the Board alongside her student Ryan Misner. Ryan provided Board members with examples of games created by students as part of their work in the Computer Science class. He shared that students have also had the opportunity to explore wearable technology and apply their coding skills in that area. Ryan expressed his enthusiasm for the class, stating that he enjoys being able to create his own games and appreciates the hands-on learning experience.

Rose Weagant, Art Teacher, presented to the Board along with her students Corbin Cruz and War Camel. The students shared their excitement about attending Comic Con, describing it as a fun and inspiring experience. They also spoke about a recent field trip to Central Washington University (CWU), where they had the opportunity to meet art professors and learn more about ceramics. Both Corbin and War expressed interest in pursuing college degrees in the Commercial Arts field and shared their pride in the artwork they have created throughout the year.

Melissa Rauch, Agriculture Teacher, presented to the Board with her students Henry Tibbs and Cameron Caswell. Mrs. Rauch shared that 24 students will be attending the State competition this year and highlighted the recent success of the Tractor Driving team, which earned 2nd place. Both Henry and Cameron spoke about their appreciation for the Ag program, emphasizing how much they enjoy the hands-on learning opportunities the class provides.

Mr. Quick began by thanking staff and community members for their dedication and hard work in helping to pass the school bond. He noted that many meetings will take place soon to discuss building improvements and gather input. Mr. Quick also informed the Board that the district's audit is wrapping up. Additionally, he spoke about a trauma-informed curriculum and shared that the local Tribe is willing to support its implementation and provide staff training. He further announced that the district will not be renewing its contract with Chartwells for the upcoming school year and will instead be managing food services in-house for political reasons.

5) APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a) Hired Richard Caryl, Camp Invention Teacher; Patti Caryl, Camp Invention Teacher; Katie Beery, Camp Invention Teacher; Anna Rawson, Camp Invention Teacher; Desiree Burke, Camp Invention Para Educator; Penny Tverberg, Camp Invention Para Educator; Megan Blayne, Assistant Middle School Track Coach.

- b) Resignations from Heather Downey, Becca Hawley, High School Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach; Denise Adams, General Para Educator, Kynadee Gavin, General Para Educator; Kaitlan Klepec, Assistant High School Girls Soccer Coach; Dan Stout, Head of Maintenance, Custodial and Grounds.
April warrants (258847 through 258900 totaling \$125,336.08 and 258928 through 258982 totaling \$193,815.30)

c) April payroll totaling \$1,394,815.34.

d) April enrollment totaling 1022.96

There were no objections from the Board regarding the consent agenda, the Board approved the consent agenda. Lafferty/Mail/passed/4 for/0 against

6) APPROVE OKSD SURPLUS

- a) Ryan Lafferty made a motion to approve the OKSD Surplus. **Lafferty/Mail/passed/4 for/0 against.**

7) APPROVE THE REMOVAL OF POLICY 2090/2090P PROGRAM EVALUATION

- a) After a brief explanation from Mr. Quick, Ryan Lafferty made a motion to approve the removal of Policy 2090/2090P Program Evaluation. **Lafferty/Mail/passed/4 for/0 against**

8) SECOND READ AND APPROVAL OF POLICY 2410 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- a) After a lengthy discussion the Board decided to revisit this item at the next board meeting. No motion was made.

9) APPROVE POLICY 3241 STUDENT DISCIPLINE

- a) After a brief discussion, Ryan Lafferty made a motion to approve Policy 3241 Student Discipline. **Lafferty/Mail/passed/4 for/0 against.**

10) FIRST READ POLICIES

- a) POLICY 2004 PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT GOALS
- b) POLICY 2190 HIGHLY CAPABLE PROGRAMS
- c) POLICY 2413 EQUIVALENCY CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES
- d) POLICY 5005 EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEERS: DISCLOSURES, CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, ASSURANCES AND APPROVAL
- e) POLICY 5271 REPORTING IMPROPER GOVERNMENTAL ACTION (WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION)

The Board was provided with the policies prior to the meeting. A brief discussion took place between the Board members regarding the policies.

11) POLICY PROCEDURES FOR REVIEW ONLY

- a) POLICY 1105P ELECTORAL SYSTEMS
- b) POLICY 2190P HIGHLY CAPABLE PROGRAMS

- c) POLICY 3530P FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES INVOLVING STUDENTS
- d) POLICY 5271P REPORTING IMPROPER GOVERNMENTAL ACTION (WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTION)
- e) POLICY 2161P SPECIAL EDUCATION AND RELATED SERVICES FOR ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

The Board was provided with the procedures prior to the meeting to review.

12) APPROVE RESOLUTION 03-04-24-25 STUDY AND SURVEY ACCEPTANCE AS COMPLETE

- a) After a brief discussion, Ryan Lafferty made a motion to approve Resolution 03-04-24-25 Study and Survey Acceptance as Complete. **Lafferty/Mail/passed/4 for/0 against**

13) APPROVE RESOLUTION 04-04-24-25 ARCHITECT AND ENGINEERING SERVICES

- a) After a brief discussion, Ryan Lafferty made a motion to approve Resolution 04-04-24-25 Architect and Engineering Services. **Lafferty/Mail/passed/4 for/0 against**

14) APPROVE RESOLUTION 05-04-24-25 WIAA MEMBERSHIP

- a) After a brief discussion, Ryan Lafferty made a motion to approve Resolution 05-04-24-25 WIAA Membership. **Lafferty/Mail/passed/4 for/0 against**

15) APPROVE CARL PERKINS V GRANT FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR, CTE DEPARTMENTS 4-YEAR PLAN, AND 2024-2025 CTE PROGRAM EVALUATION

- a) Ryan Lafferty made a motion to approve the Carl Perkins V Grant for the 2025-2026 School Year, CTE Departments 4-Year Plan, and 2024-2025 CTE Program Evaluation. **Lafferty/Mail/passed/4 for/ 0 against**

16) FINANCEAL REPORTS

- a) Mr. Quick informed the Board that everything is on schedule and the district is hoping to boost the ending fund balance for the next school year.

17) DISCUSSION

- a) None

18) ADJOURNMENT

- a) There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Board Chair Rae Jean Kelley adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Steve Quick
Superintendent/Secretary

Rae Jean Kelley
Okanogan School Board Chair