

OSBORN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8
Governing Board Regular Meeting
April 19, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Osborn School District Governing Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Board President Flamand.

Present:

Juan Carlos Flamand, Board President
Edward Hermes, Board Clerk
Sue Corbin, Board Member
Ylenia Aguilar, Board Member participated telephonically
Luis Peralta, Board Member
Dr. Michael Robert, Superintendent absent

Pledge of Allegiance

President Flamand lead the pledge.

District Celebrations and Announcements

Point of Pride Recipients from iSchool

Mrs. Crossley shared her pride in the iSchool program and the staff that make the program happen. After providing an overview of the program she congratulated staff and expressed her appreciation of the support from staff, departments and sites. She then introduced Mae Nevarez, Nikole Fletcher, and Jennifer Staron as Points of Pride and presented each with flowers, a certificate and pin.

Mr. Bachler then named Santoi Prather from Transportation and Alfredo Medina from Maintenance as Points of Pride from their respective departments noting that although not present each would be recognized at a department meeting.

Mr. Dana introduced Zachary Jensen as a Point of Pride for the district Office and awarded him with a certificate and pin.

Mrs. Potter Davis introduced Jennifer Page as the other Point of Pride recipient from the district Office and awarded her with a plant, certificate and pin.

Mrs. Potter Davis then shared that 20 Osborn Middle School band students participated in the Greater Phoenix Honor Band concert Saturday, April 9 at Camelback High School.

At 6:08 p.m. President Flamand called for a short break.

Members reconvened at 6:18 p.m.

Consent Agenda – Approval of Items Since March Meeting

- A. Ratification of Accounts Payable Vouchers
- B. Ratification of Payroll Vouchers
- C. Board Minutes
 - 1. April 7, 2022 Work Study
 - 1. March 22, 2022 Regular Meeting
- D. Approval of Personnel Items
 - 1. New Employees
 - 2. Extra Duty Contracts
 - 3. Employment Changes/Additions
 - 4. Resignations
 - 5. Terminations
 - 6. Retirements

- 7. Leaves of Absence
- E. Donations
- F. Expenditure and Revenue Report
- G. Student Activities Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
- H. Disposal of Equipment
- I. Out of State/Out of Town Travel
 - 1. Cory Alexander and Kayla Anderson to the School Nutrition Annual National Conference in Orlando, Florida from July 9-13, 2022
 - 2. Approval of the Clarendon 6th grade field trip to the Grand Canyon May 5, 2022
 - 3. Out of state travel for 10 OMS staff members to a Professional Learning Communities Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada June 8-10, 2022
 - 4. Re-approval of Out of State Travel to Finland for Dr. Michael Robert to participate in the Fulbright Leaders for Global Schools program on the updated itinerary of May 1-12, 2022

Mr. Hermes moved to approve. Ms. Corbin seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Flamand aye
Mr. Hermes aye
Ms. Corbin aye
Ms. Aguilar aye
Mr. Peralta aye

Call to the Public

There were no requests.

Board Presentation

Bond and Override Future in Osborn School District

Mrs. Toscano shared that she and Dr. Robert have been meeting with consultant Paul Ulan and preparing to begin the work on a possible bond and override election. Mr. Ulan will soon begin polling and will have a presentation for the Board next month. An item will also be brought to the Board for vote next month.

Administrative Reports

In response to President Flamand's request for an update on the NIET Conference, Principal Martin shared highlights on learning about the new TAP rubric, an ideal TLT meeting and said it was a wonderful experience.

In response to additional questions, clarification was provided by Dr. Woodland and Mrs. Toscano around staff retention and a recent survey that showed compensation for retention of staff as a priority for both parents and staff.

Audit Reports for Fiscal Year 2020/21work

Mrs. Toscano noted that this item allows the Board to officially accept the 2020-2021 fiscal year audit reports discussed previously at the work study. President Flamand stated that to ensure the community is aware, members spent a significant amount of time discussing the reports as noted by Mrs. Toscano.

Mr. Hermes motioned to approve. Mr. Peralta seconded. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Flamand aye
Mr. Hermes aye
Ms. Corbin aye
Ms. Aguilar aye
Mr. Peralta aye

Approval of Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with NAU's Education Technology Consortium

Mrs. Toscano shared that this agreement is for support of the district's student information systems, provides training, strategic support, and will focus on a train the trainer model. She noted that in working with the program previously, she has experienced a very high level of service.

Mr. Hermes motioned to approve. Ms. Corbin seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Flamand aye
Mr. Hermes aye
Ms. Corbin aye
Ms. Aguilar aye
Mr. Peralta aye

Approval of Travel for Luis Peralta to Attend the ASBA Summer Leadership Institute in Flagstaff, AZ June 9-11, 2022

President Flamand noted that for transparency, he had requested the Board travel items to be voted on separate from the consent agenda.

Mr. Hermes motioned to approve. President Flamand seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Flamand aye
Mr. Hermes aye
Ms. Corbin aye
Ms. Aguilar aye
Mr. Peralta aye

Approval of Travel for Ylenia Aguilar to Attend the NALEO 39th Annual Conference in Chicago, IL June 22, 2022 – June 25, 2022

Mr. Hermes motioned to approve. President Flamand seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Flamand aye
Mr. Hermes aye
Ms. Corbin aye
Ms. Aguilar aye
Mr. Peralta aye

Recommendation to Approve Early Childhood School Psychologist Job Description

Dr. Woodland shared that due to the retirement of a part time psychologist, this item is not a fiscal ask but will align with the current needs of the district. Highlighting changes made to the description Dr. Woodland noted the position will be funded from M&O, Title I and Title IV.

Mr. Hermes motioned to approve. Mr. Peralta seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Flamand aye
Mr. Hermes aye
Ms. Corbin aye
Ms. Aguilar aye
Mr. Peralta aye

Information

Tax Rate Projections

Sharing prepared reports, Mrs. Toscano said projected growth from assessed valuations for 2022-2023 is approximately \$100,000. She said the district is primarily made up of commercial or industrial properties at 57% with only 39% residential properties. She explained that this breakdown helps Osborn because the majority of property tax values comes from the commercial and industrial properties saving the residential tax payers from shouldering the significant burden of tax rates.

Reviewing the historical tax rate levies Mrs. Toscano noted the stability in tax rates over the last four years stating that consistency is a goal in financial planning for the district as it allows for consistency in the local tax rates for constituents.

Highlighting the current debt service for current bonds she said the district has a few years left with the 50 million dollar bond project which was addressed in two main issuances occurring in 2018 and 2019. The debt service for current bonds runs through 2038 but may be refundable if timing and lower interest rates were to align beginning in 2028.

Mrs. Toscano said that bonding capacity for the district in September 2021 was just over 34 million with estimates showing capacity growing to 42 million by next September. In response to Mr. Flamand's question about the bonding capacity in 2018, Mrs. Toscano explained that although the district had an approximate capacity of 75 million when planning began, based on need, it was a 50 million dollar bond the district took to the voters. Noting that by being good stewards and only asking for what is needed the district has built trust with the community. Mrs. Toscano further explained that bonding capacity will continue to grow as debt service payments are paid.

Projected tax rates show a decrease on the bonds in 2024-2025. Although currently trending between \$1.35 to \$1.40 rates will drop to around \$.80 due to the debt service payoffs. This will provide an opportunity for the district to plan for capital needs without asking for an increase and keeping tax rates consistent.

Estimates based on current projections show the impact of the M and O override going out to voters in November would be from \$67-\$70 dollars yearly.

Referring to the timeframe, Board action would happen in May, possibly call for election in July finalize amounts for the pamphlets in August and mail in September.

Board Development

Conversation about Conscious Discipline Video on Noticing

President Flamand suggested tabling the item due to Dr. Robert's absence.

Mr. Hermes motioned to table the item. Mr. Peralta seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Flamand aye
Mr. Hermes aye
Ms. Corbin aye
Ms. Aguilar aye
Mr. Peralta aye

Reflections

Mr. Peralta was happy to hear about the iSchool and how well the program is doing.

Mrs. Corbin expressed appreciation for how quickly the district implemented the iSchool program (at the start of COVID) and was happy to hear about the staff that go above and beyond.

Mr. Hermes loved hearing about iSchool. He looks forward to the override election and anticipates a high level of community support. Expressing a need for capital funding he would like to expand early childhood education and have funding for better shading and transportation.

President Flamand agreed with previous comments about the celebrations and thanked the team for their hard work.

Future

Mr. Hermes

- Discuss District engagement in neighborhoods including making fields and playgrounds available for communities that may not have parks

President Flamand

- Has received questions from OMS community members about use of the track and facilities
- Update on traffic at OMS -Superintendent report via email

Adjournment

President Flamand declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Lisa Nye, Executive Assistant
to the Superintendent and Governing Board

Edward Hermes, Board Clerk