

OKANOGAN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Okanogan School District
June 23, 2025
Regular School Board Minutes
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1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- a) Chair Rae Jean Kelley called the June Regular Board meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. School Board members present: Rae Jean Kelley, Ryan Lafferty, Terri Mail, Heather Fisher (via zoom) with Steve Quick, Superintendent, and about 5 audience members present. The meeting took place in the Middle/High School Cafeteria.

2) APPROVAL OF MAY MINUTES, CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO JUNE AGENDA

- a) The Board approved the May Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as well as the June Regular Board Meeting Agenda. **Lafferty/Mail/passed/4 for/0 against**

3) PUBLIC COMMENT

None heard.

4) SPECIAL PRESENTATION ABOUT BONDS

- a) Cory Plager – DA Davidson
- b) Faith Pettis – Pacifica Law Group

Cory Plager of D.A. Davidson provided a presentation to the Board regarding the sale of the district's school bond. Mr. Plager reviewed the current market conditions, outlined the bond sale process, and discussed expected timelines and strategies to maximize the district's financial position. He noted that the district's strong financial standing and history of responsible fiscal management have positively impacted its credit rating, putting the district in good standing for the sale. His presentation included the next steps in the bond sale process and opportunities for future savings through careful planning and execution.

Faith Pettis of Pacifica Law Group addressed the Board to provide an overview of her role as bond counsel and the services her firm provides in relation to the district's recently passed bond. Ms. Pettis explained that Pacifica Law Group specializes in public finance law and assists school districts throughout Washington with the legal aspects of issuing bonds.

Ms. Pettis introduced and explained the Delegation Resolution the Board would be asked to approve. She noted that this resolution grants the authority to proceed with the sale of the bonds if specific parameters—such as interest rates, pricing, and deadlines—are met. This process allows for timely and efficient execution of the bond sale when market conditions are favorable.

Additionally, Ms. Pettis discussed the State Credit Enhancement Program, which the district qualifies for. Participation in this program allows the district to benefit from the state's higher credit rating, thereby securing lower interest rates and greater confidence from investors.

5) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mr. Quick thanked the Board for their continued support and presence at both the High School and Outreach Program graduation ceremonies. He emphasized how much the students appreciated seeing Board members attend, noting that their involvement sends a strong message of encouragement and reflects their dedication to education within the community. Mr. Quick also reported that the district's end-of-year staff luncheon was a success. The event included recognition of long-serving employees who are retiring after 30 years of dedicated service to the district, which was met with appreciation and celebration from staff. In facilities updates, Mr. Quick informed the Board that two new buildings have been installed at Camp Progress, and trail cameras have been added to enhance safety and oversight in the area. He also shared that soil ground testing has begun at the elementary school site in preparation for upcoming bond-related construction projects.

6) APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a) Hired Victoria Settle, General Para Educator Long Term Substitute; Will Clark, Life Skills Para Educator; Shannon Gilbert, General Para Educator; Magali Villaraldo-Mota, Transitional Kindergarten Teacher; Robby Gaines, Head of Maintenance, Custodial and Grounds.
- b) Resignations from Crystal Stotts, Life Skills Para Educator; Cory Berg, Special Education Teacher.
- c) June warrants (259119 through 259171 totaling \$447,979.04 and 259172 through 259221 totaling \$117,540.32)
- d) June payroll totaling \$1,459,853.16.
- e) June enrollment totaling 1021.28.

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

7) APPROVE RESOLUTION 07-06-24-25 AUTHORIZED DISTRICT PERSONNEL VIRGINIA ELEMENTARY

- a) Ryan Lafferty made a motion to approve Resolution 07-06-24-25 Authorized District Personnel Virginia Elementary. **Lafferty/Mail/passed/4 for/0 against.**

8) APPROVE RESOLUTION 08-06-24-25 AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

- a) Ryan Lafferty made a motion to approve Resolution 08-06-24-25 Authorized District Personnel Middle and High School. **Lafferty/Mail/passed/4 for/0 against.**

9) APPROVE RESOLUTION 09-06-24-25 EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS VIRGINIA GRAINGER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- a) Ryan Lafferty made a motion to approve Resolution 09-06-24-25 Educational Specifications Virginia Grainger Elementary School. **Lafferty/Mail/passed/4 for/0 against**

10) APPROVE RESOLUTION 10-06-24-25 EDUCATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

- a) Ryan Lafferty made a motion to approve Resolution 10-06-24-25 Educational Specifications Middle and High School. **Lafferty/Mail/passed/4 for/0 against**

11) APPROVE RESOLUTION 11-06-24-25 RACIAL EQUALITY VIRGINIA GRAINGER ELEMENTARY

- a) Ryan Lafferty made a motion to approve Resolution 11-06-24-25 Racial Equity Virginia Grainger Elementary School. **Lafferty/Mail/passed/4 for/0 against**

12) APPROVE RESOLUTION 12-06-24-25 RACIAL EQUALITY MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL

- a) Ryan Lafferty made a motion to approve Resolution 12-06-24-25 Racial Equity Middle and High School. **Lafferty/Mail/passed/4 for/0 against**

13) APPROVE RESOLUTION 13-06-24-25 UNLIMITED TAX GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, 2025

- a) Terri Mail made a motion to approve Resolution 13-06-24-25 Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds, 2025. **Mail/Lafferty/passed/4 for/0 against**

14) FINANCEAL REPORTS

- a) Klancy Allen, Business Manager, presented the monthly financial report to the Board. She informed the Board that May and June are typically low-revenue months for the district, but a significant increase is expected in July and August with the arrival of the state apportionment payments.

15) DISCUSSION

- a) None heard.

16) EXECUTIVE SESSION = END OF YEAR SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

- a) Open Session – End of Year Superintendent Evaluation
The Board entered the executive session at 7:20 p.m. for twenty minutes. The Board returned to regular session at 7:41 p.m.
Ryan Lafferty made a motion to approve the contract for Steve Quick, Superintendent.
Lafferty/Mail/passed/4 for /0 against

17) ADJOURNMENT

- a) There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Board Chair Rae Jean Kelley adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Steve Quick
Superintendent/Secretary

Rae Jean Kelley
Okanogan School Board Chair