

OKANOGAN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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

- a) Chair Rae Jean Kelley called the July Regular Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. School Board members present: Rae Jean Kelley, Ryan Lafferty, Heather Fisher, Luke McKee and Terri Mail (via zoom) with Steve Quick, Superintendent, and about 4 audience members present. The meeting took place in the Virginia Grainger Elementary Library.

2) PRESENTATION FROM SCOTT LEWIS – APOLLO SOLUTIONS

- a) Scott Lewis from Apollo Solutions shared a PowerPoint presentation outlining the identified facility upgrades and walked the Board through each item. Mr. Lewis explained that these upgrades will result in guaranteed energy savings for the district. He also emphasized that the proposed project is backed by a "Not to Exceed" grant, meaning Apollo Solutions assumes financial responsibility for any project costs that exceed the agreed-upon budget.

3) PRESENTATION FROM GARY WETCH – LOOFBURROW AND WETCH

- a) Gary Wetch from Loofburrow and Wetch presented an update to the Board regarding the status of State matched funds for the district's upcoming construction projects. He informed the Board that there has been a change in the anticipated State match, which may result in tighter funding than originally projected. Despite this, Mr. Wetch assured the Board that the core facility and athletic upgrades, as promoted to the community and staff, will still be completed as planned. He noted, however, that it may be necessary to reevaluate and adjust priorities for some of the additional upgrades to ensure the project stays within the revised budget.

4) OPEN BUDGET HEARING

- a) **PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE BUDGET**
Jenny Kruse asked several questions throughout the budget presentation.
- b) **APPROVE RESOLUTION 14-07-24-25 ADOPTION OF 2025-2026 BUDGET**
Heather Fisher made a motion to approve Resolution 14-07-24-25 Adoption of 2025-2026 budget. **Fisher/McKee/passed/5 for /0 against**
- c) **CLOSE BUDGET HEARING UPON COMPLETION**
The budget hearing concluded at 6:58 pm.

5) APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES, CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO JULY AGENDA

- a) The Board approved the June Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as well as the July Regular Board Meeting Agenda with the addition of Amanda Fletcher – General Para Educator. **Fisher/Lafferty/passed/5 for/0 against**

6) PUBLIC COMMENT

Jenny Kruse commented that she would like to see more public meetings about the budget next spring.

7) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mr. Quick provided the Board with an update on several key items and upcoming events. He shared that both OEA and PSE bargaining sessions are scheduled to begin soon and emphasized the district's commitment to productive and collaborative negotiations. Mr. Quick also informed the Board that the district's Moody's credit rating review has been successfully completed.

In an effort to increase efficiency and reduce costs, Mr. Quick discussed the need to streamline staff travel by updating related policies. Additionally, he noted that some adjustments may be made to extracurricular offerings due to budget constraints. He assured the Board that any changes will be carefully implemented to avoid negatively impacting the quality or availability of programs for students.

8) APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a) Hired Gianina Gronlund, Life Skills Para Educator, Ed Ashworth, Head High School Girls Basketball Coach.
- b) July warrants (259251 through 259294 totaling \$166,894.25, 259295 through 259295 totaling \$60,000.00 and 259321 through 259358, totaling \$151,569.47)
- c) July payroll totaling \$1,347,737.62.

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

9) POLICY 6910P OKANOGAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO 105 BOND PROCEDURE AND COMPLIANCE POLICY FOR REVIEW

- a) After a brief explanation, Luke McKee made a motion to approve Policy 6910P Okanogan School District No. 105 Bond Procedure and Compliance Review.
McKee/Lafferty/passed/5 for/0 against.

10) APPROVE POLICY 6213P REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES

- a) After a brief discussion, Ryan Lafferty made a motion to approve Policy 6213P Reimbursement for Travel Expenses. **Lafferty/Fisher/passed/5 for/0 against.**

11) APPROVE COMPUTER LAB SURPLUS

- a) Heather Fisher made a motion to approve the Computer Lab Surplus. **Fisher/McKee/passed/5 for/0 against**

12) INITIAL APOLLO IGA PROPOSAL FOR DAWSON AND VOC AG BUILDING

- a) Scott Lewis discussed this with the Board during his presentation, as well as a brief explanation from Mr. Quick. Heather Fisher made a motion to approve the Initial Apollo IGA Proposal for Dawson and Voc. Ag building. **Fisher/Lafferty/passed/5 for/0 against**

13) FINANCEAL REPORTS

- a) Klancy Allen, Business Manager, presented the monthly financial report informing them that the district is still awaiting the arrival of State funds but emphasized that overall, the district's financial position remains on par with projections for this point in the fiscal year. Klancy assured the Board that the budget is being closely monitored and managed.

14) DISCUSSION

- a) None heard.

15) ADJOURNMENT

- a) There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Board Chair Rae Jean Kelley adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Steve Quick
Superintendent/Secretary

Rae Jean Kelley
Okanogan School Board Chair