OKANOGAN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1) **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
Chair Rae Jean Kelley called the February Regular Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. School Board members present: Rae Jean Kelley, Ryan Lafferty, Luke McKee, Terri Mail and 45 audience members present. The meeting took place at the MS/HS Library.

2) **APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES, CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO FEBUARY AGENDA**
The Board approved the January Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as well as the February Regular Board Meeting Agenda. **McKee/Lafferty/passed/4 for/0 against**

3) **PUBLIC COMMENT**
Sarina McBride addressed the Board expressing concerns regarding incidents occurring in her child's classroom. She requested district accountability related to the matter.

Finley Weston, Senior Class President, addressed the Board on behalf of members of the senior class regarding the Graduation Requirement policy, specifically related to stoles versus pins.

4) **ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**
The Board did not have any questions for the administrators regarding their written reports.

5) **STAFF PRESENTATIONS**
Megan Francis and Amanda Palmer presented information regarding the North Star Initiative, a program designed to serve students in grades 7–12. They explained that the initiative utilizes data gathered from student surveys to better understand current student needs. The program is intended to provide support and resources related to drug and alcohol addiction, bullying, cyberbullying, and other student wellness concerns. Presenters stated that the initiative aims to create positive change within the school and broader community.

Michelle Daling, State and Federal Programs Director, Assessment Coordinator, and Classified Staff Supervisor, presented to the Board. Ms. Daling, who has served the district for 26 years, provided an overview of program highlights and was joined by staff and students to share information.

Katie Beery, Highly Capable Teacher, shared that she has served in the Highly Capable program for the past three years. She explained that students have been learning about magnetism through hands-on activities using magnets and will also be participating in

coding and robotics. She additionally shared a list of subject areas students expressed interest in exploring in the future. Zach Dalton, parent, addressed the Board to express appreciation for the Highly Capable program, stating that it challenges advanced students and promotes continued academic growth.

Bethanne Coffey, 4th Grade Math is Cool Coach, presented on preparation for the Math is Cool competition, explaining that students have been practicing through puzzles and problem-solving activities. Student Mia Vargas shared that learning advanced math is her favorite part of Math is Cool and that the program makes math fun.

Angie Richards, 5th Grade Math is Cool Coach alongside students Callie Fuller, Serenity Judd, and Oliver Thompson. Callie Fuller stated that Math is Cool provides the opportunity to connect with peers who share similar interests and helps build connections both inside and outside the classroom. Serenity Judd shared that she enjoys Math is Cool because it challenges her. Oliver Thompson stated that Math is Cool is not simply additional math work but opens opportunities within and beyond the classroom and helps build future opportunities.

Mr. Duarte, K–12 ELL Teacher, informed the Board that he has been with the district for 15 years, beginning as a paraeducator before earning his bachelor's degree with an ELL endorsement. He now teaches K–12 ELL and Spanish II. Student Emmerson Gomez shared that he enrolled in the district from El Salvador speaking no English and, through participation in the bilingual program, is now able to communicate fluently in English and currently maintains a 4.0 GPA. He expressed appreciation to Mr. Duarte and the Bilingual Program for their support. Student Alex Morales also spoke, stating that he values the Okanogan Bilingual Program and feels it is special and creates meaningful bonds.

Mr. Quick concluded the presentations with architectural renderings of the district facilities reflecting proposed updates following construction. He also informed the Board that Policy 1820 requires a Board Self-Assessment to be done each year. Additionally, Mr. Quick notified the Board of a rate increase with the district's current insurance provider and stated that the district is exploring alternative options.

6) APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

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

a) Hired Rachel Coates, Long Term Para Educator Substitute, Victoria Settle, Long Term Para Educator Substitute.
b) February warrants (260043 through 260106 totaling $359,464.36 and 260143 through 260199 totaling $170,913.03)
c) February payroll totaling $1,349,215.18.
d) February Enrollment totaling 1000.00.

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 04-02-25-26 WIAA MEMBERSHIP

After a brief explanation from Mr. Quick, Luke McKee made motion to approve Resolution 04-02-25-26 WIAA Membership. **McKee/Lafferty/passed/4 for/0 against**

8) FIRST READ OF POLICIES

a. 1611 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (DISTRICTS WITH FEWER THAN 2,000 STUDENTS)
b. 2121 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM
c. 3122 EXCUSED AND UNEXCUSED ABSENCES
d. 3207 PROHIBITION OF HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, OR BULLYING OF STUDENTS
e. 3231 STUDENT RECORDS
f. 3520 STUDENT FEES, FINES OR CHARGES
g. 5050 CONTRACTS
h. 5254 STAFF EXPRESSION
i. 5310 COMPENSATION
j. 6020 SYSTEM OF FUND TRANSFER
k. 6217 ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER
l. 6513 WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION
m. 6530 INSURANCE
n. 6550 CAPITALIZATION THRESHOLD FOR LEASES AND SUBSCRIPTION-BASED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ARRANGEMENTS (SBITAs)
o. 6605 STUDENT SAFETY WALKING, BIKING, AND RIDING BUSES
p. 6700 NUTRITION, HEALTH, AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION
q. 6959 ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLETED PROJECT

The Board reviewed the policies as presented.

9) FIRST READ OF PROCEDURES

a. 2121P SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM PROCEDURE
b. 2162P EDUCATION OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES UNDER SECTION 504 OF THE REHABILITATION ACT OF 1973 PROCEDURE
c. 3207P PROHIBITION OF HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, OR BULLYING OF STUDENTS PROCEDURE
d. 3520P STUDENT FEES, FINES, OR CHARGES PROCEDURE

e. 4040P PUBLIC ACCESS TO DISTRICT RECORDS PROCEDURE
f. 5254P STAFF EXPRESSION PROCEDURE
g. 6217P ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER PROCEDURE
h. 6513P WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROCEDURE
i. 6605P STUDENT SAFETY WALKING, BIKING, AND RIDING BUSES PROCEDURE
j. 6700P NUTRITION, HEALTH, AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION PROCEDURE
k. 6959P ACCEPTANCE OF COMPLETED PROJECT PROCEDURE

The Board reviewed the procedures as presented.

10) ONE TIME REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PROCEDURE 6220P BID OR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS…Action…Chair Kelley

Mr. Quick briefly informed the Board regarding Procedure 6220P. While Board approval is not required for procedures, the Board expressed agreement with the outlined procedure.

11) SECOND READ AND APPROVAL OF POLICIES…Action…Chair Kelley

a) 2106 PROGRAM COMPLIANCE
b) 2108 LEARNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
c) 2140 COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL COUSELING PROGRAM
d) 5010 DISCRIMINATION – FREE WORKPLACE
e) 5011 PERSONNEL SEXUAL HARASSMMENT OF DISTRICT STAFF PROHIBITED
f) 6220 BID OR REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS
g) 6570 PROPERTY AND DATA MANAGEMENT
h) 6910 CONSTRUCTION FINANCING
i) 6920 CONSTRUCTION DESIGN
j) 6955 MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES RECORDS

Ryan Lafferty made a motion to approve policies 2106, 2108, 2140, 5010, 5011, 6220, 6570, 6910, 6920, and 6955. **Lafferty/McKee/passed/4 for/0 against**

12) SECOND REVIEW OF PROCEDURES…

a) 5010P DISCRIMINATION-FREE WORKPLACE
b) 6920P CONSTRUCTION DESIGN

The Board does not generally make a motion to approve procedures but gives the Board an opportunity to review the procedures. The Board stated they had time to review them.

13) FINANCIAL REPORTS

Klancy Allen, Business Manager, provided the Board with a one-page Financial Executive Summary for review. She reviewed the document with the Board and responded to

questions regarding the ending fund balance and financial projections for the upcoming school year.

14) DISCUSSION

During Board discussion, Board Chair Rae Jean Kelley read aloud a response letter from Mr. Spaet to Finley Weston, Senior Class President, regarding the Graduation Requirement Policy. Chair Kelley stated she felt the letter provided clarity regarding the previously adopted policy.

15) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Board Chair Rae Jean Kelley adjourned the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Steve Quick **Superintendent/Secretary**	**Rae Jean Kelley** **Okanogan School Board Chair**