

OKANOGAN SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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1) CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Rae Jean Kelley called the July Regular Board meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. School Board members present: Rae Jean Kelley, Ryan Lafferty, Heather Fisher, and Luke McKee and about 7 audience members were present. The meeting took place at the Virginia Grainger Elementary Library.

2) OPEN BUDGET HEARING

- a) PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE BUDGET
- b) APPROVE RESOLUTION 12-07-25-26 ADOPTION OF 2026-27 BUDGET
- c) CLOSE BUDGET HEARING UPON COMPLETION

Business Manager Klancy Allen presented the annual budget hearing for the proposed 2026–2027 budget. The presentation provided an overview of the district's budget, promoted transparency, and helped the public better understand the district's financial plan for the upcoming school year.

During public comment, Jenny Kruse thanked the Board of Directors, Superintendent Steve Quick, and Business Manager Klancy Allen for holding a budget overview meeting prior to the budget hearing, expressing appreciation for the opportunity to better understand the district's financial position before the hearing. Jenny encouraged the Board to hold a Budget Workshop for the board, staff and administration to discuss specific requests and/or challenges facing the district. She didn't feel public input was necessary but that it may help bridge communication gaps.

Following the budget hearing, Ryan Lafferty made a motion to approve Resolution No. 12-07-25-26, Adoption of the 2026–2027 Budget. The motion was approved by the Board.
Lafferty/McKee/passed/4 for/ 0 against

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

The Board approved the June Regular Board Meeting Minutes, as well as the July Regular Board Meeting Agenda. **McKee/Fisher/passed/4 for/0 against**

4) PUBLIC COMMENT

None heard.

5) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS AND STAFF PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent Steve Quick provided the Board with an update on the district's construction projects. He reported that construction at Dawson and the Vocational Agriculture (Vo-Ag) buildings are well underway, with the houses demolished, with leveling ground happening.

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He also informed the Board that construction of the new wrestling room is expected to start in the next few weeks. Mr. Quick noted that regular construction meetings are being held to monitor the progress of the projects.

Mr. Quick informed the Board that the bid opening for the Virginia Grainger Elementary project is scheduled for August 13, while the bid opening for the Middle/High School project is scheduled for August 20. He added that the pre-bid walkthrough, held on July 16, was well attended.

Mr. Quick also updated the Board regarding the baseball field construction project, stating that he has been in discussions with the district's attorney concerning issues with the City related to approximately 30 feet of property in the construction area.

Mr. Quick then discussed the district's extracurricular budget, informing the Board that the district needs to identify approximately \$100,000 in reductions. Lastly, Mr. Quick informed the Board that Camp Progress remains despite the wildfires currently affecting the area.

6) APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA

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

- a) July warrants (260664 through 260670 totaling \$1,836,466.25, 260697 through 260767 totaling \$305,332.94)
- b) July payroll totaling \$1,272,118.15.

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

7) APPROVE DISTRICT SURPLUS

After a brief explanation from Mr. Quick, Heather Fisher made motion to approve the district surplus. **Fisher/Lafferty/passed/4 for/0 against**

8) CONSIDERATION OF A COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR THE FOLLOWING NON-REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES

- a. Cari Zachow (Technology Director)
- b. Todd Rouse (Food Service Director)
- c. Brenda Stevens (Payroll Manager)
- d. Klancy Allen (Business Manager)
- e. Casey Ball (GEAR UP Director)
- f. Tiffany Davisson (School Nurse)

- g. Robbie Gaines (Maintenance Director)
- h. Jessie Villaraldo (GEAR UP Asst Director)

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The Board recessed into an allowed exempt session to discuss the consideration of a cost-of-living adjustment for non-represented employees. Upon returning to open session, the Board decided to table the agenda item until the next regular Board meeting.

9) FIRST READ OF POLICIES

- a. 1220 BOARD OF OFFICERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD MEMBERS
- b. 1250 STUDENTS ON GOVERNING BOARDS
- c. 2022 ELECTRONIC RESOURCES AND INTERNET SAFETY
- d. 2023 DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP AND MEDIA LITERACY
- e. 2124 PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND HEALTH CLASS
- f. 2411 HIGH SCHOOL EQUIVALECY CERTIFICATE
- g. 3230 SEARCHES OF STUDENTS AND STUDENT PRIVACY
- h. 5410 HOLIDAYS
- i. 6700 NUTRITION
- j. 6701 RECESS AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

The Board reviewed the policies as presented.

10) FINANCIAL REPORTS

Business Manager Klancy Allen presented the financial report to the Board. She informed the Board that the district successfully made it through the month of June despite financial challenges and noted that state apportionment funds would be received during the months of July and August.

11) DISCUSSION

Superintendent Steve Quick led a discussion regarding the district's extracurricular budget. He presented the Board with several options and ideas for reducing extracurricular expenditures to help address the district's financial challenges. The Board discussed the information presented and considered potential approaches for achieving budget reductions. No Board action was taken during the discussion.

12) ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Board Chair Rae Jean Kelley adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

Steve Quick
Superintendent/Secretary

Rae Jean Kelley
Okanogan School Board Chair