# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD ON MARCH 14, 2022

The regular meeting of the School Board of the Oregon School District was called to order by Board Vice President Tim LeBrun at 6:30 PM on March 14, 2022 in the OSD Innovation Center at the Oregon High School in the Village of Oregon, Dane County, Wisconsin. Upon roll call, the following Board members were physically present: Ms. Ahna Bizjak, Mr. Kevin Mehring, Mr. Tim LeBrun and Mr. Troy Pankratz. Board member(s) remotely present: Ms. Krista Flanagan. Board member(s) absent: Ms. Heather Garrison and Dr. Mary Lokuta. Administrators present: Dr. Leslie Bergstrom, Ms. Jina Jonen, Ms. Erika Mundinger, Mr. Jon Tanner, Mr. Andy Weiland, Dr. Candace Weidensee, Ms. Mary Hermes, Ms. Jessica Erdahl, Ms. Anna Seidenstricker, Ms. Lindsay Engelhart, Ms. Dawn Goltz, Mr. Jason Zurawik, Ms. Cindy Olander, Mr. Jim Pliner, Mr. Mike Carr and Ms. Katie Heitz.

Proof in the form of a certificate by the Oregon Observer of communications and public notice given to the public and the Oregon Observer and a certificate of posting as required by Wis. Stat. sec. 19.84 as to the holding of this meeting was presented by Mr. LeBrun.

Mr. Pankratz moved and Mr. Mehring seconded the motion to proceed with the meeting as posted. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Mr. Pankratz, Mr. Mehring, Ms. Bizjak, Ms. Flanagan and Mr. LeBrun. Motion passed 5-0.

### A. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Mr. Mehring moved and Mr. Pankratz seconded the motion to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar:

- 1. Approval of Minutes: None
- 2. Approve payments in the amount of \$1,522,927.97
- 3. Treasurer's Report: Ending February 28, 2022
- 4. Staff Resignations/Retirements:
  - Amy Schleinz, 1.0 FTE 5th Grade Teacher, RCI, retirement effective June 10, 2022;
  - Karen Newlon, 1.0 Administrative Intern, PVE, resignation effective June 10, 2022;
  - Shireen Bader, 1.0 FTE 3rd Grade Teacher, PVE, resignation effective June 10, 2022;
  - Kelli Pierce, .5 FTE Health Teacher, FES, resignation effective June 10, 2022;
  - Megan Dietzel, 1.0 FTE 1st Grade Teacher, FES, resignation effective June 10, 2022
- 5. Staffing Assignments:
  - Kathleen (Katie) Rucker 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher, OMS
  - Alison Ewing 1.0 FTE Occupational Therapist, DW
- 6. Field Trip Requests: None
- 7. Acceptance of Donations:
  - Oregon Football Senior Parents in the amount of \$1400 for the OHS weight room sound system;

- Douglas Davis in the amount of \$2400 for the Oregon-Brooklyn Splash Pad
- Optimist Club of Oregon-Brooklyn in the amount of \$189.58 for the Oregon Brooklyn Splash Pad;
- Brian & Angelica Vetrovec Giving Account in the amount of \$600 for Chris Beirne's Kindergarten classroom at Netherwood Knoll

Mr. LeBrun thanked Amy Schleinz for her 20 years of service to the Oregon School District and wished her well in her retirement effective in June. He also thanked those that generously donated to the Oregon School District. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Mr. Mehring, Mr. LeBrun, Ms. Bizjak, Ms. Flanagan and Mr. LeBrun. Motion passed 5-0.

- B. INFORMATION ITEMS:
  - 1. OSD Graduate: Dr. Bergstrom presented Josie Dorn with an Oregon School District diploma.
  - 2. Public Comment: None
  - 3. OEA Report: None
  - 4. Student Representative Report: Student Representatives Sam Jungers and Olivia Farris reported on the launch of the Student Feedback Form and how the Student Superintendent's Advisory Council (SSAC) is looking to obtain feedback on topics that are important to students. They also shared that the SSAC held its quarterly large group meeting this past Friday, and the members provided amazing feedback to Dr. Bergstrom. Sam and Olivia shared that students at OHS have done very well with the move to masks being optional and the student body has been respecting the decisions of each individual student. They also shared that the OHS Choir had a concert on March 8th and the boys basketball team recently participated in the Sectional Finals. And finally, they shared that the student interview with the SRO about student rights was played on Panther Vision for OHS students to watch.
- C. ACTION ITEMS: NONE
- D. DISCUSSION ITEMS:
  - Discussion of ESSER Plan: Dr. Bergstrom provided an update to the Board on the OSD Info and Feedback Night that was held on March 7th at OHS. The evening included opportunities for the community to provide feedback on the priorities for use of ESSER III funds.
  - 2. Committee Reports
    - a. Policy Chairperson Bizjak shared that the committee met last week and will be bringing forward Policy 411.01 to the full board at a future board meeting. She also stated that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 18th at 5:30 PM.
    - b. Vision Steering Chairperson Pankratz shared that the committee met last week and heard from two OSD staff members regarding the need for more childcare options within the Oregon School District and a proposal to meet that need. The committee also discussed and reviewed the presentation for the

March 7th OSD Info Night as well as provided feedback on a Request for Proposal for a District-Wide Recreational Facilities study.

c. Werth Woods - Chairperson LeBrun shared that the committee met on March 10th and discussed the elements of the strategic plan for Werth Woods. He also shared that we are continuing discussions with the City of Fitchburg and the DNR related to the Environmental Center and the woods.

#### E. INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Vision and Strategic Planning: Dr. Bergstrom stated that we are continuing to work through the feedback process on the Portrait of a Graduate, and that the feedback that we have received to this point has shown that overall, community members agree that the current draft represents our aspirations for OSD graduates. Dr. Bergstrom will be looking to gather input from the Student Superintendent's Advisory Council at a future meeting as well.
- 2. Teaching and Learning Update Mental Health Supports: Dr. Weidensee and Ms. Krueger shared information with the Board regarding the national and local trends in mental health and how the concerns that were seen before the pandemic were accelerated during the pandemic. They then shared OSD specific data from multiple screeners and assessments that have been used within the OSD. Dr. Weidensee and Ms. Krueger then shared the Continuum of Supports and the application of it to Mental Health Supports. They shared that we have continued to expand outside partnerships and used the Dane County Pandemic Grant to implement Character Strong activities, Second Step curriculum, creating calming spaces, and counseling services for students that are un/underinsured. Finally, they shared that the next steps are to continue to implement screeners and assessments; review the data and insights to understand needs; continue to adjust services based on evolving student needs and adjusting supports and staffing to meet the needs. Board members had the opportunity to ask questions.
- 3. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Bergstrom shared her congratulations to the Boys Basketball Team (Sectional Finalists), Hockey Team (Sectional Finalists) and Girls Basketball Team (Regional Semi-Finalists) for outstanding seasons and thanked the community for the outpouring of support that they provided this year. She shared that last week was National School Social Work Week and recognized the District's four social workers Amie Mitchell, Amanda Sedlacek, Caitlin Petersen and Daniella Arevalo for all of their hard work. Dr. Bergstrom also congratulated the recent participants in the Math 24 competition at UW Madison. The Competition included students in grade 4-8 with OHS students serving as assistants and proctors. She provided updates from several schools including: NKE students with artwork on display at the Kickback Cafe and Firefly; RCI students in Ms. Bratt's classroom showcasing their research on the U.S. Constitution amendments; OMS students attended a Courage Retreat; OHS students held a Hope Spirit Week; Pi Day celebrations at OHS and the OHS Choir concert held last week. Dr. Bergstrom congratulated Kate Davis, a member of the FFA Chapter of Oregon High School, who was recently presented the Louis M. Sasman

Award by the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Madison. And finally, Dr. Bergstrom recognized the RCI 6th grade orchestra that was selected to perform at the WI State Capitol in the Capitol Concert series as part of Music in Our Schools month.

#### F. CLOSING:

- 1. Future Agenda: Discussion was held.
- 2. Check Out: Board members had an opportunity to give updates.

## G. ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Pankratz moved and Mr. Mehring seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 5-0 by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Ahna Bizjak, Clerk Oregon School District