

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD ON FEBRUARY 21, 2022

The special meeting of the School Board of the Oregon School District was called to order by Board President Krista Flanagan at 6:30 PM on February 21, 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 present: Ms. Ahna Bizjak, Ms. Heather Garrison, Mr. Kevin Mehring, Dr. Mary Lokuta, Mr. Tim LeBrun, Mr. Troy Pankratz and Ms. Krista Flanagan. The following Board members were absent: none. Administrators present: Dr. Leslie Bergstrom, Ms. Jina Jonen, Ms. Erika Mundinger, Mr. Jon Tanner, Mr. Andy Weiland, Dr. Candace Weidensee, Mr. Mike Carr, Ms. Mary Hermes, Ms. Kerri Modjeski, Ms. Anna Seidenstricker, Ms. Lindsay Engelhart, Ms. Dawn Goltz, Ms. Cyndi Olander, Dr. Shannon Anderson, Mr. Jason Zurawik, Mr. Brad Ashmore, Mr. Jim Pliner 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 Section 19.84 Wisconsin Statutes as to the holding of this meeting was presented by Ms. Krista Flanagan.

Ms. Garrison moved and Mr. Pankratz seconded the motion to proceed with the meeting as posted. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote 7-0.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR:

Ms. Garrison moved and Mr. LeBrun seconded the motion to approve the following items on the Consent Calendar.

1. Approval of Minutes -
 - a. December 13, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes;
 - b. January 24, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes;
 - c. January 24, 2022 Executive Session Minutes
2. Approve payments in the amount of \$2,084,307.24
3. Treasurer's Reports ending January 31, 2022
4. Staff Resignations/Retirements:
 - a. Alexis Johnson - 1.0 2nd Grade Teacher at NKE
5. Staffing Assignments - None
6. Field Trip Requests - None
7. Acceptance of Donations:
 - Community of Life in the amount of \$200 for families in need;
 - Steve & Renee Ackerman in the amount of \$200 for the Oregon-Brooklyn Splash Pad;
 - The Sauder Family in the amount of \$20 for FES CARES;
 - The Faltersack Family in the amount of \$100 for FES CARES;
 - Oregon Town & Country Women's Club in the amount of \$1500 for the Oregon Town & Country Womens' Club Scholarships; and
 - The Oregon Choral Boosters in the amount of \$235.94 for Choral Octavos and the CD for PVE Chorus

In a roll call vote, the following board members voted yes: Ms. Garrison, Mr. LeBrun, Ms. Bizjak, Mr. Mehring, Dr. Lokuta, Mr. Pankratz and Ms. Flanagan. Mr. Pankratz recused himself from voting on the December 13, 2021 minutes. Motion passed 7-0.

B. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. OSD Graduate
2. Public Comment - The following members of the public spoke:
 - Andrew Drake
 - Keara Dill
 - Jessie Pierick
 - Nicci Holtzen
 - Trent Schafer
3. OEA Report - None
4. Student Report - Student representatives, Sam Jungers and Olivia Farris, provided an update to the Board that included school safety, the OHS Musical The Addams Family, the Black History Month art display and the boys swim team that sent many athletes to the WIAA State Meet last week.

The Board recessed at 6:59 p.m. to conduct the noticed public hearings.

C. PUBLIC HEARING & ACTION ITEM:

1. Public Hearing to Alter School District Boundary: At 6:59 p.m. Ms. Flanagan called the public hearing on a reorganization petition by Eric Klitzman and Krysia Martinson on property described as N8439 Smith Rd, Brookly, WI; Parcel No. 0167.1000 CSM 257 (V1-P264) Lot 1 BNG PRT NE4 NE4, to detach from Albany School District and attach to Oregon School District. Board members present for the hearing were: Ms Bizjak, Ms. Garrison, Mr. Mehring, Dr. Lokuta, Mr. LeBrun, Mr Pankratz and Ms. Flanagan.

Mr. Pankratz moved and Ms. Garrison seconded the motion to appoint Ms. Katie Heitz as Secretary for the public hearing. Motion passed in a unanimous voice vote 7-0.

There was no objection to the inclusion of the Notice of Hearing in the record of the public hearing on the petition. Ms. Flanagan reviewed the seven factors to consider for the public hearing. Dr. Bergstrom gave an overview of the petition and exhibits and shared a map of the affected property.

Proponents of the Petition: The property owners, Eric Klitzman and Krysia Martinson, were in attendance and spoke of their desire to have their property be part of the Oregon School District.

Opponents of the Petition: There were none in attendance

Dr. Bergstrom went through the seven factors as they relate to this petition:

Geographic: The property is adjacent to both the Oregon School District and the Albany School District. According to Google Maps, travel times are extremely similar to one another with Brooklyn Elementary School slightly closer to the petitioner's property than the Albany Schools and other Oregon Schools slightly further away.

Educational: Dr. Bergstrom shared that the Oregon School District can meet the needs of any children on this property.

Programs Offered: Dr. Bergstrom shared that we do not believe there would be an adverse effect on either curricular or extracurricular aspects by attaching this property.

Testimony: We have only heard from proponents of the petition.

Fiscal Impact: There would be no adverse financial effect.

Contiguous: This property is contiguous and would not create an island in the District.

Socioeconomic Level and Racial Composition: It is not believed that this criteria would be impacted by the petition.

Dr. Bergstrom stated that the Administrative recommendation is to approve the detachment from the Albany School District and attachment to the Oregon School District.

At 7:15 PM, the public hearing was closed and the school board began deliberations.

Board members had an opportunity to ask questions and deliberated.

Motion: Mr. LeBrun moved and Ms. Garrison seconded the motion to approve the transfer of the territory described in the petition: “That the reorganization requested in the petition filed August 3, 2021, detaching territory in said petition from the Albany School District and attaching said territory to the Oregon School District be approved.” Ms. Heitz distributed ballots. Board members voted and Ms. Heitz tabulated the votes with Ms. Jonen as her witness. Motion passed 6-1 to approve the transfer.

Dr. Lokuta moved and Mr. Pankratz seconded the motion to adopt the Resolution authorizing the Issuance of an Order. A certified copy of the resolution will be sent to the Albany School Board and to DPI within five days. The hearing was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

2. Public Hearing to Alter School District Boundary: At 7:24 p.m. Ms. Flanagan called the public hearing on a reorganization petition submitted by Brian and Rochelle Weaver on property described as the Burmester Woods Subdivision, All of Plat 026200 and CSM 02703 and CSM 10973 which includes all of the following properties:

2440 Burl Court, Parcel 061016305293	2451 Thatcher Lane, Parcel 061016302769	2456 Thatcher Lane, Parcel 061016304525
2443 Burl Court, Parcel 061016305408	2458 Burl Court, Parcel 061016305622	2460 Thatcher Lane, Parcel 061016304418
2444 Burl Court, Parcel 061016305186	2463 Thatcher Lane, Parcel 061016302983	2466 Thatcher Lane, Parcel 061016304301
2446 Thatcher Lane, Parcel 061016304749	2467 Thatcher Lane, Parcel 061016303099	2468 Pinto Trail, Parcel 061016302321
2450 Thatcher Lane, Parcel 061016304632	2471 Pinto Trail, Parcel 061016300234	2471 Thatcher Lane, Parcel 061016303204
2472 Pinto Trail, Parcel 061016302214	2472 Thatcher Lane, parcel 061016304196	2477 Pinto Trail, Parcel 061016300341
2477 Thatcher Lane, Parcel 061016303311	2478 Pinto Trail, Parcel 061016302107	2478 Thatcher Lane, Parcel 061016304089
2483 Thatcher Lane, Parcel 061016303428	2484 Thatcher Lane, Parcel 061016304007	2485 Pinto Trail, Parcel 061016300458
2488 Pinto Trail, Parcel 061016301993	2489 Thatcher Lane, Parcel 061016303535	2490 Thatcher Lane, Parcel 061016303866
2491 Pinto Trail, Parcel 061016300565	2494 Pinto Trail, Parcel 061016301886	2495 Pinto Trail, Parcel 061016300672
2500 Pinto Trail, Parcel 061016301779	2501 Pinto Trail, Parcel 061016300789	2505 Pinto Trail, Parcel 06101630896
2505 Thatcher Lane, Parcel 061016301448	2506 Thatcher Lane, Parcel 061016303759	2510 Thatcher Lane, Parcel 061016303650
2511 Thatcher Lane, Parcel 061016301331	4111 Catalpa Lane, Parcel 061016383404	4125 Lookout Trail, Parcel 061016304856

4129 Lookout Trail, Parcel 61016304963	4130 Catalpa Lane, Parcel 061016301224	4130 Lookout Trail, Parcel 061016302652
4131 Catalpa Lane, Parcel 061016301555	4135 Lookout Trail, Parcel 061016305079	4136 Catalpa Lane, Parcel 061016301117
4137 Catalpa Lane, Parcel 061016301662	4138 Lookout Trail, Parcel 061016302545	4142 Catalpa Lane, Parcel 061016301000
4142 Lookout Trail, Parcel 061016302438	4150 Lookout Trail, Parcel 061016300127	4153 Lookout Trail, Parcel 161016305515
4154 Lookout Trail, Parcel 061016300010	Lot 27 (Vacant Land), Parcel 061016302876	

to detach from Oregon School District and attach to McFarland School District. Board members present for the hearing were: Ms Bizjak, Ms. Garrison, Mr. Mehring, Dr. Lokuta, Mr. LeBrun, Mr Pankratz and Ms. Flanagan.

Dr. Lokuta moved and Ms. Garrison seconded the motion to appoint Ms. Katie Heitz as Secretary for the public hearing. Motion passed in a unanimous voice vote 7-0.

There was no objection to the inclusion of the Notice of Hearing in the record of the public hearing on the petition. Ms. Flanagan went through the seven factors to consider for the public hearing. Dr. Bergstrom gave an overview of the petition and exhibits and shared a map of the affected property.

Proponents of the Petition: The following petitioners spoke of their desire to detach the property from the Oregon School District and attach it to the McFarland School District:

Brian Weaver
Rochelle Weaver
Melinda Thompson
Susan Briggs
Thomas Finnessy
Linda Lohr

Opponents of the Petition: The following spoke of their opposition to detaching the property from the Oregon School District and attaching it to the McFarland School District:

Kayla Jones
Jeanne Jones
Nicholas Jones

Proponents of the Petition: The following petitioner(s) spoke in rebuttal:

Brain Weaver

Opponents of the Petition: The following opponent(s) spoke in rebuttal:

Jeanne Jones

Dr. Bergstrom went through the seven factors as they relate to this petition:

Geographic: The property is adjacent to the McFarland School District. According to Google Maps, the time to travel between the neighborhood and Oregon School District is slightly longer than to the McFarland schools with the difference being between 3 and 8 minutes based on the grade level.

Educational: Dr. Bergstrom shared that the Oregon School District can meet the needs of any children in this subdivision, and the current arrangement with the intergovernmental agreement provides more opportunities as they can attend either school district without navigating the open enrollment process.

Programs Offered: Dr. Bergstrom shared that the loss of revenue related to losing the residents in this subdivision may have an adverse effect on available offerings to students.

Testimony: We have heard from both the proponents and opponents of this petition.

Fiscal Impact: A reduction in available revenue is estimated to be approximately \$70,000 next school year if the petition is granted. The equalized assessed value of the properties in the petition amounts to approximately 16.7 million dollars. This amount equates to approximately 0.54% of the EAV for the Oregon School District and would require the remaining properties in the school district to increase their burden for previously approved debt service.

Contiguous: If the petition were to be granted, it would create an island of one parcel that is currently a park that would remain part of the Oregon School District and would be surrounded entirely by the McFarland School District.

Socioeconomic Level and Racial Composition: It is not believed that this criteria would be impacted by the petition.

Board members asked questions.

Dr. Bergstrom stated that the Administrative recommendation is to deny the detachment from the Oregon School District and attachment to the McFarland School District.

At 8:10 PM, the public hearing was closed and the school board began deliberations.

Board members had an opportunity to ask questions and deliberated.

Motion: Mr. Pankratz moved and Mr. LeBrun seconded the motion to deny the transfer of the territory described in the petition: "That the reorganization requested in the petition filed November 18, 2021, detaching territory in said petition from the Oregon School District and attaching said territory to the McFarland School District be denied." Ms. Heitz distributed ballots. Board members voted and Ms. Heitz tabulated the votes with Ms. Jonen as witness. Motion passed 7-0 to deny the transfer.

Dr. Lokuta moved and Ms. Bizjak seconded the motion to adopt the Resolution authorizing the Issuance of an Order. A certified copy of the resolution will be sent to the McFarland School Board and to DPI within five days. The hearing was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Ms. Flanagan reconvened the regular school board meeting at 8:23 p.m.

C. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Health & Safety Measures: Policy 565 COVID-19 Illness and Policy 566 COVID-19 Protective Measures, Hygiene and Cleaning: Dr. Bergstrom presented updated information regarding current OSD health & safety measures. Board members had the opportunity to ask clarifying questions. Ms. Garrison moved and Mr. Pankratz seconded the motion to edit policy 566 to read as follows:

The Oregon School District shall adopt administrative guidelines regarding protective measures that are in accordance with guidance from Public Health Madison & Dane County, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other local, regional and national experts to ultimately provide broad data points to help safeguard the health and safety of its school community.

Except that, face coverings will not be required (except when required by local, state or federal law and/or orders) beginning March 1.

Board members held discussion. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Ms. Garrison, Mr. Pankratz, Ms. Garrison, Mr. Mehring, Mr. LeBrun and Ms. Flanagan. The following members voted no: Ms. Bizjak and Dr. Lokuta. Motion passed 5-2.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Committee Reports
 - a. Policy - Chairperson Bizjak shared that the Policy Committee's next scheduled meeting is for Monday, March 7th.
 - b. Vision Steering - Chairperson Pankratz shared that the next Vision Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1st.
 - c. Werth Woods - Chairperson LeBrun shared that the committee hopes to have a draft of the strategic plan in the coming weeks.
2. Athletic Department Programs Update: Athletic Director, Brittany Spencer Grant presented information about the athletic department, including her appreciation for the Oregon Athletic Booster Club that supports the OHS athletic teams. She also highlighted the student leadership and recognition that is ongoing at OHS, including the December 8th WIAA Sportsmanship Summit, the March 16th Leadership Summit, and the April 13th Senior Signing Ceremony. Ms. Spencer Grant also provided a student participation update for Fall and Winter sports, and shared areas for growth that include staff recruitment, re-establishing the Youth Sports Task Force and promoting and providing workout guidance to student athletes. And finally, Ms. Spencer Grant offered congratulations to Brandon Liddle for qualifying for the WIAA State Wrestling Tournament; Ravin Ringhand, Cora Tesch, Grace Zieglemeier, Emily Kramer, Julia Ibrahim and Ashlynd Schnelle for competing in the first ever WIAA-sanctioned girls wrestling individual state tournament; the OHS Cheer Team for qualifying and participating in the State Cheer Championship, the Boys Swim Team, that includes Mason Konopacki, David Stevenson, Josh Weber, Spencer Stluka, Blake Pankratz and Oliverr Wiedemann, for placing 19th at the WIAA State Meet; Ryne Panzer scored his 1000th career point in the Boys Basketball Team's win over Madison Edgewood and the Hockey Forward Line made up of Joe Roemer, Kyle Rohrer and Andrew Jicha for being the top scoring forward line in school history with 255 regular season points. Board members had the opportunity to discuss and ask Ms. Spencer Grant questions about the athletic department.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Vision and Strategic Planning: Dr. Bergstrom shared that the District will be hosting an Information Night on Monday, March 7th from 7:00 - 8:15 in the OHS Commons. This session will allow community members to provide feedback on the Portrait of a Graduate Vision, Student Achievement and Wellness, Staff Retention and Recruitment and Prioritization of Federal Funding (ESSER III).
2. Teaching and Learning Update: Dr. Bergstrom began with sharing a few Spotlights on Learning:
 - Students at Brooklyn Elementary enjoyed meeting reptiles in person as part of our OSD Naturalist Program;

- Students at FES in kindergarten and 5th grade match up as buddies to work on math, reading and writing together;
 - Ms. Grady's 7th grade science students conducted a nutrient identification lab by testing a wide variety of food substance for different types of food nutrients;
 - Ms. Ripp's English students at OMS are writing electronic nonfiction picture books that will be sent to 1st - 3rd grade classrooms around the world where they will reach the books and leave feedback for our authors; and
 - The OHS School to Career program where Connor has been working at Dupy's Service Center since September 2020 and plans to pursue a degree in Automotive Repair at Madison College after graduation
- a. OSD Student Supports (Continuum of Supports) Report: Mr. Jon Tanner, Director of Learning and Student Achievement, presented on the OSD Continuum of Supports as it relates to student behaviors. He spoke of the three levels of support that are used according to individual learner needs. These three levels include Universal, which refers to the instruction that all students receive; Just in Time, which is for some students and is driven by need; and Targeted Learning which is for a small number of students and is also dependent on the need. Mr. Tanner shared that the OSD data of behavior referrals that require administrative assistance fall in line with what is expected based on the PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports) model. Mr. Tanner then shared examples of what behavior supports at each of the different levels. Board Members asked questions.
3. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Bergstrom recognized and thanked all of the OSD School Counselors, as February 7 - 11 was National School Counseling Week. She also recognized and thanked all of the School Bus Drivers, as February 7 - 11 was WI School Bus Driver Week. Dr. Bergstrom shared that our School to Career Coordinator, Greg Granberg was recently awarded the Business Impact Award by the Oregon Area Chamber of Commerce. She also shared that the OSD was recently featured on Channel 3 for two different stories - one featuring Dr. Shannon Anderson and Julie Fischer related to managing staffing schools during a time when substitutes are in high demand, and the other interviewed Liz Galica who spoke about what it has meant to her to receive Appreciation Station messages of support from parents, students and former students. Dr. Bergstrom shared pictures of elementary school students that recently celebrated the 100th day of school. Congratulations were given to Caroline Canney, Connor Reed and Jo Walsh for being 2022 Regional Spelling Bee Qualifiers as well as to Makayla Hammond, Gillian Oenick and Peyton Schroeder for being on the OHS Science Olympiad Team that medaled at regionals. Dr. Bergstrom also recognized the Black History Month Tree Display created by OHS Students outside the OHS Art Gallery that is currently hosting an exhibit put together by OHS parent Desere Mayo. And finally, Dr. Bergstrom thanked Mr. Ducett and Ms. Yancey for their direction of the Addams Family Musical Comedy that took place this past weekend.

G. CLOSING:

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

H. ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Garrison moved and Dr. Lokuta seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:53 PM.

Ahna Bizjak, Clerk
Oregon School District