

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD ON JANUARY 8, 2024

The regular meeting of the School Board of the Oregon School District was called to order by Board President Krista Flanagan at 5:20 PM on January 8, 2024 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. Leslie Wright, Ms. Heather Garrison, Mr. Troy Pankratz and Ms. Krista Flanagan. Board members present via telephone: Dr. Mary Lokuta. Board member(s) absent: Dr. Caleb Bush. Administrators present: Dr. Leslie Bergstrom, Mr. Andy Weiland, Ms. Jina Jonen, Dr. Candace Weidensee, Dr. Shannon Anderson, Mr. Jon Tanner, Ms. Erika Mundinger, Ms. Kerri Modjeski, Mr. Jorge Avalos, Mr. Jason Zurawik, Ms. Betsy Delzer, Ms. Cyndi Olander 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 Ms. Flanagan.

Ms. Wright moved and Mr. Pankratz seconded the motion to proceed with the meeting as posted. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Ms. Wright, Mr. Pankratz, Ms. Bizjak, Ms. Garrison, Dr. Lokuta and Ms. Flanagan. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote 6-0.

## A. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

Discussion of future planning for Transportation. Discussion was held.

Dr. Caleb Bush arrived at 5:30 PM.

Board moved from the Committee of the Whole and returned to regular session in the Innovation Center at 6:30 PM.

## B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

1. Approval of Minutes: None
2. Approve payments in the amount of \$1,976,024.97
3. Treasurer's Report: Ending November 30, 2023
4. Staff Resignations/Retirements:
  - Michelle Armstrong - 1.0 FTE Art/STEAM Teacher at OMS - resignation effective January 19, 2024
5. Staffing Assignments: None
6. Field Trip Requests: None
7. Acceptance of Donations:
  - Oregon Rotary Foundation in the amount of \$8000 for the Oregon Rotary Scholarships;

- Oregon Choral Boosters in the amount of \$75 for embroidery for shirts;
- Culvers of Oregon in the amount of \$677.07 for the OHS Boys Baseball Team;
- Jennifer Jacobson in the amount of \$500 for the Splash Pad;
- The Lehman Family in the amount of \$200 for the PVE 3rd Grade Activity Account;
- Amy Verheyden in the amount of \$500 for student support;
- Outlets at the Dells - approximately 800 vouchers with a redemption value of \$10 for teacher appreciation

Ms. Flanagan thanked those that generously donated to the Oregon School District. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Mr. Pankratz, Ms. Wright, Ms. Bizjak, Dr. Bush, Ms. Garrison, Dr. Lokuta and Ms. Flanagan. Motion passed 7-0.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Public Comment: None
2. OEA Report: None
3. Student Representative Report: Ms. Peyton Schroeder and Mr. Wyatt Parsons spoke about recent and upcoming events at OHS.

D. ACTION ITEMS:

1. WASB Resolutions: The Board discussed the resolutions that will come before the Delegate Assembly for consideration at the WASB Convention on January 17, 2024. Ms. Wright moved and Ms. Garrison seconded the motion for Ms. Wright to vote in favor of the resolutions as the Oregon School Board delegate at the WASB delegate assembly with the following two modifications:
  - a. Resolution 24-11: Licensure - under section 4.60 General Policy - to retain the wording of ‘adequate compensation’ as part of the policy; and
  - b. Resolution 2324R-004 - support the revisions as detailed by Mr. Tanner, meaning supporting a testing requirement in a student’s heritage language when the number of students speaking that particular language reaches a certain threshold, similar to existing standards for providing bilingual services.

Discussion was held. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Ms. Wright, Ms. Garrison, Ms. Bizjak, Dr. Bush, Dr. Lokuta, Mr. Pankratz and Ms. Flanagan. Motion passed 7-0.

2. 2024-2025 Employee Handbook - Holidays: Dr. Lokuta moved and Ms. Garrison seconded the motion to change the 2024-2025 Employee Handbook to add Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a holiday for full year employees, administrative assistants, food service staff and paraprofessionals, and direct the District Office Administrator Team to come back to the Board with a recommendation as to future holiday changes in order to remain budget neutral. Discussion was held. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Dr. Lokuta, Ms. Garrison, Ms. Bizjak, Dr. Bush, Mr. Pankratz, Ms. Wright and Ms. Flanagan. Motion passed 7-0.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Committee Reports

- a. Policy - Nothing to report.
- b. Vision Steering - Nothing to report.
- c. Committee of the Whole - Ms. Flanagan shared that tonight's Committee of the Whole discussion centered around the District's student transportation system and processes.

F. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Vision and Strategic Planning: Dr. Bergstrom shared that the Professional Sustainability Task Force held their first meeting this past week. This task force is being led by Ms. Ahna Bizjak and Ms. Jina Jonen.
2. Teaching and Learning Update: This update will be included in the work session later in the evening to follow up on student achievement reports.
3. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Bergstrom informed the Board and the public that the Kindergarten Enrollment and Registration period has begun for the 2024-2025 school year. She then shared photos of students at Prairie View engaging in a snow celebration; the FES Switcheroo, finger weaving at NKE, engineering and design at BKE and the "Ned on a Sled" engineering project at RCI. She offered congratulations to Finley Joanis, Lana Patterson, Daniel Schuetz along with alternates Uly Gribb and Wyatt Olle for advancing to the CESA 2 Regional Spelling Bee later this month. Dr. Bergstrom thanked all of those who came out to the OHS Fall Photo Challenge Gallery Night and Food Drive that featured photos from students, staff and community members. She also offered congratulations to OHS students who recently participated in the Chicago International Model United Nations conference. Dr. Bergstrom also recognized a number of OHS Alumni that recently returned to OHS to discuss their experiences during high school and beyond with OHS juniors and seniors.

G. CLOSING:

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

H. WORK SESSION:

1. Follow up on Student Achievement Reports: Middle School administrators reported an update to the Board.

I. ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Garrison moved and Ms. Wright seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Ms. Garrison, Ms. Wright, Ms. Bizjak, Dr. Bush, Dr. Lokuta, Mr. Pankratz and Ms. Flanagan. Motion passed 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Ahna Bizjak, Clerk  
Oregon School District