

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SCHOOL BOARD OF THE OREGON SCHOOL DISTRICT HELD ON APRIL 22, 2024

The regular meeting of the School Board of the Oregon School District was called to order by Superintendent, Dr. Leslie Bergstrom at 6:35 PM on April 22, 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, Dr. Caleb Bush, Ms. Heather Garrison, Dr. Mary Lokuta, Mr. Troy Pankratz, Ms. Leslie Wright and Ms. Krista Flanagan. Board member(s) absent: None. Administrators present: Dr. Leslie Bergstrom, Mr. Andy Weiland, Ms. Jina Jonen, Mr. Jon Tanner, Ms. Erika Munding, Dr. Candace Weidensee, Ms. Darci Jarstad Krueger, Dr. Shannon Anderson 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 Dr. Bergstrom.

Dr. Lokuta moved and Mr. Pankratz seconded the motion to proceed with the meeting as posted. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Dr. Lokuta, Mr. Pankratz, Ms. Bizjak, Dr. Bush, Ms. Garrison, Ms. Wright and Ms. Flanagan. Motion passed 7-0.

A. REORGANIZATION:

1. Board Members Oath of Office: Dr. Bergstrom announced that Mr. Pankratz and Dr. Lokuta took their oath of office prior to the Board meeting.
2. Election of Officers:
 - a. President: Dr. Bergstrom opened the floor for nominations for President. Ms. Garrison nominated Ms. Flanagan for President. Dr. Bergstrom asked if there were additional nominations. Mr. Pankratz moved and Dr. Lokuta seconded the motion to close the nominations for President and cast a unanimous ballot for Ms. Flanagan for President. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Mr. Pankratz, Dr. Lokuta, Ms. Bizjak, Dr. Bush, Ms. Garrison and Ms. Wright. Motion passed 6-0 with Ms. Flanagan abstaining from the vote. Ms. Flanagan accepted the nomination.
 - b. Vice President: Ms. Flanagan opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Ms. Bizjak nominated Mr. Pankratz for Vice President. Ms. Flanagan asked if there were additional nominations for Vice President. Ms. Bizjak moved and Dr. Lokuta seconded the motion to close the nominations for Vice President and cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Pankratz for Vice President. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Ms. Bizjak, Dr. Lokuta, Dr. Bush, Ms. Garrison, Mr. Pankratz, Ms. Wright and Ms. Flanagan. The motion passed 7-0. Mr. Pankratz accepted the nomination.
 - c. Treasurer: Ms. Flanagan opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer. Ms. Bizjak nominated Dr. Lokuta for Treasurer. Ms. Flanagan asked if there were additional nominations for Treasurer. Ms. Garrison moved and Mr. Pankratz seconded the motion to close the nominations and cast a

unanimous ballot for Dr. Lokuta for Treasurer. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Ms. Garrison, Mr. Pankratz, Ms. Bizjak, Dr. Bush, Dr. Lokuta, Ms. Wright and Ms. Flanagan. The motion passed 7-0. Dr. Lokuta accepted the nomination.

- d. Clerk: Ms. Flanagan opened the floor for nominations for Clerk. Dr. Lokuta nominated Ms. Bizjak for Clerk. Ms. Flanagan asked if there were additional nominations for Clerk. Ms. Garrison moved and Ms. Wright seconded the motion to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ms. Bizjak for Clerk. 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. The motion passed 7-0. Ms. Bizjak accepted the nomination.

B. CONSENT CALENDAR:

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

1. Approval of Minutes:

- a. March 11, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
- b. April 8, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
- c. April 8, 2024 Executive Session Minutes

2. Approve payments in the amount of \$1,426,533.68

3. Treasurer's Report: Ending March 31, 2024

4. Staff Resignations/Retirements:

- Jackie Craker - 1.0 FTE EC Special Education Teacher - resignation effective June 10, 2024

5. Staffing Assignments:

- Amanda Hahn - 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at BKE;
- Anna Loef - 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at FES;
- Amy Robel - 1.0 FTE Social Worker at NKE and RCI;
- Kay Gustrowsky - 1.0 FTE 5th Grade Teacher at RCI

6. Field Trip Requests: None

7. Acceptance of Donations:

- Karate America of Oregon in the amount of \$1000 to FES;
- Numerous 7th and 8th grade families - solar eclipse glasses for students and staff;
- Oregon Choral Boosters in the amount of \$349 for FES music sheets
- Cyndi Olander in the amount of \$100 for the A Team Scholarship;
- Katie Heitz in the amount of \$100 for the A Team Scholarship

8. Approval of New Scholarship: None

9. Approval of Safety Drill Reports: None

Ms. Flanagan thanked those that generously donated to the OSD. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Dr. Lokuta, Mr. Pankratz, Ms. Bizjak, Dr. Bush, Ms. Garrison, Ms. Wright and Ms. Flanagan. The motion passed 7-0 with Ms. Wright abstaining from the Board Meeting Minutes.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Public Comment:
 - Jennifer Bacon
 - Margaret Straub
2. OEA Report: None
3. Student Representative Report: Manasi Prashant provided an update to the Board on events that are upcoming at Oregon High School.

Ms. Bizjak left the meeting at 6:52 PM.

D. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Policy 323 - Students Who Are Homeless and Unaccompanied Youth: Ms. Garrison moved to approve Policy 323: Students Who Are Homeless and Unaccompanied Youth as brought forward by a 3-0 vote from the Policy Committee. Discussion was held. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Ms. Garrison, Dr. Bush, Dr. Lokuta, Mr. Pankratz, Ms. Wright and Ms. Flanagan. Motion passed 6-0.
2. Official Designations:
 - a. Newspaper: Dr. Lokuta moved and Mr. Pankratz seconded the motion to approve the Resolution to name the Oregon Observer as the official District newspaper. Discussion was held. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Dr. Lokuta, Mr. Pankratz, Dr. Bush, Ms. Garrison, Ms. Wright and Ms. Flanagan. Motion passed 6-0.
 - b. Resolution regarding Investment of District Funds: Ms. Wright moved and Dr. Bush seconded the motion to approve the Resolution regarding Investment of District Funds. Discussion was held. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Ms. Wright, Dr. Bush, Ms. Garrison, Dr. Lokuta, Mr. Pankratz and Ms. Flanagan. Motion passed 6-0.
 - c. Resolution - Depositories: Dr. Lokuta moved and Ms. Garrison seconded the motion to approve the Resolution regarding Depositories for District Funds. Discussion was held. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Dr. Lokuta, Ms. Garrison, Dr. Bush, Mr. Pankratz, Ms. Wright and Ms. Flanagan. Motion passed 6-0.
3. Appointment of Representatives:
 - a. CESA #2 Delegation: Ms. Wright volunteered to be the CESA #2 Representative.
 - b. WASB Delegate: Dr. Bush volunteered to continue as the WASB Delegate.
 - c. Board Committees: Ms. Flanagan announced that she would work with individual Board Members to determine committee assignments.

d. OSD Wellness Committee: Dr. Lokuta will be the Board representative on the OSD Wellness Committee.

4. Resolution to Support the DNR Grant for Oregon Area Splash Pad: The DNR grant is a matching grant and the Oregon-Brooklyn Optimist Club has raised approximately \$340,000 to-date plus some donated materials. Mr. Pankratz moved and Ms. Wright seconded the motion to approve the resolution to support the DNR grant for up to \$450,000 and allow the Optimists to fundraise the additional \$110,000 required match. Discussion was held.

Ms. Wright made a friendly amendment to Mr. Pankratz's motion to approve the resolution to support the DNR grant for up to \$375,000 and allow the Optimists to fundraise the additional \$35,000 required match and commit the OSD to funding the remaining amount after the fundraising is complete. Mr. Pankratz agreed to the amendment. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: none. The following members voted no: Mr. Pankratz, Ms. Wright, Dr. Bush, Ms. Garrison, Dr. Lokuta and Ms. Flanagan. The motion failed 0-6.

Ms. Garrison moved and Dr. Lokuta seconded the motion to approve the resolution to support the DNR grant for \$350,000 and allow the Optimists to fundraise the additional \$10,000 required match and commit the OSD to funding the remaining amount after the fundraising is complete. Discussion was held. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Ms. Garrison, Dr. Lokuta, Dr. Bush, Mr. Pankratz and Ms. Wright. The following member(s) voted no: Ms. Flanagan. Motion passed 5-1.

5. Approval of the Dane County New Teacher Project Shared Services Agreement: Dr. Lokuta moved and Mr. Pankratz seconded the motion to approve the 2024-2025 Shared Service Contract - Dane County New Teacher Project (66.0301). Discussion was held. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Dr. Lokuta, Mr. Pankratz, Dr. Bush, Ms. Garrison, Ms. Wright and Ms. Flanagan. Motion passed 6-0.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Committee Reports
 - a. Committee of the Whole - None
 - b. Policy - None

F. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Vision and Strategic Planning: Dr. Bergstrom shared that we continue to work through the strategic framework and that we will be holding our annual Board of Education/District Office Administrative Workshop to review the District goals.
2. Teaching and Learning Update: None
3. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Bergstrom shared that OSD Business Manager Andy Weiland has been invited to be on a panel at the White House for sustainable and healthy K-12 schools and grounds. She also shared that Mr. Weiland and FES Principal Kerri Modjeski were recently interviewed by WKOW about the

features of FES and the educational opportunities our net zero building offers. Dr. Bergstrom then shared photos of students participating in Earth Day activities; a kindergarten engineering project; first graders learning about birds; second graders learning about bees; students learning about pollinators; using Cheez-Its to learn math and students working on bird and fish Tessellations in art class. She shared photos of recent events around the district, including the Lift Every Voice and Read event at FES; Dinner and a Book at FES; RCI's pep band performing during an all-school assembly and the 25th annual OHS Art Department Art Show. Dr. Bergstrom congratulated the 25 OHS student athletes who recently signed their Letter of Intent to play at the college level. She also shared a photo of the soccer team honoring their favorite educators of Teacher Appreciation Night at a recent game. And finally, Dr. Bergstrom congratulated the students who were named Badger Conference Top Scholars for their academic accomplishments.

G. CLOSING:

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

The board recessed at 8:13 PM to move to closed session.

Ms. Wright moved and Dr. Lokuta seconded the motion to move into closed session, as posted and announced by Ms. Flanagan pursuant to Wis. Statutes §19.85(1)(c), (e) and (g) and Wisconsin Statute §118.22. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Ms. Wright, Dr. Lokuta, Dr. Bush, Ms. Garrison, Mr. Pankratz and Ms. Flanagan. Motion passed 6-0. The board was in closed session at 8:19 PM.

H. CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Discussing any potential non-renewal of certified staff contracts pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes §19.85(1)(c) and (g) and Wisconsin Statutes §118.22. Discussion held.
2. Discussing negotiations with the Oregon Education Association for the 2024-25 collective bargaining agreement pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes §19.85(1)(e). Discussion held.
3. Discussing the potential offer regarding selling school district property located near Werth Woods in Fitchburg, Wisconsin, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes §19.85(1)(e). Discussion held.

I. ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Garrison moved and Dr. Lokuta seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. In a roll call vote, the following members voted yes: Ms. Garrison, Dr. Lokuta, Dr. Bush, Mr. Pankratz, Ms. Wright and Ms. Flanagan. Motion passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:14 PM.

Ahna Bizjak, Clerk
Oregon School District