

OSCEOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT#1 BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

January 20, 2015

6:00 p.m.

Present: James Baker, Sylvester Belcher Randy Carney, Terry Cole, Michael Ephlin, Shannon Sullivan and Denise Williams

Absent: None

Others present: Michael Cox, Superintendent
Alfred Hogan, Assistant Superintendent
Jeanette Walker, Board Recorder
Teri Borton, Siemens, Inc.

1. Shannon Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.
2. James Baker offered invocation.
3. Motion Terry Cole, seconded by Michael Ephlin to approve the December 8, 2014 Minutes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
4. Mr. Cox stated that we still have partnership money that we need to use it or turn it back over to the state. He stated that Teri Borton is here and she has put together a proposal for the Middle School building. Teri Borton handed out the proposal and stated that the partnership money is still there and everything is in good shape to get the funds to help get the building ready to get it occupied. Teri Borton stated that there are still allocations left in the energy construction bonds that can be used for the energy part of the proposal. Mr. Cox stated that the furnishings, kitchen, intercom, cameras and so forth will be paid for by the district. Mr. Cox also stated that if the board agrees to sign the letter of intent then backs out it will cost us \$34,000. Mr. Carney asked about the cost to staff this building. Mr. Cox stated that we won't have to hire a principal since we have Mrs. Tubbs and the teachers will move with the students. We may have to hire kitchen staff. Shannon Sullivan asked about GCA and Mr. Cox stated that we will have to add that building. Michael Ephlin asked if the need is there. Mr. Cox stated that we are not out of room but if we need the space we will have it and ALE will stay in that building but will be separated. Mr. Cox also stated that the project has to be completed by 2017 to get the partnership money. Michael Ephlin asked about other major projects we need to do like the football stadium. Mr. Cox stated that we should realize a million dollars a year more than we've been getting when Big River Steel gets going. Mr. Cox then stated that we can afford to do this and we need to do it since we have that money available.

Motion Randy Carney, seconded by Denise Williams to sign the Letter of Intent. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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5. Motion James Baker, seconded by Denise Williams to approve the Timed Agenda with an adjusted time of 30 minutes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
6. Mr. Cox reviewed the district financial report with the Board. Motion Michael Ephlin, seconded by Terry Cole to approve the report as presented. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
7. Mr. Cox reviewed the list of bills with the Board. Motion Terry Cole, seconded by Michael Ephlin to pay the bills as listed. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
8. In the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Cox read a Resolution from the State Board of Education in recognition of School Board Members appreciation month. Mr. Cox then presented Outstanding Board Member award pins to Michael Ephlin and Denise Williams. Mr. Cox also presented a framed recognition certificate to each board member from the Osceola School District in appreciation for their service on the school board.

Mr. Hogan passed out information for the Southern Regional School Board meeting in Mississippi.

Mr. Cox stated that this is the fourth straight year that we've had winners in the Stock Market Game. The winners were recognized at a luncheon held at the Verizon Arena.

9. Executive Session was called at 7:10 pm to 7:45 pm to discuss employment. No action taken.

Mr. Cox recommended hiring Harriet Bolden, Sp. Ed. Teacher at Carroll Smith Elementary and Annette West, Sp. Ed Teacher at Carroll Smith and North Elementary. Motion James Baker, seconded by Terry Cole to accept Mr. Cox's recommendation. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Cox recommended hiring Carl Coleman, Sp. Ed. Aide at STEM. Motion Sylvester Belcher, seconded by James Baker to accept Mr. Cox's recommendation. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Cox recommended accepting the resignation of Ira Proctor, Sp. Ed. Care Giver. Motion James Baker, seconded by Denise Williams to accept Mr. Cox's recommendation. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Michael Ephlin moved to extend our current Superintendent Michael Cox's contract for one year and give him a five thousand dollar a year increase in salary. Motion was seconded by James Baker and passed by unanimous vote.

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10. Motion James Baker seconded by Randy Carney to adjourn. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
(7:48 pm)

(Signed) Shannon Sullivan, President

(Signed) Michael Ephlin, Secretary