

OSCEOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT#1 BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Regular Meeting
Osceola School District
Administration Building
January 9, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

Present: Jacqueline Baker, James Baker, Ollie Collins, Michael Ephlin and Denise Williams

Absent: Sylvester Belcher and Torian Bell

Others present: Michael Cox, Superintendent
Alfred Hogan, Assistant Superintendent
Jeanette Walker, Board Recorder
Tiffany Morgan, High School Principal
Christel Smith, STEM Principal
Stefanie Smithey, CSE Principal
Sandra Landry, North Principal
Michael Vanwinkle, High School Agri/Men of OHS Sponsor
Evet Starks, High School English/Fundamentals of TV/Ladies of OHS Sponsor
Adrian Jones, High School Teacher
Delois Hill, MCAEOC
Richard Dedmon, Big River Steel
Kristain Dedmon
Steve Knox, Osceola Times

Before the meeting was called to order, Alfred Hogan offered invocation. Mr. Cox read a Proclamation from Governor Asa Hutchinson proclaiming January 2017, as School Board Appreciation Month. Mr. Cox also read a Resolution from the Osceola School District in recognition and acknowledgement of School Board Appreciation Month. Presentations were made by Osceola High School teachers Mrs. Starks and Mr. Vanwinkle about the Ladies of OHS and the Men of OHS organizations. The building administrators also presented the board members with a t-shirt and stadium cushion in appreciation for their service on the school board.

1. James Baker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Motion Ollie Collins, seconded by Denise Williams to approve the December 12, 2016 Regular Minutes. Motion passed 5-0.
3. Mr. Cox stated that we have received a \$20,000 grant from the Delta Regional Authority to pay high schools students in the JAG program who are working on campuses and we are looking at other ways to use the grant money.
4. Mr. Cox stated that Mr. Hogan, Mrs. Christel Smith, Mrs. Shantel Raper and I attended the Charter Review Committee meeting last month and the charter committee said they will recommend to the State Board of Education to approve our charter for another three years.

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5. Motion Michael Ephlin, seconded by Ollie Collins to approve the Timed Agenda with the adjusted time of 6:39. Motion passed 5-0.
6. Mr. Cox reviewed the financial reports with the Board. He stated that we are in good shape financially. Motion Michael Ephlin, seconded by Ollie Collins to approve the financial reports. Motion passed 5-0.
7. Mr. Cox reviewed the list of bills with the Board. Motion Ollie Collins, seconded by Denise Williams to pass the bills as listed. Motion passed 5-0.
8. Mr. Cox updated the board on student immunizations stating that we have two students at STEM and five students at high school who hasn't gotten their required vaccine and they are not allowed to come to school until they get the shots. They should be getting them soon.

Mr. Cox stated that he has been in contact with the architects and contractors and we have a new timeline for the Seminole Arena. He stated that we are trying to speed up the process so instead of bidding the whole bid package at the same time we will pull out what's called a site package and get that rolling because we need to make a showing. Mr. Cox then reviewed the timeline with the board. He stated that we should be able to have a ground breaking ceremony in early or mid-February.

Executive Session was held from 6:49 – 7:12 p.m. with no action taken.

9. Michael Ephlin moved to extend Superintendent Michael Cox's contract by one year, to continue through to June 30, 2020. Ollie Collins seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.
10. Motion Denise Williams, seconded by Michael Ephlin to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0. (7:15 p.m.)

(Signed) James Baker, President

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(Signed) Denise Williams, Secretary