

OSCEOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT#1 BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

Osceola School District

Administration Building

November 13, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

Present: Jacqueline Baker, Torian Bell, Ollie Collins, Kristain Dedmon, and Denise Williams

Absent: James Baker and Michael Ephlin

Others present: Michael Cox, Superintendent
Alfred Hogan, Assistant Superintendent
Shantele Raper, Director of Federal Programs and Special Projects
Jeanette Walker, Board Recorder
William & Sarah Hester

1. Jacqueline Baker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Alfred Hogan offered invocation.
3. Jeanette Walker called the roll and a quorum was declared with five members present.
4. Motion Ollie Collins, seconded by Denise Williams to approve the October 2, 2017 Regular Minutes and the special meeting minutes from November 2 and November 6. Motion passed 5-0.
5. Motion, Torian Bell, seconded by Kristain Dedmon to approve the Timed Agenda. Motion passed 5-0.
6. Mr. Cox stated that the state adopted ACT 826 which allows schools to have an Alternative Method of Instruction plan for missed days due to exceptional or emergency circumstances such as contagious disease outbreak, inclement weather, utility outages, or other acts of God. These days are called AMI days and we were approved for 5 days. Shantele Raper reviewed the plan with the Board and stated that the plan was submitted to principals for their input. The plan outlined when cafeteria staff and paraprofessionals will make up their time and if they choose not to work on that make up day it will be counted as a sick day. We will meet with principals in December to work out their detailed plans for instruction. Mrs. Raper stated that bad weather usually takes place in the third quarter when we are preparing for testing so this will help us get instruction in before testing if we have to miss school. 92% of students surveyed said they have access to computers or tablets. Students will be able to download their work from google classrooms and we will have hard copies of work for students who do not have access to technology. We will hand out the work in December so students will have it if bad weather occurs. Mr. Cox stated we will send letters home explaining this and we will put it in the newspaper, on the website and Facebook. Students will have ample time to turn in their work but students who fail to turn in their work will be counted absent for the day the work was assigned. High School plans to have teachers online at various times during the day should students need help or have questions. Following further discussion Denise Williams moved to approve the Alternative Method of Instruction. Torian Bell seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

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7. Mr. Cox stated that because of the new law, we have to hold school elections during the primary election in May or the general election in November and it is up to the Board to choose when to have the election. Mr. Cox handed out two copies of Policy 1.21 – Date of Annual School Board Election, one for May and one for November. Motion Kristain Dedmon, seconded by Torian to approve Policy 1.21 for the May election. Motion passed 5-0.
8. Mr. Cox reviewed the financial reports with the Board. Motion Ollie Collins, seconded by Torian Bell to approve the financial reports. Motion passed 5-0.
9. Mr. Cox reviewed the list of bills with the Board and reminded the Board that if they have any questions about anything on the list of bills, they can call Debbie Hale or Lisa Parke and they will be able to answer their questions. Motion Torian Bell, seconded by Kristain Dedmon to pay the bills as listed. Motion passed by 5-0.
10. Mr. Cox presented pictures of the new arena. The outside picture of the arena had one side silver and the other side champagne. The Board agreed to stay with the silver color. The picture of the basketball court had a large picture of the Indian head in the center of the court. The Board agreed the image needs to be a little smaller in size. Mr. Cox stated the color of the inside area of the three point line will be a purple stain and will try to get a sample to show the Board. He also stated that we are considering going with a focus floor for the arena. It is a stronger floor and will hold up better but it will cost \$11000.00 more.

Mr. Cox stated that the Arkansas School Board Association has an advocacy network and they want each school board to have a representative. Torian Bell nominated Jacqueline Baker. Denise Williams seconded the nomination. Nomination passed 5-0.

Mr. Cox stated that when the Board approved the budget a \$1000 bonus for full time employees and a \$500 bonus for part time were included in the budget. Mr. Cox stated he would like to give this Thanksgiving/Christmas bonus out on Friday, November 17, 2017. Motion Torian Bell, seconded by Denise Williams to approve the bonus. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Hogan reminded the Board about the Arkansas School Board Association meeting in Little Rock December 6-8.

Executive Session was held from 6:06 p.m. – 7:17 p.m. with no action taken.

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11. Motion Denise Williams, seconded by Kristain Dedmon to adjourn. Motion passed 5-0.
7:17 p.m.

(Signed) Jacqueline Baker, President

(Signed) Torian Bell, Secretary