

OSCEOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT#1 BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Regular Meeting
Osceola School District
Administration Building
February 13, 2017
5:00 p.m.**

Present: Jacqueline Baker, James Baker, Sylvester Belcher, Torian Bell, Michael Ephlin and Denise Williams. Ollie Collins arrived at 5:10.

Absent: None

Others present: Michael Cox, Superintendent
Alfred Hogan, Assistant Superintendent
Jeanette Walker, Board Recorder
Macy Tate
Jessica Griffin
Sandra Brand, Osceola Times

1. James Baker called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. James Baker offered invocation.
3. Motion Jacqueline Baker, seconded by Michael Ephlin to approve the January 9, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes, the January 18, 2017 and the January 30, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes. Motion passed 6-0.
4. Mr. Cox stated that he received a quote from BancorpSouth for Legal Liability Insurance in the amount of \$7711.00. He stated that the amount and the coverage is the same as last year. Motion Michael Ephlin, seconded by Torian to approve the Legal Liability Employment policy from BancorpSouth. Motion passed 6-0.
5. Motion Michael Ephlin, seconded by Torian Bell to approve the Timed Agenda with the adjusted time of 5:04. Motion passed 6-0.
6. Mr. Cox reviewed the financial reports with the Board. He stated that we are in good shape financially. He stated that tax money is coming in and our expenditures are where they need to be. Motion Jacqueline Baker, seconded by Sylvester Belcher to accept the district financial reports. Motion passed 6-0.
7. Mr. Cox reviewed the list of bills with the Board. Motion Michael Ephlin, seconded by Jacqueline Baker to pay the bills as listed. Motion passed 6-0.
8. Mr. Cox stated that we went before the charter committee on December 14, about renewing our charter and the State Board met on January 12, and we received official notice that the State Board has approved our charter for another three years.

Mr. Cox informed the Board that we will have a ground breaking ceremony Wednesday, February 15, at 12:00 for the new arena. Mr. Cox stated that he is hoping the architects will finish the drawing by Friday of this week. The site phase that we bided should be completed by the end of March and hopefully by then we will have bids ready for the remainder of the

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project. While the site work is being done, the architects will be working on the rest of the plans. The first thing they will do is cut a new drive way that comes out on the highway so when busses pull in they can park along the new driveway then when they leave they can just go on out on the highway. Mr. Cox stated that he will keep the Board updated on the progress.

(Ollie Collins arrived for the meeting)

Executive Session was held from 5:11 – 5:39 p.m. with no action taken.

9. Mr. Cox recommended hiring the following certified administrators: Alfred Hogan, Assistant Superintendent; Shantele Raper, Director of Federal Programs/Special Projects; Sandra Landry, Principal at North; Stefanie Smithey, Principal at CSE; Christel Smith, principal at STEM and Tiffany Morgan, Principal at High School. Motion Michael Ephlin, seconded by Sylvester Belcher to approve Mr. Cox’s recommendation. Motion passed 7-0

Mr. Cox recommended hiring Devin Collins as Special Ed. Aide at STEM effective 1/25/2017 and Deborah Baker as Cook at North effective 1/23/2017. Motion Jacqueline Baker, seconded by Torian Bell to approve Mr. Cox’s recommendation. Motion passed 7-0

Mr. Cox recommended accepting the resignations of Col. Stanley Cooper, JROTC Instructor and Martha Thomas-Williams, ALE Teacher at Carroll Smith Elementary, both effective at the end of the 2016/2017 school year. Motion Denise Williams, seconded by Torian Bell to approve Mr. Cox’s recommendation. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Cox recommended moving the March Board Meeting to March 6, at 6:00 p.m. Motion Michael Ephlin, seconded by Torian Bell to approve Mr. Cox’s recommendation. Motion passed 7-0.

10. Motion Denise Williams, seconded by Jacqueline Baker to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0.
(5:43 p.m.)

(Signed) James Baker, President

(Signed) Denise Williams, Secretary