

**OSCEOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT#1 BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Regular Meeting  
Osceola School District  
Administration Building  
May 9, 2016  
6:00 p.m.**

Present: James Baker, Jacqueline Baker, Sylvester Belcher, Torian Bell, Ollie Collins, Michael Ephlin and Denise Williams

Absent: None

Others present: Michael Cox, Superintendent  
Alfred Hogan, Assistant Superintendent  
Jeanette Walker, Board Recorder  
Sally Parks

1. James Baker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. James Baker offered invocation.
3. Motion Michael Ephlin, seconded by Denise Williams to approve the April 18 Minutes. Motion passed 7-0.
4. Mr. Cox stated that he met with the architect and construction managers on the athletic facilities project and stated that they made some changes on the inside of the new arena because of cost. He stated that we had to decide on the amount of mills we wanted so now we have to make the property meet the money. He stated that he has some new designs for the arena and he will go over them with the Board after the meeting.
5. Mr. Cox presented a report on the amounts spent over the last three years to purchase computers. He stated that we've spent \$62,863.56 this year, in 2014-2015 we spent \$170,925.45 and in 2013-2014 we spent \$168,380.54. Mr. Cox stated that Christie Morris received two quotes to lease 200 computers over a three year period, Dell quoted \$146,310.00 plus tax and Hewlett-Packard quoted \$143,400.00 plus tax. Mr. Cox also presented information on our current technology needs and the locations for the new computers. Mr. Cox recommended that the Board approve the quote from Hewlett-Packard for 43,955 per year for three years for a total of \$143,000. Motion Sylvester Belcher, seconded by Torian Bell to accept Mr. Cox's recommendation. Motion passed 7-0.
6. Mr. Cox presented a list of teacher vacancies for the 2016-2017 school year that teacher salaries are our biggest expense so we have to look at our student numbers to make sure that we absolutely have to have the teachers before we hire them so we don't become over staffed.
7. Mr. Cox presented the proposed Special Education Budget for 2016-2017. He stated that we usually approve the Special Education budget when we approve the regular budget but the State Department said we have to have it approved by June 1. Motion Torian Bell, seconded by Michael Ephlin to approve the 2016-2017 Special Education Budget. Motion passed 7-0.

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8. Mr. Cox handed out an agenda for the graduation exercises and stated that the Baccalaureate Sunday evening went well but what started out as a prank after the Baccalaureate got out of hand when involving 34 seniors and 5 others broke into High School and cause destruction and damage to several areas including classrooms, the library, and hallways. Mr. Cox stated that charges will be filed and the students may not get to attend graduation.
9. Motion Michael Ephlin, seconded by Denise Williams to approve the Timed Agenda. Motion passed 7-0.
10. Mr. Cox reviewed the financial reports with the Board and stated that our carry over may be a little more than we anticipated. We anticipated about 2.8 million but it looks like it will be closer to 3 million, maybe about 3.2 million. Motion Sylvester Belcher, seconded by Torian Bell, to approve the financial reports. Motion passed 7-0.
11. Mr. Cox reviewed the list of bills with the Board. Motion Ollie Collins, seconded by Torian Bell to pay the bills as listed. Motion passed by 7-0.
12. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Cox stated that several of you attended the Arkansas Scholars Banquet last week at the Chamber and said that it's not easy to meet the requirements to be an Arkansas Scholar. Mr. Cox then presented a list of High School students who met the requirements along with the Arkansas Scholar criteria.

Mr. Cox asked each Board member to think about two people in the community they would like to serve on a building committee for the new athletic facilities.

Mr. Cox stated that would like to add to the agenda a School Choice request, the Accreditation report and the ALE Kitchen renovations. Motion Ollie Collins, seconded by Michael Ephlin to add these items to the agenda. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Cox stated that we have a School Choice request on Octavius Wiley an 8<sup>th</sup> grade students from West Memphis who wants to transfer here. Mr. Cox recommended accepting the request. Motion Jacqueline Baker, seconded by Torian Bell to accept the School Choice request. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Cox stated that we received our Accreditation status for 2015-16 and I am very proud to say that all schools are fully accredited.

Mr. Cox stated that he received a quote from RGB Sheet Metal and another company on the ALE Kitchen renovation. He stated that the quotes came in higher than he expected but was

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able to negotiate with RGB to get the price down to \$241,056.00. Mr. Cox reviewed the quote and scope of work with the Board and recommended hiring RGB. Motion Ollie Collins, seconded by Torian Bell to approve Mr. Cox recommendation to hire RGB Sheet Metal for the ALE Kitchen renovations. Motion passed 7-0.

Executive Session was held from 7:12 -8:12 p.m. with no action taken.

13. In the Personnel Report, Mr. Cox recommended hiring Jennifer Burks for High School Art, Nakeia Guiden for Health/PE and Jr/Sr Girls Basketball Coach and Aleisha Morgan for High School Special Education for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion, Michael Ephlin, seconded by Torian Bell to approve Mr. Cox's recommendation. Motion passed 7-0

Mr. Cox recommended accepting the following resignations:

- Tracy Adams – Pre-school
- Linda Caruthers – Cook at Carroll Smith Elementary
- Emily Hill – High School English
- Mary Jones – STEM Cafeteria
- Ellouise Tubbs – ALE Principal
- Kimberly Washington – High School Special Ed.

Motion Sylvester Belcher, seconded by Torian Bell to approve Mr. Cox's recommendation to accept the resignations. Motion passed 7-0.

14. Motion Torian Bell, seconded by Sylvester Belcher to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0.  
8:15 p.m.

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(Signed) James Baker, President

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(Signed) Denise Williams, Secretary