

OSCEOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT#1 BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Regular Meeting
Osceola School District
Administration Building
June 12, 2017
6:00 p.m.**

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

Absent: None

Others present: Michael Cox, Superintendent
Alfred Hogan, Assistant Superintendent
Jeanette Walker, Board Recorder
Tiffany Roster, Teacher with Arkansas Teacher Corp

1. James Baker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. James Baker offered invocation.
3. Motion Michael Ephlin, seconded by Jacqueline Baker to approve the May 11, 2017 Regular Minutes. Motion passed 7-0.
4. Mr. Cox stated that the policy updates you received are for the student handbook and most of these updates are due to changes in state laws and some are district changes. Mr. Cox stated that the building principals and their handbook committees, Mr. Hogan, Mrs. Walker and I have gone over these updates. Mr. Hogan reviewed the updates with the Board. On Policy 6.10 Sex Offenders on Campus (Megan's Law), Mrs. Dedmon asked if we can post who the level four offenders are at the ticket booths and Mr. Cox replied that we could. Motion Jacqueline Baker, seconded by Torian Bell to approve the student handbook changes for 2017-2018. Motion passed 7-0.
5. Mr. Cox handed out a copy of the election calendar and stated that this is the last year the school election will be held in September because state law changed the election to either the primary or general election date.
6. Mr. Cox stated that we always buy our Risk Management insurance from the Arkansas School Board Association. Mr. Cox handed out a cost comparison for this year and next year and stated that the buildings and contents went up mainly due to the football field and the vehicles and mobile equipment also went up some. Motion Michael Ephlin, seconded by Denise Williams to approve the ASBA Risk Management Insurance for the 2017-2018 school year for \$133,889.26. Motion passed 7-0.
7. Mr. Cox presented the PROPOSED BUDGET OF EXPENDITURES WITH TAX LEVY FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019 stating we have to do this every year and publish it in the newspaper. It's not binding but just an estimate on everything except the Non-Bonded and Bonded Debt Payment which we already what these figures are.

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Motion Jacqueline Baker, seconded by Michael Ephlin to approve the Proposed Budget of Expenditure for 2018-2019. Motion passed 7-0.

8. Motion Denise Williams, seconded by Jacqueline Baker to approve the Timed Agenda with the adjusted time of 6:37 p.m. Motion passed 7-0.
9. Mr. Cox reviewed the financial reports with the Board. He stated that we will end the year a little less than last year but new legislation says we have to decrease our ending balance. Motion Michael Ephlin seconded by Torian Bell to accept the district financial reports. Motion passed 7-0.
10. Mr. Cox reviewed the list of bills with the Board. Jacqueline Baker asked why we had to return money to Arkansas Better Chance. Mr. Cox stated that we received money to open another pre-kindergarten class but we couldn't find enough kids so we had to return the money. Mrs. Baker also asked about the payment to Milwaukee School of Engineering. Mr. Cox stated that we got a grant and were able to send teachers to training and we also were able to send the school nurses and the wellness committee to conferences. Motion Denise Williams, seconded by Kristain Dedmon to pay the bills as listed. Motion passed 7-0.

Jacqueline Baker was absent for the remainder of the meeting. (6:53)

11. Mr. Cox updated the Board on the new arena stating that he met with the contractors today and expected to have a timeline but the bids came in too high on quite a few things, in fact 1.2 million dollars more than we anticipated so they are going back to the contractors to see what can be done to get the price down. Mr. Cox said we are not going to cut seats but we could use steel bleachers instead of concrete bleachers which is lighter, the roof of the building was to be a painted roof but we could go with a lighter galvanized type roofing which is the same type roof just not a colored roof and we may have to wait until the second year to blacktop the parking. Its things like that that they are going back to look at and hopefully cut back the cost. They said the building would be ready by June 1 but I believe it will be August of next year before we can get in that building. We will cut where we can on things that are not as noticeable but we are not going to sacrifice on safety. They will be here in a few days to put the driveway in then they will bring the building site up to grade, put in the geopiers, do the slab then start the building.

Mr. Cox handed out a list of JROTC 2016-2017 accomplishments. He stated that we are advertising to fill Col. Cooper's position but we can start the program with Sgt. Bryant and continue to advertise. Col. Cooper has done a great job with the program and it has really affected our kids in a positive way with leadership skills and responsibility. It's been a good program for Osceola School District and they have represented us well.

Executive Sessions was held from 6:51p.m. – 7:04 p.m. with no action taken.

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Mr. Hogan introduced Tiffany Roster stating she is a teacher with Arkansas Teacher Corp and is working with the 11th and 12th grade students in the summer school program at high school and she is being recommended tonight to be one of our high school math teachers.

12. Mr. Cox recommended hiring the following personnel for the 2017-2018 school year:

Patricia Hodge – High School Spanish
Willean Jones – 7th Grade Math
Britany Kimes – 1st Grade Teacher
Tracy Menard – 6th Grade Math
Tiffany Roster – High School Math
Peggy Swift – STEM Literacy Coach
Aaron Wood – 7th Grade Science

Motion Michael Ephlin, seconded by Kristain Dedmon to approve Mr. Cox's recommendation.
Motion passed 6-0

Mr. Cox recommended subtracting 10 days from Lisa Austin's contract and adding 10 days to Stefanie Hoskins' contract per their requests. Motion Denise Williams, seconded by Kristain Dedmon to approve Mr. Cox's recommendation. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Cox recommended hiring Cameron Robinson, Parapro at STEM. Motion Torian Bell, seconded by Kristain Dedmon to approve Mr. Cox's recommendation. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Cox recommended transferring Evon Littleton from STEM Literacy Coach to STEM Counselor. Motion Michael Ephlin, seconded by Torian Bell to approve Mr. Cox's recommendation. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Cox recommended accepting the resignations as follows:

Armentia Adams – Counselor at High School
Olivia Blankenship – 4th Grade Teacher
Corey Branson – High School Math
Kim Hutchins – 6th Grade Math
Lacey Tillman – Music Teacher at North
April Prunty – 6th Grade Science

Motion Denise Williams, seconded by Torian Bell to approve Mr. Cox's recommendation.
Motion passed 6-0.

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Michael Ephlin stated on behalf of Osceola Parks and Recreation and the OPAR Tip Tap Toe Dance Team Studio, I appreciate the Osceola School Board and Osceola School District for allowing us to use the auditorium for our dance recital on Memorial Day weekend. It was a very well attended event. Mr. Ephlin then recommended looking at the stage lighting and it would be nice to get the controls for the lighting out front where the sound board is so the lighting person can do exactly what the sound person is doing at the same location and that's something you can teach the theater students about the people behind the scenes supporting the actors. Mr. Cox stated we are already working on lighting and have put up some lights but we can take a look at that.

13. Motion Denise Williams, seconded by Michael Ephlin to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0.
(7:20 p.m.)

(Signed) James Baker, President

(Signed) Denise Williams, Secretary