

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

**Regular Meeting  
Osceola School District  
Administration Building  
August 14, 2017  
6:00 p.m.**

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

Absent: None

Others present: Michael Cox, Superintendent  
Alfred Hogan, Assistant Superintendent  
Shantele Raper  
Tiffany Morgan  
Christel Smith  
Stefanie Smithey  
Sandra Landry  
Cyndy Henderson  
Toshiba Pugh  
Gary Raper  
Sally Parks  
Steve Knox, Osceola Times  
Jeanette Walker, Board Recorder

1. James Baker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Alfred Hogan offered invocation.
3. Motion Michael Ephlin, seconded by Torian Bell to approve the July 10, 2017 Regular Minutes and the July 25, 2017 Special Meeting. Motion passed 7-0.
4. Mr. Cox stated that a couple months ago Mrs. Raper went over last year's MAP test scores and the scores did show growth but we have to get our scores up. We have been meeting with principals and I've asked the principals to come tonight to share their plan to improve test scores.

Mrs. Raper shared a plan for a reading program and stated this will help get the community and parents involved. She stated that all four principals can make this program work for their grade levels.

Each principal then presented test data and shared their plans to help increase test scores.

Mr. Cox stated that the licensure waivers have allowed us to hire local people. We hired two at North, Carroll Smith Elementary and High School and one at STEM and this will help make a difference.

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Jacqueline Baker stated that the bottom line is action. We have to actually do what we say we are going to do.

5. Mr. Cox read a Resolution dedicating certain real property to public use and providing for the maintenance of said land by the City of Osceola Arkansas. This will allow the city to put a walking and bike trail and sidewalk on the property around the community center which will cross property owned by the Osceola School District. Motion Jacqueline Baker, seconded by Torian Bell to approve the Resolution. Motion passed 7-0.
6. Motion Michael Ephlin, seconded by Jacqueline Baker to approve the Timed Agenda adjusted to 8:02. Motion passed 7-0.
7. Mr. Cox reviewed the financial reports with the board. Motion Michael Ephlin, seconded by Kristian Dedmon to approve the financial reports. Motion passed 7-0.
8. Mr. Cox reviewed the list of bills with the Board. Motion Denise Williams, seconded by Jacqueline Baker to pay the bills as listed. Motion passed by 7 -0.
9. Mr. Cox handed out a new timeline for the construction of the Arena. He stated that Geopiers will start tomorrow and will take eight days to put in 333 piers. He stated the cost of the arena will be around six million dollars. Our carry over is over 3.9 million so we will put about 1.8 million from our carry over into the building. We built our carry over up so we could do the things we need to do.

Executive Session was held from 8:11 – 8:32 p.m. with no action taken.

10. Mr. Cox recommended hiring the following certified personnel:

Lorri Knowlton, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Literacy  
Kathy Brasher, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math  
Rona Lewis, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Veronica Davis, Preschool  
John Mayberry, High School Math  
David Burt, High School Math Interventionist

Motion Michael Ephlin, seconded by Jacqueline Baker to approve Mr. Cox's recommendation. Motion passed 7-0.

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Mr. Cox recommended hiring the following classified staff:

Tanena Edmondson, ABC Paraprofessional at North  
Niki Taylor, Title 1 Paraprofessional at CSE

Motion James Baker, seconded by Michael Ephlin to approve Mr. Cox's recommendation.  
Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Cox recommended transferring Cameron Robinson from Paraprofessional to PE/Coach.  
Motion Torian Bell, seconded by Michael Ephlin to approve Mr. Cox's recommendation.  
Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Cox recommended accepting the resignation of Calandra Kimbrough, High School Math.  
Motion Jacqueline Baker, seconded by Torian Bell to approve Mr. Cox's recommendation.  
Motion passed 7-0.

11. Motion Denise Williams, seconded by Ollie Collins to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0.  
8:35 p.m.

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(Signed) James Baker, President

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(Signed) Denise Williams, Secretary