

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

**Regular Meeting  
Osceola School District  
Administration Building  
September 14, 2015  
6:00 p.m.**

Present: James Baker, Jacqueline Baker, Sylvester Belcher, Randy Carney, Terry Cole, Michael Ephlin and Denise Williams

Absent:

Others present: Michael Cox, Superintendent  
Alfred Hogan, Assistant Superintendent  
Terrie Baker, Mississippi County Child Development Center  
Jeanette Walker, Board Recorder

1. James Baker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. James Baker offered invocation.
3. Motion Terry Cole, seconded by Michael Ephlin to approve the August 10, 2015 Minutes. Motion passed 7-0.
4. Motion Michael Ephlin, seconded by Jacqueline Baker to approve the Timed Agenda. Motion passed 7-0.
5. Mr. Cox updated the Board on the student enrollment stating that compared to last May we are down 29 students but we should pick up more students when Big River Steel starts hiring.
6. Mr. Cox stated that Terrie Baker with the MCCDC (Mississippi County Child Development Center) is here and their lease on the East Elementary building is about to run out. Mr. Cox handed out information about the enrollment at MCCDC and cost for repair and remodeling. He stated they have spent a lot of money on that campus and are fixing to repair the roof. Mr. Cox stated they are doing a good job and they are helping the community and kids. He stated that the lease on the building is \$1.00 per year for five years. Mrs. Baker stated that they have a good rapport with schools and once the students test out we recommend that they go to North Elementary. Mrs. Baker stated that we treat the building as if it is ours and we've made repairs on our own. Mrs. Baker also stated that they are starting out patient services for after school and a bus will pick up the kids and take them home.  
  
Mr. Cox then handed out a new 15 year lease agreement which begins September 14, 2015 and ends September 15, 2030 and recommended that the Board approve the lease. Motion Terry Cole, seconded by Denise Williams to approve the new lease agreement. Motion passed 7-0.
7. Mr. Cox stated that we installed a new sound system in the High School Auditorium and at the football field and it has really made a difference on the football field. Mr. Cox also stated that the cost to put a sound system in the High School Gym was going to be \$16,322.91 so he went

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ahead and had that done. Motion Randy Carney, seconded by Jacqueline Baker to approve the sound system for the gym. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Cox stated that we have 78 cameras installed at High School and we are also putting three cameras on the busses. They are working on installing the rest of the camera and the intercom system at High School.

8. Mr. Cox showed the Board a system to lock classroom doors that will be used if we ever have a lock down. He stated that he purchased 150 of these locks and we will start Wednesday putting them on classroom doors. The Board also watched a video showing how the locks work.
9. Mr. Cox stated that we are working on the budget so we will have to have a special meeting soon to pass the budget. Mr. Cox asked if there were any questions about the financial reports. Michael Ephlin asked if the finances are still in line. Mr. Cox stated that we are spending a lot of money but we are still in good shape. Motion Michael Ephlin, seconded by Sylvester Belcher to approve the financial reports. Motion passed 7-0.
10. Motion Terry Cole, seconded by Jacqueline Baker to pay the bills as listed. Motion passed by 7-0.
11. Mr. Cox stated that the Region 7 School Board Training will be October 19, at the Blytheville Primary School and this will provide three hours of credit.

Mr. Cox updated the Board on the Arkansas Northeast College enrollment stating there are 26 of our students in the Early College program, 76 in Career Readiness and 26 in Concurrent Credit.

Mr. Cox stated that the Middle School building should be ready by early summer.

12. Mr. Cox recommended hiring the following classified personnel for the 2015-2016 school year:

Sheila Adams, Nurse (RN)  
Veronica Thomas, Nurse  
Tyneisha Collins, Parapro at High School  
Ciera Estell, Parapro at North  
Allyson Hughes, Parapro at Carroll Smith Elementary  
Kimberly Hunt, Parapro for North ABC Pre-school

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Michael Ephlin asked Mr. Cox if he checked to make sure the nurses are certified. Mr. Cox stated that they are certified. Motion Michael Ephlin, seconded by Sylvester Belcher to accept Mr. Cox's recommendation. Motion passed 7-0.

Mr. Cox recommended accepting the following resignation:

Heather Ainsworth, Nurse  
Jennifer Barr, STEM Literacy Coach  
Joey Barr, Agri Teacher at High School  
Karla Hazelwood, Parapro at High School  
Macy Jones, Behavioral Specialist at High School  
Lolita Miller, Nurse

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

13. Motion Terry Cole, seconded by Michael Ephlin to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0. (6:45 pm)

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(Signed) James Baker, President

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(Signed) Denise Williams, Secretary