

OSCEOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT#1 BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

September 8, 2014

6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Others present: Michael Cox, Superintendent
Alfred Hogan, Assistant Superintendent
Richard Ford, GCA
Bryan Winston, Facilities Director
Jeanette Walker, Board Recorder
Steve Knox, Osceola Times

1. Terry Cole called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Alfred Hogan offered invocation.
3. Motion Shannon Sullivan, seconded by James Baker to approve the August 11, 2014 Minutes. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
4. Motion James Baker, seconded by Michael Ephlin to approve the Timed Agenda. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
5. Mr. Cox stated that before we talk about enrollment, I need to tell you about a major problem at the Middle School building with the heat and air. We have a chiller on one side of the building that's been there since 1960 that is leaking and causing water damage and ceiling tiles to get wet and fall down. Mr. Cox stated that he and Richard Ford walked through the building to look at the damages. Mr. Cox then informed the Board that he talked with RGB Sheet Metal on Friday and told them to give us some prices on repairing it but the old boiler system is beyond repair so we got some quotes to put in an HVAC system for each classroom. At one point that building was part of our energy project but the engineer that did the study on that building at that time said it would cost about 2.5 million dollars so we left it out of the project. Mr. Cox stated that we had about \$800,000 in partnership money that we didn't use and my intentions were to apply for an extension and use that money at a later time. Mr. Cox handed out a quote for new HVAC systems and stated that he talked to the state about the partnership money and the money is available and we are at about 53%. The state would pay a little over \$300,000 and the district cost will be a little over \$266,000. Mr. Cox then asked Richard Ford to talk about the condition of the boiler system. Mr. Ford stated that the system is degraded so bad that repairs are not feasible. He stated that the pipes are old and starting to

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split, they have small pin holes in them and the insulation is wet and starting to mildew. Bryan Winston stated that if we did repairs like we had to do at the West Elementary building it would cost about \$1000 per foot and it's just not feasible. Randy Carney asked if the building is worth saving; why not just tear it down? Bryan Winston stated that it's a good solid building and is in good shape but the systems are shot. Shannon Sullivan asked if this is the right thing to do with that money with less than 20 kids in that building. Mr. Cox started that we can use that building if we get more kids in here and need the extra space. Terry Cole stated that the main thing is the building is structurally sound and in good shape. Following further discussion, Randy Carney moved to accept Mr. Cox's recommendation to contract RGB Sheet Metal to get these repairs done. Sylvester Belcher seconded the motion. Those voting yes were James Baker, Sylvester Belcher, Randy Carney, Terry Cole, Michael Ephlin and Denise Williams. Those voting no: Shannon Sullivan.

Mr. Cox stated that an emergency resolution needs to be passed. Mr. Cox then introduced the Osceola School District Emergency Resolution. Motion Randy Carney, seconded by James Baker to approve the Osceola School District Emergency Resolution as presented. Those voting yes were James Baker, Sylvester Belcher, Randy Carney, Terry Cole, Michael Ephlin and Denise Williams. Those voting no: Shannon Sullivan.

Mr. Cox then updated the Board on the current enrollment stating that our enrollment as of Sept. 5th was 1286 students. He stated that we are being paid for 1292 so we are down six students but we normally grow during the year. Mr. Cox then reviewed the number of entries and withdrawals for each school.

6. Mr. Cox updated the Board on the student drug testing. He stated that 83 students were tested in grades 7-12 and the cost was \$1,685. Mr. Cox then stated that one test showed positive for the use of drugs on the rapid test. He stated that his test was sent to the lab for further testing and came back positive for use of marijuana. Mr. Cox informed the Board that part of our drug testing policy is to notify the parents and set up a conference with the parent and student. Mr. Cox also stated that random testing and in season testing should result in about 130-150 students being tested throughout the course of the school year. The estimated budget for 300 tests at \$20.00 per test is a cost of \$6,000.
7. Mr. Cox stated that some of you asked me to purchase a school van so we bought a 2014 Dodge Grand Caravan with 9000 miles on it for \$21,500. Motion James Baker, seconded by Sylvester Belcher to purchase the van. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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8. Mr. Cox reviewed the financial reports with the Board and stated that we will need to have a noon meeting sometime this month to review and approve the budget. Motion Shannon Sullivan, seconded by Michael Ephlin to approve the financial reports. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
9. Mr. Cox reviewed the list of bills with the Board. Randy Carney asked about the Seminole Contracting bill. Mr. Cox stated that this was for the work done on the bathrooms at High School and the work done at the field house. Motion Shannon Sullivan, seconded by Michael Ephlin to pay the bills as listed. Motion passed by unanimous vote.
10. In the Superintendent's Report Mr. Cox informed the Board about the New Board Member Training and the Regional School Board Meeting.

Mr. Cox updated the Board on the number of students enrolled in the concurrent credit courses at ANC from our district as well as the enrollment from other districts.

Mr. Cox informed the Board that they have collected \$19,000 for the new scoreboards and the new scoreboards should be up before the first game.

Mr. Cox informed the Board that Rachael's Challenge is coming September 29 and 30 to talk to our kids and they will also hold a community program on Sept. 29 at 6:00 p.m.

Executive Session was held from 6:58-7:13 p.m. with no action taken.

11. Mr. Cox recommended hiring Stephanie Twyman as ABC Aide at North Elementary. Motion Shannon Sullivan, seconded by James Baker to accept Mr. Cox's recommendation. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Cox recommended accepting the resignations of Amber Flores, High School Aide and Rhonda Ford, Teacher at STEM. Motion James Baker, seconded by Sylvester Belcher to accept Mr. Cox's recommendation to hire the classified staff. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Cox then recommended the following classified transfers: Indy Haynes from North to STEM, Lois Haynes from CSE to High School, Lori Pendleton from STEM to CSE and Anita Thompson from High School to North Elementary. Motion Randy Carney, seconded by Michael Ephlin to accept Mr. Cox's recommendation. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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12. Motion James Baker seconded by Michael Ephlin to adjourn. Motion passed by unanimous vote. (7:15 p.m.)

(Signed) Mr. Terry Cole, President

(Signed) Mr. Sylvester Belcher, Secretary