

August 15, 2005

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance

A regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education of the Olympia Community Unit School District Number 16 held in the Olympia Administration Office was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-President Laura Cremeens with the following Board members and administrators present: Laura Cremeens, Sondra Hayes, Trena Glenn, Steve Matter, Leslie Schmidgall; Curriculum and Instruction Director/Asst. Superintendent Brad Hutchison, Technology and Media Coordinator Mary Ann Nannen, OHS Principal Lance Thurman, and OHS Activities Director/Asst. Principal Mike Lootens
Absent: Board President Brian Spaulding

Trena Glenn, Board member, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A **motion** was made by Sondra Hayes, seconded by Trena Glenn, to approve the consent agenda that included:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes, including Executive Session minutes, from the July 11, 2005, Regular Board of Education Meeting
- Approval of Bills and Financial Reports
- Confirmation of the following resignations:
 - Heather Obert as OHS Agriculture Teacher/FFA Advisor effective August 2, 2005
 - Wanda Severtson as OHS Science Teacher effective June 2, 2005
 - Theresa Wike as OHS English Teacher effective July 25, 2005
 - Darren Sheldon as System Support Specialist effective August 12, 2005
 - Lynette Williams as Olympia South Reading Improvement Aide effective August 5, 2005
 - Patricia McGuire as OHMS Cook effective August 1, 2005
 - Marilyn Whitfield as Olympia North Elementary Cook effective July 27, 2005
 - Vicky Gibson as Olympia South Elementary Cook effective August 9, 2005
 - Derrick DeBoef as OHS Asst. Football Coach and OMS Basketball Coach effective August 5, 2005
 - Gayle Swigart as Olympia North Elementary Special Education Aide/Noon Supervisor effective at the end of the 2004-2005 school year
 - Richele Freitag as OHS Cook effective August 11, 2005
- Employed the following persons per the negotiated agreement:
 - Krystal Young as custodian effective August 15, 2005
 - Joyce Dachauer as part-time Speech/Language Teacher effective August 22, 2005

- Brandi Cooper as full-time Science Teacher effective August 22, 2005
- Chris Embry-Mohr as full-time Science Teacher effective August 22, 2005
- Jessica Sidwell as English Teacher effective August 22, 2005
- Jim Cleary as OHS Asst. Football Coach (shared w/ Kenton Frost) effective for the 2005-2006 school year
- Kenton Frost as OHS Asst. Football Coach (shared w/ Jim Cleary) effective for the 2005-2006 school year
- Jason Grant as OHS Asst. Wrestling Coach effective for the 2005-2006 school year
- Roland Keiser as OMS Basketball Coach effective for the 2005-2006 school year
- Fred Finchum as OMS Girls Basketball Coach effective for the 2005-2006 school year
- Joni LaDew as OHS Football and Basketball Cheerleading Sponsor – splitting stipend and responsibilities with Karli LaDew who was Board employed on June 14, 2005
- Amy Weseloh as part-time (5 hours) Special Education Aide effective August 22, 2005
- Allison Flanscha as full-time Pre-K Teacher effective August 22, 2005
- Michelle Reber as Library Media Center Tech. Assistant effective August 22, 2005
- Susan Tindall as K-12 Information Assistant effective August 22, 2005
- Megan Tyra as ECE Teacher effective August 22, 2005
- Shirley Dobson as Special Education Aide (6 hours) effective August 22, 2005
- Matt McClintock as part-time Classroom Aide (3 hours) and Noon Supervisor effective August 22, 2005
- Re-employed the following Aides effective for the 2005-2006 school year:
 - Nancy Cunningham – Pre-K
 - Linda Lee – Pre-K
 - Neill Keneipp – Reading Improvement
 - Ann Williams – Reading Improvement/Noon Supervisor
 - Connie Becker – Title I
 - Jeanne Pierce – Title I/Noon Supervisor
 - Tammie Stroud – Title I/Noon Supervisor
 - Colleen Williams – Special Education/Noon Supervisor
 - Amy Ummel – Special Education/Noon Supervisor
 - Judy Phelps as Special Education
 - Alice Boyden as Cross Categorical, possibly Pre-K
 - Mel Ummel as Cross Categorical
 - Amy Bailey as Early Childhood
 - Cindy Goembel – Primary Cross-Cat. Program/Special Education
 - Rhonda Johnson – Media/Technology
 - Elizabeth Pomrenke – Special Education
 - Kathy Kruse – Special Education
 - Melissa Slager – Special Education

- Toni Troll – Special Education/Noon Supervisor
- Employed the following Noon Supervisors effective for the 2005-2006 school year:
 - Anna Jean Ballinger
 - Traci Ballinger
 - Dorotha Terrell
 - Claire Logsdon
- Confirmed the retirement of Juel Bennewitz effective at the end of the 2005-2006 school year
- Granted permission for the Armington Sesquicentennial Planning Committee to use Olympia property located in Armington on Sunday, September 17, 2005, for celebration activities
- Granted permission for the Olympia JFL and JFL Cheerleading squads to use the OHS facilities for games and practices during September and October, 2005
- Granted permission for the Olympia FFA Chapter to attend over-night events during the 2005-2006 school year as detailed to the Board
- Approved request for Emma Kindred (Pre-K) to attend Olympia South Elementary

Discussion. Vote: Spaulding (absent), Cremeens (aye), Hayes (aye), Glenn (aye), Matter (aye), Morr (aye), Schmidgall (aye). Motion carried 6-0

Communications

A communications folder was circulated among the board members.

Committee Reports

None

Administrative Reports

Assistant Superintendent Brad Hutchison informed the Board that most of the FY06 grants had been approved with an overall increase in funding allocations. Mr. Hutchison reported on the many things that are happening to prepare for August 24, the first day of school, including a new teacher workshop and a district-wide workshop. He also informed the Board that all instructional Aides currently serving the district meet the highly qualified requirements of the *No Child Left Behind* federal law. Mr. Hutchison shared a report with the Board that showed a comparison of OHS Advanced Placement participation for the last 4 school years, noting that the 04-05 school year had the highest enrollment. The report showed that the Spanish AP course had the lowest credit rate of all offered courses. This will be researched for further discussion.

Technology Director Mary Ann Nannen briefed the Board on the new Olympia website which will resemble a newspaper format. She also shared with the Board the many technology upgrades and changes that had been made over the summer and plans to

implement technology into new district programs for the 2005-2006 school year. Mrs. Nannen informed the Board that she is currently working with Heartland Community College for assistance in filling a System Support Specialist position, noting that Heartland would pay at least half of this technology position as an intern.

Business and Operations Manager Brock Butts presented the FY06 budget information. This information is currently available for public viewing, with a Public Budget Hearing to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 12, 2005, at the Administration Office. Dr. Butts also noted that the district had spent over two million dollars less in the 04-05 school year than in 03-04 and would receive "Financial Recognition" status from the state for the 04-05 school year. This moves the district 2 steps up from "Early Warning" status to the highest ranking. Dr. Butts commended the maintenance/custodial crew for a job well done preparing all buildings and grounds for the start of school. He also shared that the district is currently in the process of having the geothermal wellheads and pumps cleaned. Dr. Butts presented information regarding HCH Administration, Inc., the recommended Third Party Administrator (TPA) for the district's self-insured health plan. He informed the Board that the Insurance Committee and the Olympia Education Association unanimously agreed that HCH would be more beneficial for all participants than the district's current TPA.

Superintendent Don Hahn presented the Board with IASB Board Policy changes that will need consideration. There was a brief discussion regarding Board Policy 6:300 (early graduation requirements). The application due date will be researched for future discussion. This item was removed from the action items pending further investigation. Mr. Hahn also presented the Board with current enrollment totals reported after registration, noting that these numbers will change slightly and must be reported again after the first day of school. Mr. Hahn reminded the Board of the scheduled hearing dates for the Hopedale detachment proceedings and provided them with a brief summary of the August 3 hearing.

Other Business

None

Action Items

A **motion** was made by Trena Glenn, seconded by Leslie Schmidgall, to accept the bid from HCH Administration, Inc., to serve as the Third Party Administrator (TPA) of the district's self-insured health plan and to approve recommended changes in the plan.

Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.
Spaulding (absent), Cremeens (aye), Hayes (aye), Glenn (aye), Matter (aye),
Morr (aye), Schmidgall (aye)

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

At 9:01 p.m., a motion was made by Steve Matter, seconded by Curt Morr, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

APPROVED:

President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Education

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There was no Executive Session for this meeting.