

September 12, 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 President Brian Spaulding with the following Board members and administrators present: Laura Cremeens, Sondra Hayes, Trena Glenn, Steve Matter, Leslie Schmidgall (arrived at 7:06 p.m.); Superintendent Donald F. Hahn, Curriculum and Instruction Director/Asst. Superintendent Brad Hutchison, Business and Operations Manager Brock Butts, Technology and Media Coordinator Mary Ann Nannen, OHS Principal Lance Thurman, and Olympia South Principal Tim Sexton. Others present were Ruth McCartney, OHS Dean of Students/Asst. Principal, Kaila Fuller and LeighAnn Toovey, 6th grade student teachers from Olympia North, Mike Hankins and Adam McVey, Olympia parents.

Brian Spaulding, Board president, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes (with the change of one word) from the August 15, 2005, Regular Board of Education meeting
- C. Approval of Bills and Financial Reports
- D. Grant permission for the Olympia High School Golf Team to hold a Drive-a-Thon at the North Greens Golf Course in Atlanta on Saturday, September 17
- E. Grant permission for the Olympia High School Homecoming Committee to include fireworks in the OHS Homecoming celebration on Friday, September 23
- F. Approve applications for the 2005-2006 Recognition of Schools
- G. Approve the following fundraisers for the Olympia Middle School Cheerleading Squad:
 1. Kiss a Pig contest
 2. Bergner's Community Days Coupon Book
- H. Employ the following Educational Support Personnel:
 1. Amber Davis as Bus Aide effective August 24, 2005
 2. Bertha Galloway as Bus Aide effective August 24, 2005
 3. Patti McClintock as Cook effective August 23, 2005
 4. Barbara Stubblefield as Cook effective August 23, 2005
 5. Cathy Ingram as Cook effective August 23, 2005
 6. Pat Peifer as Cook effective August 23, 2005
 7. Terry Wood as Cook effective August 23, 2005
 8. Connie Keim as Cook effective August 23, 2005
 9. Teresa Stubblefield as Cook effective August 23, 2005

10. Francene McCullen as Cook effective August 23, 2005
11. Megan Tyra as Special Education Aide effective August 25, 2005
12. Holly Gottschalk as Special Education Aide effective August 25, 2005
13. Deanna Farrell as Special Education Classroom Aide effective August 25, 2005
14. Cheryl Tatum as Title I Aide/Noon Supervisor effective August 30, 2005
15. Linda Hawker as Reading Improvement Aide/part-time Secretary effective August 29, 2005
16. Libby McGuire as Special Education Classroom Aide effective August 29, 2005
17. Phyllis Johnson as Cook effective September 6, 2005
18. Amber Davis as Special Education Classroom Aide/Noon Supervisor effective August 29, 2005
19. Mike Engel as Individual Aide effective September 8, 2005
20. Angie May as part-time (1.5 hours per day) Secretary effective August 29, 2005
21. Mark Frederick as Special Education Classroom Aide/Noon Supervisor effective August 24, 2005
22. Kiana Nafziger as K-12 Information Assistant effective September 26, 2005
- I. Employ Stacey Tolzdorf as Assistant Volleyball Coach effective for the 2005-2006 school year per the negotiated agreement
- J. Employ Jon Mladic as OHS Assistant Speech Coach effective for the 2005-2006 school year per the negotiated agreement
- K. Employ Marnel Abbott as OHS Flag Sponsor effective for the remainder of the 2005-2006 school year per the negotiated agreement
- L. Employ Traci Manning as Art Department Chair effective for the 2005-2006 school year per the negotiated agreement
- M. Approve the transfer of Nancy Cunningham as Pre-K Aide at South to Special Education Aide at West effective August 24, 2005
- N. Approve the increase of hours for Grace Grass – Cook, from 4 hours to 5 hours effective September 1, 2005
- O. Confirm the following resignations:
 1. Nicole Cameron as Title I Aide effective June 2, 2005
 2. Heather Needles as Special Education/Classroom Aide effective June 2, 2005
 3. Sheri Golden as Cook effective August 31, 2005
 4. Jessica Hanson as OHS Flag Sponsor effective August 25, 2005
 5. Rachel Heft as OHS Assistant Volleyball Coach effective September 7, 2005
 6. Clarence Fuller as Individual Aide effective September 9, 2005
 7. Susan Tindall as K-12 Information Assistant effective September 9, 2005

Discussion. Vote: Spaulding (aye), Cremeens (aye), Hayes (aye), Glenn (aye), Matter (aye), Morr (aye), Schmidgall (aye). Motion carried 7-0

Communications

A communications folder was circulated among the board members.

Committee Reports

There were no committee reports, however Superintendent Hahn asked both the Building & Grounds Committee and the Policy Committee to meet before the October 11 Board of Education meeting. The Policy Committee will meet September 22 at 3:30 p.m. at the Red Cross. The Building & Grounds Committee will meet September 20 at 3:30 p.m. at the Administration Office.

Administrative Reports

Business and Operations Manager Brock Butts presented the Board with resolutions, prepared by the district's attorney, to sell the Armington Baseball Diamond to the Village of Armington at no cost to the Village and to prepare for the sale of the Stanford Elementary building. Board members Schmidgall and Morr shared concerns regarding the sale of the Stanford building. It was stated that the district might need to use this facility should the condition of the Olympia North Elementary building worsen. Board member Glenn suggested that the district could possibly lease the Stanford property in order to pay for its upkeep in case it should be needed in the future. Dr. Butts also shared a transportation report, prepared by Transportation Director, Trent Keller. This report showed that the average AM bus ride for students is 30-45 minutes. Due to after-school student activities, the average PM bus ride for students is 15-25 minutes. Dr. Butts informed the Board that these times were within the acceptable range for any rural Illinois school district.

Assistant Superintendent Brad Hutchison led a presentation that showed Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) and Prairie State Achievement Exam (PSAE) results for 2005 with a comparison to state average and to our own district results for the past 4 years. These results showed that Olympia met or exceeded state results in all areas at all grade levels. It was noted that the IEP student percentages dropped in the upper grades. One factor for this is that speech services are usually completed by 6th grade. It was suggested that perhaps offering biology at the 9th grade level might help to raise the basic science scores. Mr. Hutchison reported that Olympia's average ACT test scores of 21.1 exceeded the state's average of 20.3. This report also offered ACT-recommended steps to help ensure that students were ready for college and/or work. Mr. Hutchison informed the Board that the No Child Left Behind federal law requires that all schools maintain Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in the subjects of reading and math. Individual school reports showed that each of the Olympia schools did meet this AYP requirement. The district, however, is still identified as Federal Improvement Status due to 45% IEP students in the district not meeting NCLB standards.

Technology Director Mary Ann Nannen informed the Board that the new Olympia website became available on September 9. Mrs. Nannen demonstrated the many features of the website including the new online application process. Board President Spaulding asked that the possibility of a separate tab for Board information be researched. Mrs. Nannen also reported that the finger scanning process in the OHMS cafeteria was proving

successful and beneficial to both parents and the food service department. A statewide Student Information System is being implemented to comply with the requirements of No Child Left Behind. Mrs. Nannen reported that Olympia student data will be submitted by the September 30 deadline.

Written reports from each building principal showed that the beginning of the new school year has gone very well. Reports also highlighted various activities, both planned and currently underway.

Superintendent Donald Hahn presented current enrollment figures with a comparison to September, 2004. Pre-K enrollment shows an increase over last year. Mr. Hahn feels that this is due to the Pre-K program just beginning last year at Olympia North. The K-12 enrollment shows a slight decrease due to having a smaller Kindergarten class this year as compared to last year's Senior class. Mr. Hahn also presented a 2004-2005 to 2005-2006 comparison of extra-curricular participation and fee payment, prepared by OHMS Activities Director, Mike Lootens. This report showed that both participation and fee payment have increased over last year. It is felt that part of this increase may be due to the booster club-funded Freshman sports. Mr. Hahn will contact the booster club for information regarding their plan for Freshman sports in the 2006-2007 school year and report back to the Board.

Superintendent Hahn confirmed that September 1 is the current deadline to request early graduation. This date will be discussed at the next Policy Committee meeting. In order to help encourage 8 semesters of attendance, Mr. Hahn will be recommending an earlier requirement date of either May 1 or June 1.

Superintendent Hahn commended all persons who have testified during the Hopedale detachment hearings. Testimony will continue on September 13, with September 15 at 1:00 p.m. set aside for public presentation of letters to the superintendent and board of Tazewell County Regional Office of Education.

Mike Hankins addressed the Board regarding current policy for appealing a student suspension. Mr. Hankins expressed concern about the time span between the actual date of suspension notification and a possible hearing date, stating that in many cases the suspension has already been served. The Board agreed to meet with him in Executive Session to discuss his own son's recent suspension.

Other Business

None

Action Items

A **motion** was made by Laura Cremeens, seconded by Sondra Hayes, to approve the resolution to adopt the final 2005-2006 budget as presented.

Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.
Cremeens (aye), Hayes (aye), Spaulding (aye), Glenn (aye), Matter (aye),

Morr (aye), Schmidgall (aye)

A **motion** was made by Steve Matter, seconded by Sondra Hayes, to adopt the resolution for the sale of the Stanford building and to conduct a sealed-bid auction of said property.

Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 5-2.

Matter (aye), Hayes (aye), Spaulding (aye), Cremeens (aye), Glenn (aye),
Morr (nay), Schmidgall (nay)

A **motion** was made by Les Schmidgall, seconded by Laura Cremeens, to adopt the intergovernmental agreement and the resolution for the authorization of the sale of the Armington Baseball Diamond to the Village of Armington at no cost to the Village.

Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

Schmidgall (aye), Cremeens (aye), Spaulding (aye), Hayes (aye),
Glenn (aye), Matter (aye), Morr (aye)

Executive Session

A **motion** was made by Steve Matter, seconded by Sondra Hayes, to meet in Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. to conduct separate meetings with parents of 2 students. One review of a suspension was conducted.

There was no action as a result of this Executive Session.

Adjournment

At 11:40 p.m., a **motion** was made by Les Schmidgall, seconded by Brian Spaulding, 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 action taken as a result of this Executive Session.