

June 12, 2006

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 No. 16 held in the Olympia Administration Office was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Laura Cremeens with the following Board members and Administrators present: Laura Cremeens, Sondra Hayes, Steve Matter, Les Schmidgall, Trena Glenn, Curt Morr, Craig Alexander; Superintendent Donald F. Hahn, Assistant Superintendent Brad Hutchison, Business and Operations Manager Brock Butts, Technology and Media Director Mary Ann Nannen, OHS Principal Lance Thurman, OMS Principal Steve Wilder, Olympia West Elementary Principal Andrew Wise, Olympia South Elementary Principal Tim Sexton and OHS Activities Director/Asst. Principal Mike Lootens.

Community member Rose Willis was also present.

Board member Craig Alexander led the Pledge of Allegiance to open the Public Budget Hearing prior to this meeting.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Craig Alexander, seconded by Sondra Hayes, to approve the consent agenda that included:

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes, including Executive Session, from the May 8, 2006, Regular Board of Education meeting
- C. Approval of Bills and Financial Reports
- D. Approval of the following Head Teachers and Department Chairpersons effective for the 2006-2007 school year:
 - 1. Karlene Peterson – Olympia North Head Teacher
 - 2. Jody Spratt and Sally Turner – Olympia South Head Teachers (shared stipend)
 - 3. Rod Dale – Olympia West Head Teacher
 - 4. Bill Gaddis – OMS Head Teacher
 - 5. Debra Brown – OHS Business & Ag. Department Chair
 - 6. Traci Manning – OHS Fine Arts & Ind. Arts Department Chair
 - 7. Paul Seline – OHS English & Foreign Language Department Chair
 - 8. Marty Abbott – OHS Music Department Chair
 - 9. Charlie Chase – OHS Science Department Chair
 - 10. Carolyn Hieronymus – OHS Special Education Department Chair
 - 11. Sara Kleinschmidt – OHS Math Department Chair
 - 12. Paul Swanson – OHS Social Studies Department Chair
 - 13. Mike Neisler – OHS P.E. & Driver's Education Department Chair
 - 14. Suzanne Eppley – OHS Guidance Department Chair

- E. Re-call of the following Reading Improvement Aides effective August 21, 2006: Linda Hawker, Neill Keneipp, and Ann Williams
- F. Re-call of the following Title I Aides effective August 21, 2006: Connie Becker, Jeanne Pierce, and Tammie Stroud
- G. Re-call of the following Bus Aides effective August 23, 2006: Debbie Biddle, Amber Davis, and Kathleen Hymbaugh
- H. Re-employment of the following non-teaching coaches/sponsors for the 2006-2007 school year per the negotiated agreement:
 - 1. Al Behrens – OHS Asst. Boys’ Basketball Coach
 - 2. Ron Spencer – OHS Asst. Girls’ Basketball Coach
 - 3. Mark Finchum – OHS Asst. Boys’ Baseball Coach
 - 4. Tyler Haning – OHS Asst. Boys’ Baseball Coach
 - 5. Roland Keiser – OMS 8th Gr. Boys’ Basketball Coach
 - 6. Darrel Shields – OMS 7th Gr. Girls’ Basketball Coach
 - 7. Fred Finchum – OMS 8th Gr. Girls’ Basketball Coach
 - 8. Sean Brand – OHS Asst. Track Coach
 - 9. Kristina Westerfield – OHS Asst. Girls’ Volleyball Coach
 - 10. Daniel Andrews – OMS Cross Country Coach
- I. Employment of the following coaches/sponsors for the 2006-2007 school year per the negotiated agreement:
 - 1. Matt Koeppel – OHS Head Varsity Football Coach
 - 2. Mark Frederick – OHS Asst. Football Coach
 - 3. Katie Olson – OHS Asst. Speech Coach
 - 4. Rachel Thomas – OHS Asst. Speech Coach
 - 5. Brandi Cooper – OHS Student Council Captain (shared stipend w/ Lisa Castleman)
 - 6. Jackie Draper – OMS Cheerleading Sponsor
 - 7. Michelle White – OHS Flag Sponsor
- J. Employment of the following Education Support Personnel:
 - 1. Lana Umphryes as Custodian (starting placement at Olympia South) effective June 19, 2006
 - 2. Nancy Simmons as OHMS Head Cook (6 hours per day) effective August 17, 2006
- K. Employment of Matt Koeppel as OHS Physical Education/Driver’s Education Teacher effective August 21, 2006, pending completion of necessary courses and approval of certificate per negotiated contract
- L. Employment of Pamela Nelson as Certified Teacher (starting placement of LD Resource at Olympia West) effective August 21, 2006
- M. Re-employment of Walter Dare and Jane Butts as part-time OHS Guidance Counselors effective for the 2006-2007 school year
- N. Confirmation of the following resignations:
 - 1. Deann Collins as certified teacher (currently Cross-Categorical Special Education-intermediate at Olympia West) effective June 1, 2006
 - 2. Deanna Wiist as certified teacher (currently Social Studies at OHS) effective June 1, 2006
 - 3. Theresa McDannald as OHMS Head Cook effective June 2, 2006

4. Nancy Simmons as OHMS Cook (5 hours per day) effective June 2, 2006
- O. Approval of the Language Arts Curriculum for the 2006-2007 school year as presented by Assistant Superintendent Brad Hutchison at the May 8, 2006, Board of Education meeting
- P. Approval of the agreement between Olympia Community Unit School District No. 16 and Hopedale Medical Complex for Sports Medicine Service for the 2006-2007 school year
- Q. Approval of the contract between Olympia West Elementary PTO and Kathryn Beich for a Fall, 2006, fundraiser
- R. Adoption of the June, 2006, Prevailing Wage Resolution for publication purposes
- S. Approval of an over-night trip to Quincy Sr. High School on June 15 and 16, 2006, and use of district's white activities bus for Olympia soccer players with all other costs being incurred by participating students
- T. Acceptance of listed donations to buildings for the 2005-2006 school year as presented by the building Principals
- U. Granted Bands of America permission to use the OMS gymnasium/facilities for a drum corps practice site on June 29 & 30, 2006
- V. Approval of the 2006-2007 Salary Guide for Bus Drivers and all Substitutes

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

Communications

A communications folder was circulated among the Board members.

Olympia Middle School Principal Steve Wilder presented a report to the Board summarizing his recent visits to the Olympia elementary buildings. Mr. Wilder conducted meetings at these buildings to inform parents and Olympia faculty/staff of both the advantages and disadvantages of moving the 6th graders to the Middle School. This option is one of ten that is being considered in the district's long-term planning. Mr. Wilder reported that the information provided was well received at all elementary buildings, and more advantages than disadvantages were noted.

Committee Reports

Board member Trena Glenn provided the Board with copies of valuable information regarding the Board's role and responsibilities to the public that she obtained at a recent Illinois Association of School Boards conference. The Board will be using this information as they communicate with community members during the district's future planning.

Board member Curt Morr reported that he, Board member Steve Matter, Superintendent Hahn and Assistant Superintendent Hutchison had attended a recent meeting of the Village of Danvers. Mayor Ron Roth and village board members were among those who shared their plans, visions, and goals for Danvers which included the desire to keep an elementary school in their village or nearby.

Administrative Reports

Assistant Superintendent Brad Hutchison shared the projected grant allocations for the 2006-2007 school year. He also announced the approval of both Reading Improvement and Pre-K grants for 06-07. Mr. Hutchison reported that through academy offerings, the district is preparing to address the *Response to Intervention* (RTI) mandate. As part of this mandate, Olympia's FY07 budget will allow for three 5.5-hour "highly qualified" building aides. Mr. Hutchison reported that the Illinois State Board of Education has announced that ISAT results have been delayed. He also reported that the preliminary PSAE results for the graduating class of 2007 reveal a continual upward trend of composite scores. 100 out of 142 students received ACT scores that would permit them to be admitted to a state university in Illinois.

Technology and Media Director Mary Ann Nannen announced that the district had experienced an excellent year in technology. Olympia's new website has been invaluable to parents, teachers, students and community members as well as becoming a model for other districts throughout Illinois. A charted report showed that the website had received a total of 18,686,779 viewing hits throughout the 2005-2006 school year. Mrs. Nannen reported that the finance software conversion was underway and that summer upgrades are expected to begin next week. She also reported that computers purchased through lease money are being received. Charts created by Media Specialist Brenda Thompson showed that continued emphasis on reading has increased library circulation in all 5 Olympia buildings.

On behalf of the Board, President Laura Cremeens thanked Mrs. Nannen for bringing Olympia's technology to its present state and for her role in the overall improvement of media services. Mrs. Nannen was presented a card and gift of appreciation and retirement congratulations.

Business and Operations Manager Brock Butts reported that summer projects were underway and that heating/cooling compressor issues were being resolved. Dr. Butts also reviewed the FY06 amended budget and budget transfers that were presented at a Public Budget Hearing prior to the Board meeting. The FY06 budget was amended primarily to meet the costs incurred by the November, 2005, storm damage. Dr. Butts presented the FY07 projected budget. Revenue for the Education Fund and Operations/Maintenance Fund show a projected decrease while revenue for other funds show no significant change. The projected expenditures show an increase for the Education Fund and Transportation and a decrease for the Operations/Maintenance Fund.

Building Principals' reports were shared along with a Student Survey linked to the OHS Success Club which showed that this program had indeed been a “success” with the students. Special recognition was given to Olympia’s Dena Wibben who is the recipient of the highest FFA degree available. Activities Director/Assistant Principal Mike Lootens provided the Board with year-end highlights for all extra-curricular activities. This report also showed that there is a continual increase in participation and that Olympia was well represented in all areas.

Superintendent Don Hahn presented the Board with the regular scheduled Board of Education meeting dates for the 2006-2007 school year. He also announced the resignation of Olympia South Principal Tim Sexton effective June, 2008. Superintendent Hahn asked the Board to set the salaries for district Directors and the part-time Business and Operations Manager. He also explained the agreement between Olympia and First Midstate, Inc., to act as underwriters for any anticipated bonds. Superintendent Hahn presented the Board with Administrative recommendations regarding finances and how to improve educational programs and facilities. He noted that the passing of both a building bond referendum and an education fund rate referendum on the April, 2007, ballot would allow the restoration of programs and building renovations. He also noted that the 2008 and 2009 retirement of bonds would result in little or no increase in total property tax rates.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Recognition of Visitors/Public Input

There was no public input.

Action Items

A motion was made by Craig Alexander, seconded by Sondra Hayes, to accept the resignation of Timothy Sexton as Olympia South Principal effective June, 2008, per administrative retirement procedures for 15-year employees.

Discussion. Vote. Alexander (aye); Hayes (aye); Cremeens (aye); Matter (aye); Schmidgall (aye); Glenn (aye); Morr (aye). Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Les Schmidgall, seconded by Steve Matter, to approve the regular scheduled Board of Education meeting dates for 2006-2007 as presented by Superintendent Hahn.

Discussion. Vote. Schmidgall (aye); Matter (aye); Cremeens (aye); Hayes (aye); Glenn (aye); Morr (aye); Alexander (aye). Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Steve Matter, seconded by Trena Glenn, to approve the agreement between Olympia Community Unit School District No. 16 and First Midstate, Inc., to act as underwriters with respect to the issuance of \$12.5 million more or less of General Obligation school bonds.

Discussion. Vote. Matter (aye); Glenn (aye); Cremeens (aye); Hayes (aye); Schmidgall (aye); Morr (aye); Alexander (aye). Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Sondra Hayes, seconded by Craig Alexander, to adopt the FY06 amended Budget as presented by Business and Operations Manager Brock Butts.

Discussion. Vote. Hayes (aye); Alexander (aye); Cremeens (aye); Matter (aye); Schmidgall (aye); Glenn (aye); Morr (aye). Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Craig Alexander, seconded by Steve Matter, to adopt the Tentative FY07 Budget as prepared by Business and Operations Manager Brock Butts, put the budget on public display from August 18, 2006, to September 18, 2006, and publish a legal notice announcing a Budget Hearing on September 18, 2006.

Discussion. Vote. Alexander (aye); Matter (aye); Cremeens (aye); Hayes (aye); Schmidgall (aye); Glenn (aye); Morr (aye). Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Laura Cremeens, seconded by Curt Morr, to approve the FY06 inter-fund transfers as presented by Business and Operations Manager Brock Butts.

Discussion. Vote. Cremeens (aye); Morr (aye); Hayes (aye); Matter (aye); Schmidgall (aye); Glenn (aye); Alexander (aye). Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Sondra Hayes, seconded by Steve Matter, to accept a bid for milk from North Central Illinois Milk Distributors and the roll-over bread bid from Interstate Brand Corp. for the 2006-2007 school year.

Discussion. Vote. Hayes (aye); Matter (aye); Cremeens (aye); Schmidgall (aye); Glenn (aye); Morr (aye); Alexander (aye). Motion carried 7-0.

A motion to adopt the Administrative recommendations as presented/modified and to direct the Superintendent to begin implementation of said recommendations was tabled.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Sondra Hayes, seconded by Steve Matter, to meet in Executive Session at 10:32 p.m. to discuss employment, 2006-2007 salary increases, and one real estate transaction.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Craig Alexander, seconded by Les Schmidgall, to reconvene open session at 11:00 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Action As A Result Of Executive Session

A motion was made by Laura Cremeens, seconded by Steve Matter, to re-employ and set the 2006-2007 salaries for Transportation Director Trent Keller, Food Services Director Mary Idleman and part-time Business & Operations Manager Brock Butts as recommended by Superintendent Don Hahn.

Discussion. Vote. Cremeens (aye); Matter (aye); Hayes (aye); Schmidgall (aye); Glenn (aye); Morr (aye); Alexander (aye). Motion carried 7-0.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Steve Matter, seconded by Les Schmidgall, to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

Executive Session Minutes
May 8, 2006

A motion was made by Sondra Hayes, seconded by Steve Matter, to meet in Executive Session at 10:30 p.m. to discuss employment, 2006-2007 salary increases, and one real estate transaction.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.