

May 8, 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 7:00 p.m. by President Laura Cremeens with the following Board members and Administrators present: Laura Cremeens, Steve Matter, Les Schmidgall (arrived at 7:50 p.m.), 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, and Olympia South Elementary Principal Tim Sexton.

Board Member Sondra Hayes was absent.

Others present were Brenda Thompson, Ed and Nancy Cunningham, Don Maurer, Rose Willis, Stacey Rinkenberger, Sandy Sheldon, and First Midstate, Inc. representative Kevin Heid.

Board member Trena Glenn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes, including Executive Session, from the April 17, 2006, Regular Board of Education meeting
- C. Approval of Bills and Financial Reports
- D. Approval of Illinois Service Agreement between Olympia C.U.S.D. #16 and MeccaTech effective July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007
- E. Approval of agreement between Olympia C.U.S.D. #16 and Gerlock & Associates to act as the district's Student Accident Insurance carrier
- F. Approval of Letter of Credit in the amount of \$42,869.00 from the Morton Community Bank
- G. Employ Matt Barton as Technology Support Specialist effective July 1, 2006
- H. Employ Suzanne Eppley as part-time OHS Guidance Counselor effective August 21, 2006
- I. Employ Jessica Carson as full-time Certified Teacher (starting placement of 2nd grade at Olympia West) effective August 21, 2006
- J. Confirm the retirement of Mildred Balch (currently Asst. Food Service Director/Asst. OHMS Cafeteria Manager) effective June 2, 2006
- K. Employ Theresa McDannald as Assistant Food Service Director/Assistant OHMS Cafeteria Manager effective August 14, 2006

- L. Confirm the retirement of Charles Chase (currently OHS Science Teacher) under Option #1 (pending all criteria is met) effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year
- M. Confirm the resignation of Kiana Nafziger as K-12 Information Assistant effective May 25, 2006

Discussion. Vote: Alexander (aye), Glenn (aye), Cremeens (aye), Hayes (absent), Matter (aye), Schmidgall (not yet arrived), Morr (aye). Motion carried 5-0.

Communications

A communications folder was circulated among the Board members.

Mr. Kevin Heid of First Midstate, Inc., presented the Board with a report regarding the use of building bonds for future district building/renovation projects. Mr. Heid noted that building bonds can only be issued after a successful referendum has been held and that it is very important that there be unanimous Board support of the referendum.

Committee Reports

Board President Laura Cremeens and Board member Trena Glenn reported that the Education Administrative Committee had met. Discussion items included the placement of the district's wellness plan, potential program restorations, 2-teacher teams for elementary grades, and the continued discussion of moving 6th grades to the Middle School. Assistant Superintendent Brad Hutchison was also present to share the district's revised K-12 Language Arts Curriculum with the Committee. Copies of this curriculum were available for Board review, along with Mr. Hutchison's recognition of the district's Curriculum Committee members.

Board member Curt Morr reported that the Finance Administrative Committee had met with Dr. Butts and the Education Support Personnel Representative Committee as they work to better align the ESP salaries/benefits. He reported that Dr. Butts would be asking for Board approval for recommended changes.

The Building Administrative Committee will set up a meeting with the Danvers Village Board members to review Danvers' plans to upgrade the waste treatment capacity.

Administrative Reports

Assistant Superintendent Brad Hutchison announced that a June session of the Olympia Professional Development Academy is scheduled for June 2-9. These training sessions, held on the OHMS campus, meet NCLB requirements and will provide faculty members with up-to-date instructional strategies. Mr. Hutchison also reported that a representative from WTVP Channel 47 had recently visited the district in order to produce a video clip regarding the district's webpage and the district's use of both bio-diesel and geo-thermal.

The webpage and bio-diesel clip will be aired beginning May 8 and continue throughout the month of May. The geo-thermal clip will be aired later this summer.

Technology and Media Director Mary Ann Nannen reported that the conversion of the district's current finance software program to Skyward is in progress and that High School teachers are continuing to experiment with Learning Express Advantage, the grant-funded online testing product recently used by Juniors for ACT preparation. She also shared that Technology Directors had recently met to learn about free and "nearly free" software which is already being used by the High School. Mrs. Nannen reported that even though many districts throughout the state experienced problems with testing as the state worked with a new vendor and student identification system, Olympia experienced few problems and deadlines were met. Mrs. Nannen also shared that all Olympia libraries were completing another outstanding year and that Mrs. Brenda Thompson had submitted a grant to the Illinois State Library for \$3,000 to purchase Native American materials for the Middle School programs.

Business and Operations Manager Brock Butts provided the Board with the proposed amended FY06 budget. This amended budget will be on display at the Administration office for 30 days, then will be presented to the Board for approval at the June 12 Board of Education meeting. A Budget Hearing will be held at 6:45 p.m., prior to the June 12 meeting. Dr. Butts reported that he plans to have a FY07 working budget ready for Board review, also at the June 12 meeting.

Building Principals' reports were shared. OHS Principal Lance Thurman noted that the Prairie State Achievement Exam had gone very well thanks to the Junior advisors and entire counseling office, as well as many other faculty members. The April, 2006, Sports Medicine Summary, provided by Hopedale Medical Complex, was also shared.

Superintendent Don Hahn asked the Board to review 3 state-required Board Policy revisions regarding facility management and building programs, high school credit for proficiency, and parent organizations and booster clubs. He also asked for Board approval of 10 various policies that had previously been given to them for review. Mr. Hahn shared the 2006-2007 Instructional Materials & Other Fees with the Board, explaining that the main revision was averaging OHMS lab fees and including them in one fee. It was noted that FFA students who are not in any other activity will not pay the \$250 participation fee for other extra curricular activities but will be required to pay a \$100 lab fee. This change is to put the district in compliance with a new state law regarding Ag. Classes and FFA. Mr. Hahn informed the Board that the district had received an official notice from the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board of the building secretaries' intent to form a bargaining unit.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Recognition of Visitors

Rose Willis asked for a clarification of the \$100 Ag. Lab fee.

Action Items

A motion was made by Craig Alexander, seconded by Steve Matter, to adopt Board Policies 2:30, 2:50, 2:210, 4:60, 5:90, 5:100, 5:280, 6:50, 6:100, and 6:180 as recommended by Superintendent Hahn and the Board Policy Committee.

Discussion. Vote. Alexander (aye); Matter (aye); Cremeens (aye); Hayes (absent); Schmidgall (aye); Glenn (aye); Morr (aye). Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Laura Cremeens, seconded by Trena Glenn, to approve the Instructional Materials & Other Fees for the 2006-2007 school year as presented and attached by Superintendent Hahn.

Discussion. Vote. Cremeens (aye); Glenn (aye); Hayes (absent); Matter (aye); Schmidgall (aye); Morr (aye); Alexander (aye). Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Craig Alexander, seconded by Curt Morr, to set the date of Monday, June 12, 2006, at 6:45 p.m. as a Public Hearing for the FY06 Amended Budget. (Notice will be published in the Olympia Review 7 days prior to public hearing. Amended budget will be available for public display at the district Administration Office from May 12, 2006 – June 12, 2006.)

Discussion. Vote. Alexander (aye); Morr (aye); Cremeens (aye); Hayes (absent); Matter (aye); Schmidgall (aye); Glenn (aye). Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Steve Matter, seconded by Laura Cremeens, to approve the Lease Agreement for \$99,672.00 with Morton Community Bank to purchase needed technology equipment.

Discussion. Vote. Matter (aye); Cremeens (aye); Hayes (absent); Schmidgall (aye); Glenn (aye); Morr (aye); Alexander (aye). Motion carried 6-0.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Craig Alexander, seconded by Les Schmidgall, to meet in Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. to discuss ESP salary recommendations and employment of new Superintendent.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Craig Alexander, seconded by Steve Matter, to reconvene open session at 10:26 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Action As A Result Of Executive Session

A motion was made by Curt Morr, seconded by Les Schmidgall, to adopt the Education Support Personnel salary recommendations as presented by Dr. Brock Butts.

Discussion. Vote. Morr (aye); Schmidgall (aye); Cremeens (aye); Hayes (absent); Matter (aye); Glenn (aye); Alexander (aye). Motion carried 6-0.

A motion was made by Les Schmidgall, seconded by Steve Matter, to employ Brad K. Hutchison as Superintendent beginning July 1, 2007, and to approve the 3-year contract between Olympia C.U.S.D. No. 16 and Mr. Hutchison as presented.

Discussion. Vote. Schmidgall (aye); Matter (aye); Cremeens (aye); Hayes (absent); Glenn (aye); Morr (nay); Alexander (aye). Motion carried 5-1.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Les Schmidgall, seconded by Steve Matter, to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 p.m.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

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