

Olympia Community Unit School District No. 16 **NEWS RELEASE** – August 10, 2010

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The Olympia Board of Education was called to order for a regular scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 9, 2010 in the Conference Room of the Olympia Administration Office where the following actions were taken:

- A. Approved Agenda
- B. Approved Minutes from the July 12, 2010 Health/Life Safety Public Hearing
- C. Approved Minutes, including Executive Session, from the July 12, 2010 regular Board of Education meeting
- D. Approved Bills and Financial Reports
- E. Confirmed the following resignations:
 - 1. Matt Nordstrom as OHS Agriculture Teacher/FFA Advisor effective July 16, 2010
 - 2. Courtney Vercauteren as OHS English Teacher effective July 26, 2010
 - 3. Courtney Vercauteren as OHS Assistant Speech Coach effective July 26, 2010
 - 4. Dan Lamboley as OMS Principal effective July 28, 2010
 - 5. Angie Bastian as OHMS Cook effective August 4, 2010
- F. Approved the following Intents to Retire:
 - 1. Gregory Fuiten – Olympia South P.E. Teacher effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year pending all requirements have been met
 - 2. Bill DeLoria – OHS English Teacher effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year pending all requirements have been met
 - 3. Mary Wuhrmann – Olympia North Title 1 Teacher effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year pending all requirements have been met
 - 4. Jane Richter – Olympia West Music Teacher effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year pending all requirements have been met
 - 5. RoxAnne Snelson – Olympia South 2nd Grade Teacher effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year pending all requirements have been met
- G. Employed the following certified teachers effective August 16, 2010:
 - 1. Charmaine Ringer – OHS E/BD Special Education
 - 2. Bridget Joos – Olympia South Elementary Pre-K
 - 3. Allison Brutlag – Olympia North Elementary Pre-K
 - 4. Allison Gray – Olympia North Elementary & OMS Physical Education/Health
 - 5. Jill Uhlman – OHS English
 - 6. Joan Harrison – OHS Agriculture/FFA Advisor
- H. Employed the following non-teaching OHS Assistant Football Coaches effective for the 2010-2011 season: Ron Smith, Danny Logsdon, and Doug Yoder
- I. Re-employed the following Bus Aides effective August 18, 2010: Tosha Maaks, Samantha Meridith, and Kathleen Witt
- J. Employed David Joyce as part-time School Bus Driver effective August 18, 2010
- K. Approved Jake Rutherford as OHS Football volunteer effective for the 2010-2011 season
- L. Approved the use of OHS facilities for Saturday and Sunday games and practices of the Olympia JFL players and cheerleaders effective August 1, 2010 through October 31, 2010
- M. Approved the detonation of fireworks prior to the Homecoming Varsity Football Game on October 8, 2010 and to grant permission for detonation of fireworks prior to other Varsity Football games

- N. Granted permission for the following students to attend an attendance center outside of their residence area effective for the 2010-2011 school year:
1. Chloe and McKenna Morton – to attend Olympia West Elementary
 2. Reese Jeppson – to attend Olympia West Elementary
 3. Emma, Alex, and Anna Kindred – to attend Olympia South Elementary
 4. Ashley, Lane, and Tyler Miller – to attend Olympia South Elementary
 5. Zachary Risinger – to attend Olympia West Elementary
- O. Approved the 2010-2011 Superintendent Goals
- P. Approved the 2011 Superintendent Evaluation Instrument
- Q. Approved the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Danvers for Police enforcement of parking/traffic violations at Olympia North Elementary
- R. Approved the Fall '10 Fundraiser contract between Great American Opportunities and Olympia West Elementary

Scott Engstrom of Ameresco provided the Board with a report of the completed wind study on the Olympia OHMS campus. Mr. Engstrom said that factors proved favorable for the installation of a 75-foot wind turbine. He continued by stating a turbine of this size has a life expectancy of approximately 20 years and could produce an annual savings in excess of \$186,000.

Business & Operations Manager Andrew Wise announced that the District did receive the FY10 third quarter categorical payments from the State resulting in an amount still owed of \$750,000. Dr. Wise reminded Board members that the FY11 working budget included one full year of projected revenue from the State. Due to decreases in the State budget, Dr. Wise noted that Olympia will enter FY11 with a budgeted gap of approximately \$635,000.

Dr. Wise provided the Board with a list of construction bids for the OHMS Special Education addition. He also announced a network change for employee health insurance which will increase choices for employees while providing better discounts.

Superintendent Brad Hutchison introduced his recommendation for the OMS Principal position, Mr. Andy Walsh. Mr. Walsh is a familiar face in the Olympia District having been employed by the District for the past 4 years as a Social Studies Teacher and coach at OHS. He began his teaching and coaching career at Badger High School in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin for two years, followed by 1 year at Fisher High School and 1 year at Flora High School prior to coming to Olympia. Mr. Walsh recently completed his Masters in Educational Administration and Foundation degree at Illinois State University and is eager to begin this new school year at Olympia Middle School. During his tenure at Olympia, he has served on numerous committees such as School Improvement Leadership Team, the Citizens in Action Committee, the Literacy Cohort, and many others. Mr. Walsh resides in Mackinaw with his wife, Jami, and their two children, Noah, 2, and Lily, 7 months. He is a Packers fan and a Cubs fan, but mostly enjoys spending time with his family.

Superintendent Hutchison also shared the Back-to-School Institute agenda, along with information regarding the Elementary Parent Orientation scheduled for August 23, 2010 (5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.) and OHMS Open House scheduled for August 24, 2010 (OMS 5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.; OHS 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.). He announced that this year's Back-to-School theme was *Spartan Show Time – "Spotlight on Learning"*. He continued by explaining how putting the spotlight on learning correlates with the PLC (Professional Learning Community) goals which are being utilized by all Olympia faculty/staff/administrators.

Superintendent Hutchison provided the Board with a preliminary AYP (Annual Yearly Progress) report which indicated that the District made AYP and showed which areas need to be targeted for continual improvement. He also provided a Dashboard draft which will help track the implementation of District goals. Superintendent Hutchison shared the 2010-2011 OAC (Olympia Advisory Council) schedule with Board members and announced plans for the 5th Annual Tailgate Party to be held September 10 for all employees and their family members.

In separate motions, the following actions were taken:

- A. Approved the Tentative FY11 Budget as presented by Business & Operations Manager Andrew Wise and to place the Tentative FY11 Budget on Public Display for 30 days
- B. Employed Andrew Walsh as Principal of Olympia Middle School effective August 9, 2010
- C. Approved the bid amount of \$369,333 from Associated Constructors for completion of the OHMS Special Education addition
- D. Approved the bid amount not to exceed \$43,800 from City Coal & Asphalt for completion of the Health/Life Safety paving work at OHMS and Olympia West Elementary

Adjournment was at 8:40 p.m.

The next regular scheduled Board of Education meeting will be held Monday, September 13, 2010 in the Conference Room of the Olympia Administration Office preceded by a Public Budget Hearing at 6:45 p.m. in the same location.