

September 13, 2010

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance

A regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education of Olympia Community Unit School District No. 16, held in the Conference Room of the Olympia Administration Office, was called to order by President Laura Cremeens on Monday, September 13, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. with the following Board members and Administrators present: Laura Cremeens, Trena Glenn, Kevin Frazier, Carolyn Hansen, and Michael Turner; Superintendent Brad K. Hutchison; Business & Operations Manager Andrew Wise; Olympia High School Principal Lance Thurman, Olympia Middle School Principal Andy Walsh, Olympia South Elementary Principal Laura O'Donnell, and Olympia West Elementary Principal Nicole Rummel.

Board members Steve Matter and Doug Maris were absent. Doug Maris participated by phone.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Carolyn Hansen.

Recognition of Visitors

President Cremeens welcomed all visitors and asked them to introduce themselves. Visitors included OEA Co-President Joan Tracy and First Midstate representative Kevin Heid.

Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Carolyn Hansen, seconded by Michael Turner, to approve the Consent Agenda that included:

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes, including Executive Session, from the August 9, 2010 regular Board of Education meeting
- C. Approval of Bills and Financial Reports
- D. Confirmation of the following resignations:
 1. Marcy Seeman – Title I Reading Aide effective August 18, 2010
 2. Anna Harrison – Bus Aide effective August 17, 2010
 3. Sharon Swartzendruber – Classroom Reading Aide effective August 13, 2010
 4. Judy Pratt – Special Education/Reading Aide effective August 24, 2010
 5. Cassi Anderson – Special Education Individual Aide effective August 31, 2010
 6. Angie May – Title I Aide effective August 14, 2010
 7. Rita Barnes – Operations & Maintenance Secretary effective October 8, 2010
 8. Nancy Boudeman – PreK/RtI Aide effective August 13, 2010

9. Taylor Hutchcraft – Teacher’s Aide effective September 8, 2010
- E. Approval of the Increase of Hours for the following Food Service employees effective August 18, 2010:
1. Terry Wood – from 5.5 hours per day to 6.5 hours per day
 2. April Johnson – from 3.0 hours per day to 4.0 hours per day
 3. Matthew Sledge – from 3.0 hours per day to 3.5 hours per day
 4. Pam Harbaugh – from 3.5 hours per day to 4.0 hours per day
 5. Holly McCann – from 3.0 hours per day to 3.5 hours per day
 6. Kelly Billington – from 3.5 hours per day to 4.0 hours per day
 7. Christina Schulz – from 4.0 hours per day to 4.5 hours per day
- F. Employment of the following certified teachers:
1. Sarah (Kate) Berry – OHS Social Studies effective August 16, 2010
 2. Sarah Belton – OMS 6th Grade effective August 27, 2010
- G. Employment of the following Education Support Personnel:
1. Deborah Harn – PreK Classroom Aide at Olympia South Elementary effective August 23, 2010
 2. Liz Hunter – Special Education Classroom Aide at Olympia South Elementary effective August 18, 2010
 3. Anna Shaw – OHS Individual Aide effective August 24, 2010
 4. Stacy Schmidgall – OMS 8th Grade Program Aide effective August 30, 2010
 5. Rebecca Stroud – Special Education Individual Aide at Olympia North Elementary effective August 19, 2010
 6. Judy Phelps – Special Education Program Aide at Olympia North Elementary effective August 23, 2010
 7. Terry Brooks – Individual Aide at Olympia South Elementary effective August 30, 2010
 8. Garrick Haywood – OHS Program Aide effective August 31, 2010
 9. Nancy Boudeman – Classroom Aide/Student Supervisor at Olympia West Elementary effective September 2, 2010
 10. Christine VanDyke – Special Education Program Aide at Olympia North Elementary effective August 25, 2010
 11. Angie May – Special Education Aide at Olympia North Elementary effective August 19, 2010
- H. Employment of certified teacher Megan Barker as OMS Pom-Pon Sponsor effective for the 2010-2011 season
- I. Approval of certified teacher Brigette Van Hook as OMS Cross Country Volunteer effective for the 2010-2011 season
- J. Approval of the following non-teaching coach/sponsor volunteers effective for the 2010-2011 season:
1. Cynthia Scott – OHS Volleyball

2. Scott Thornton – OMS Baseball
 3. Ashley Fritzsche – OHS Cheerleading
- K. Approval of Early Graduation for Alexis King and Lindsey Schultz
- L. Granted permission for OHS Volleyball players to attend Big 10 Match at the University of Iowa on Sunday, October 3, 2010 with the use of the white activity bus
- M. Approval of the position transfer of Angel Hawkins from Reading Improvement Aide to Title I Aide effective August 23, 2010

Discussion. Vote: Hansen (aye), Turner (aye), Matter (absent), Glenn (aye), Frazier (aye), Maris (aye), Cremeens (aye). Motion carried 6-0.

Communications

Kevin Heid of First Midstate Investment Bankers addressed the Board regarding possible options for issuing bonds to be used for working capital and/or other projects within the District. These options are designed to increase revenue while keeping the tax rate flat.

Committee Reports

Administrative Finance Committee members Laura Cremeens, Kevin Frazier, Business & Operations Manager Andrew Wise, and Superintendent Brad Hutchison reported to the Board that they had previously met with Mr. Heid of First Midstate where he shared the above information in detail.

Administrative Reports

Dr. Wise announced that due to poor economic conditions, the federal government has passed a “jobs bill”. He noted that more details are forthcoming but with the passing of this bill, the Olympia District could access over \$300,000 in federal money.

Dr. Wise congratulated both the Olympia District and the Village of Atlanta for receiving a federal grant to be used toward upgrading internet speed and service through the Illinois Broadband Opportunity Partnership of East Central Illinois. These two entities, along with other Illinois public bodies, will be sharing nearly \$62 million. The Board recognized Olympia Technology Director Scott Powers for his work on this grant.

Dr. Wise shared information regarding various activities planned by the District Insurance and Wellness Committees including a 5K Run on October 9, 2010. He also announced that ground breaking for the new OHMS special education addition should commence next week.

Principals shared oral reports with the Board outlining events, activities, and goals for the new school year. OHMS Activities Director Mike Lootens also shared the Fall Participation Report which showed a slight increase in OHS activity participation and a slight decrease in OMS activity participation.

Superintendent Brad Hutchison, along with Olympia South Elementary Principal Laura O'Donnell, presented the Board with a Dashboard Review of the District goals including a targeted achievement score and the prior/current score for each category. This Dashboard will be updated monthly and is part of the District's Strategic Plan implementation. Superintendent Hutchison provided the Board with a back-to-school update and the latest enrollment numbers.

Superintendent Hutchison announced that the wind turbine project has come to an end. The projected location of the Olympia wind turbine would fall within the boundaries of Corn Belt Energy power lines. Major power companies are required by law to allow the interconnection of a wind turbine however that law does not apply to cooperatives such as Corn Belt Energy. Corn Belt representatives stated they would not allow the connection because (1) the cost of the equipment currently providing the District with power would still need to be available, (2) they would have no way of recouping the cost of the infrastructure if the District had its own wind turbine, and (3) Corn Belt Energy does not produce any energy; they only own the utility lines and provide their clients with energy purchased from Wabash Energy.

Superintendent Hutchison shared highlights of the recently-held Community Safety Meeting where representatives of local law & emergency services joined Olympia administrators to promote ongoing communication between school administration, local law enforcement, and emergency service personnel by reviewing steps necessary to ensure the safety of the Olympia students and staff.

The Board was informed of the upcoming meeting of the Olympia Ministerial Alliance hosted by the Olympia School District. This annual meeting is an excellent way to promote good communication between the members of the Ministerial Alliance and Olympia Administration.

Superintendent Hutchison shared meeting dates of the 2010-2011 Olympia Education Association and the semi-annual Corn Belt Conference Dinner Meeting for Board members. He also announced that petitions for the Spring 2011 School Board Election can be circulated starting September 21, 2010. Three seats on the Olympia Board of Education will be available for the April 5, 2011 election.

Lastly, Superintendent Hutchison reviewed various Board policy revisions, both state recommended and state mandated.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Action Items

- A. A motion was made by Kevin Frazier, seconded by Michael Turner, to approve the FY11 Budget as presented by Business & Operations Manager Andrew Wise.

Discussion. Vote: Frazier (aye), Turner (aye), Matter (absent), Glenn (aye), Hansen (aye), Maris (aye), Cremeens (aye). Motion carried 6-0.

- B. A motion was made by Carolyn Hansen, seconded by Laura Cremeens, to approve the Dashboard Assessment Tool as presented by Superintendent Hutchison.

Discussion. Vote: Hansen (aye), Matter (absent), Glenn (aye), Frazier (aye), Maris (aye), Turner (aye), Cremeens (aye). Motion carried 6-0.

- C. A motion was made by Kevin Frazier, seconded by Trena Glenn, to set the time of the December 13, 2010 Public Tax Levy Hearing for 5:15 p.m., followed by the regular Board of Education meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Discussion. Vote: Frazier (aye), Glenn (aye), Matter (absent), Hansen (aye), Maris (aye), Turner (aye), Cremeens (aye). Motion carried 6-0.

Opportunity for Public Input

There was no public input.

Executive Session

There was no Executive Session.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Michael Turner, seconded by Kevin Frazier, to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

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There was no Executive Session.