

## OESU BOARD MEETING

### Oxbow High School Library

April 2, 2019

Present:

Newbury: Emmy Hausman, Paul Jewett

Oxbow: Pat Dwyer, Adam Lornitzo

Thetford: Charlie Buttrey, Megan Snider

Blue Mountain: Angeline Alley, Judy Murray

Waits River: Joe Nolin, Ken Schaffer

Bradford: Lucas Barrett, Emily Shipman

Administrators: Bruce Williams, Melanie Elliott, Nicole Bell

Others: Ted Pogacar, Robin Wozny, Sherry Hoyt

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM by Judy Murray, Board Vice Chair
- II. Megan Snider, new Board member from Thetford, was introduced and welcomed
- III. Board Business
  - A. Motion by Angeline Alley, seconded by Joe Nolin to approve the Board minutes of March 19, 2019. Pat Dwyer suggested a correction under Section XII Policies. The name of Policy F20 is Harassment, Hazing, and Bullying of Students. Therefore, the name of Policy F24 will be checked. P. Dwyer and other Board members thought that under XII, B, 1: "and Model Procedures" should be omitted in the wording. Policies and procedures should be dealt with separately, and these will be researched before the next meeting. Angeline Alley withdrew her original motion and moved that the approval of the minutes be tabled until the next meeting.
  - B. Board Orders—None
  - C. Contracts
    1. Angeline Alley noted that Supt. Emilie Knisley's goals for next year have not been discussed. An evaluation for Supt. Knisley for the past year has not been done either. This will be put on the agenda for May.
  - D. Correspondence—None
- IV. Public Comment—None
- V. Contract Ratification
  - A. Motion by Joe Nolin, seconded by Angeline Alley that the '19-'20 merged contract between the teachers' association and the OESU Board be signed by the Vice Chair on behalf of the Board. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- VI. Report from March State Board of Ed Meeting
  - A. The State Board seemed to think that we should be a little further along, but overall it seemed they were pleased.
  - B. There is a lot of work to be done to bring OESU into compliance

- C. How can we work to serve students better and share services better?
- D. They want equity of services
- E. There were questions on curriculum
- F. A more complete report will be forthcoming

VII. VMERS (Melanie Elliott)

- A. This applies to the handful of people in central office, who are not licensed, currently 8 positions.
- B. Following an explanation of the options by Melanie Elliott, motion by Joe Nolin, seconded by Angeline Alley that Orange East SU elects to participate in the VT Municipal Retirement System (VMERS) group B for all Central Office Staff, effective 7/1/19. Any existing Central Office Staff, who have not participated in VMERS prior to 6/30/19 will be given the option to join VMERS group B effective 7/1/19 or not. Any newly hired Central Office Staff as of 7/1/19 will automatically be enrolled in VMERS group B as a condition of employment. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.

VIII. Technology Update

- A. Asst. Supt. Bruce Williams reported that the SU has purchased Infinite Campus SU wide as its Student Data system
  1. Nicole Bell stated that a core team has formed and provided a list of roles
  2. At least one person from every building will serve on the core team
  3. The team does higher level planning
  4. Pre-kick-off conference call will be held next week
  5. A three-day planning, procedure, and process meeting will be held
  6. Training is provided
  7. Project manager will be assigned
  8. There will be data conversion
  9. The process is expected to take 16-20 weeks
  10. Hopefully the system will go live July 1<sup>st</sup>, with training over the summer
- B. Bruce Williams complimented and thanked Nicole Bell on taking the lead in this effort. This has been difficult with an archaic data system presently in use in the SU
  1. The system will provide equalized pupil count
  2. This will be a massive step forward to be able to communicate with each other and with the State. The SU is very happy with Infinite Campus. The follow-up has been robust.

IX. Office Space Update

- A. It was been decided to have people double up for office space and hope to have a more permanent solution next summer.
  1. The SU is hoping to rent some space from the Space on Main.

X. Set May Meeting Date and agenda Items

- A. Supt. evaluation and setting goals
- B. The next meeting will be April 30, 2019 at 6:00 PM
- C. It was suggested taking Supt. Knisley's lead in how she would like to interact with the Board around a substantive review. Joe Nolin suggested that the Chair and Vice Chair meet with Supt. Knisley on how to handle the evaluation

D. Angeline Alley recommended setting one year, three year, and five year goals. Judy Murray suggested that the Board also set some goals for the SU.

E. John Carroll has offered to meet with the Board and act as a facilitator in forming the Board's vision.

F. Adam Lornitzo suggested VSBA training SU wide for Board members.

XI. Executive Session—None needed

XII. Motion by Joe Nolin, seconded by Emmy Hausman to adjourn at 6:50 PM. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted:

Nancy Perkins Minutes Clerk

**The minutes are in draft format and are unofficial until formally approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting.**