

OESU BOARD MEETING
Oxbow High School Library
March 19, 2019

Present:

Newbury: Danielle Corti, Emmy Hausman, Paul Jewett

Oxbow: Pat Dwyer, Adam Lornitzo

Thetford: Julie Acker, Charlie Buttrey, Shannon Darrah

Blue Mountain: Angeline Alley, Judy Murray

Waits River: Joe Nolin

Bradford: Kim Frydman, Emily Shipman

Administrators: Emilie Knisley, Alison Kidder, Marla Ianello

Others: Brent Abare, Sherry Hoyt, Ted Pogacar, Robin Wozny

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Danielle Corti, Chair
- II. Those present were welcomed, and the agenda was reviewed
- III. Board Business
 - A. Motion by Paul Jewett, seconded by Adam Lornitzo to approve the Board minutes of February 5, 2019. A correction was made to Section V. Transportation. The Increase should read 2.1% rather than 2.15%. Motion voted on and carried as corrected with three abstentions (Angeline Alley, Shannon Darrah, and Joe Nolin)
 - B. Board Orders—all in order
 - C. Contracts
 1. Contract for Margaret Fix, full time special education teacher. Motion by Paul Jewett, seconded by Angeline Alley to approve the contract and authorize the Board chair to sign. This is for a 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher at a salary of \$26,794.40 (80 working days). Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- IV. Correspondence
 - A. Letter from Beth Thompson, long-time teacher at Bradford Elementary, stating that she intends to retire at the end of this school year (June 2019). The Chair extended the sincere thanks of the Board to her for her many years of service to the school district.
- V. Public Comments—None
- VI. New SPED Delivery Model—Alison Kidder
 - A. Shared Vision for Student Services
 - B. Our commitment to OESU learners
 - C. Shared the current OESU Leadership Structure
 - D. Reasons for Change
 1. Building capacity
 2. Stronger collaboration
 3. Accountability

E. 2019-2020 Structure

1. Two coordinators will each be shared across three schools
 - a. Will be responsible for 504, migrant, ELL, and Special Education
 - b. One coordinator will be responsible for BMU/TES/WRVS
 - c. The other coordinator will be responsible for BES/NES/OHS
 - d. Will serve as LEA
 - e. Assist in problem-solving student service issues
2. One Teacher Leader at each school
 - A. This will be a Special Educator who has shown interest and leadership potential
 - B. One responsibility of the Teacher Leader will be to facilitate a weekly meeting with the building special educators
3. This new delivery model will require no new monies, but funding reallocation

VII. Budget (Emilie Knisley)

- A. Fund Balances
 1. \$51,000 available to put into revenue for the FY2020 SU Budget
- B. Allocation by enrollment/allocation by FTES
 1. Allocation by enrollment is the more equitable method, according to the State
- C. New changes in the SU budget will be expenses for Software Training, a 1.0 Data Management Coordinator, and a .5 Director due to grant loss.
 1. Merged changes include 1.8 Accountants, 1.0 Human Resource, BMU Special Education Teachers, and .5 ELL. A receptionist position will be eliminated.
 2. Technology transition expenses will be delayed for probably a year
 3. The Business Manager position has been posted
- D. Supt. Knisley shared a detailed breakdown of the budget
- E. Motion by Charley Buttrey, seconded by Joe Nolin to approve the proposed assessments for FY 2020 to be allocated by enrollment. Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Shannon Darrah)

VIII. Act 46 Update

- A. OUUSD meeting will be continued on Monday, March 25, 2019
- B. If petitions are due no later than Monday, April 1st, the election of initial Board members can occur on Tuesday, May 7th
- C. Following a May 8th warning, the budget could be presented to voters on Monday, June 10th

IX. VSA OESU Delegate Appointment/Vote

- A. Charley Buttrey was nominated by Angeline Alley, seconded by Julie Acker, and elected to serve as the OESU Delegate

X. OESU Office Space Update

- A. The SU is looking for office space for about four people starting July 1st
 1. Lease on the current OESU office space is up July, 2020
 2. The administration spoke with Monique Priestly, and she is going to send some ideas along
 3. Copeland Building in downtown Bradford is a possibility

4. There is a possibility of building something in one of the schools
 5. Needs to be a rental in a central location
 6. Suggested considering a space on one of the school properties due to the cost of renting space in the community
- XI. Vermont Municipal Employees Retirement System
- A. Need to assure that employees who are transitioning to the SU are held harmless as a result of the merger. Three employees are affected.
 - B. Motion by Joe Nolin, seconded by Angeline Alley that the central office staff that have been listed as employees under Union School District #21 will be considered employees of OESU as of 7/1/2019. OESU does not belong to VMERS, but these employees do. OESU will have to participate in VMERS for these grandfathered employees. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- XII. Policies
- A. Motion by Angeline Alley, seconded by Paul Jewett to rescind the following policies: Motion voted on and approved with one abstention (Joe Nolin)
 1. F20 Prevention of Harassment of Students
 2. F24 Hazing
 - B. Motion by Angeline Alley, seconded by Emily Shipman to adopt the following policies: Motion voted on and approved with one opposed (Charley Buttrey) and one abstention (Joe Nolin)
 1. C-10/10P Policy on the prevention of Harassment, Hazing and Bullying of Students and Model Procedures
 2. C11 Student Freedom of Expression in School Sponsored Media
 3. D5 Animal Dissection
- XIII. The Board thanked the River Bend Culinary Department for the exceptional job they do each month in preparing food for the OESU Board
- XIV. Executive Session—313 1 a. Contracts
- A. Motion by Emmy Hausman, seconded by Joe Nolin to move into Executive Session at 7:54 PM pursuant to VSA 313 1 a. Contracts to discuss a personnel matter, the premature dissemination of which may place the Board at a substantial disadvantage. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - B. The Board exited Executive Session at 8:06 PM
- XV. Action
- A. Motion by Emily Shipman, seconded by Joe Nolin to offer the Superintendent the contract as presented for 7/1/19-6/30/22 (three years) and authorize the Board Chair to sign. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.
- XVI. Motion by Charlie Buttrey, seconded by Julie Acker to adjourn at 8:10 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.