

OESU BOARD MEETING
Oxbow High School Library
June 4, 2019

Present:

Newbury: Danielle Corti, Emmy Hausman, Paul Jewett

Oxbow: Kathy Damon, Pat Dwyer, Adam Lornitzo

Thetford: Julie Acker, Charlie Buttrey, Megan Snider

Blue Mountain: Judy Murray

Waits River: Joe Nolin

Bradford: Lucas Barrett, Kim Frydman

Administrators: Bruce Williams, Nicole Bell

Others: Brent Abare, Sherry Hoyt

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:08 PM by Danielle Corti, Chair
 - A. Board members summarized successes over the weekend of sports teams across the OESU in track and field and softball/baseball. Teams are also playing today in semi-final games in softball/baseball. The Board gave their congratulations for the successes over the weekend and wished the teams well, who are playing today.
- II. Board Business
 - A. Motion by Joe Nolin, seconded by Adam Lornitzo to approve the Board minutes of April 2, 2019. Due to lack of a quorum of members present to approve, the minutes will be tabled until next meeting. Board minutes of March 19, 2019 were also tabled for lack of a quorum to approve
 - B. Board Orders—none
 - C. Contracts—none
 - D. Correspondence
 1. Letter from Audrey Conrad at OESU resigning her position of Assistant Business and Grants Manager. Motion by Adam Lornitzo, seconded by Paul Jewett to accept her resignation with great thanks and with regret. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
- III. Public Comment
 - A. Alison Bruce, Waits River Board member, has resigned her position on the Board
- IV. Grant Authorization & Continuous Improvement Plan Approval
 - A. Nicole Bell explained the need for the authorization.
 - B. Motion by Emmy Hausman, seconded by Joe Nolin that Orange East Supervisory Union Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to submit Federal and State grant applications for FY20, to accept such grants, and to administer the programs. The applicant agency continues to subscribe to the conditions in the previously submitted statement of assurances on compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964,

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Title IV of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975; and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004 with implementing federal regulations effective 2006 and State Board of Education Rules 2010 and 2014 and to secure and expend Medicaid funds, with the assurance therein contained. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

C. Nicole Bell distributed goals for each school and for the district to Board members. At the upcoming retreat, the goals will be reviewed, and ways will be discussed to assess progress. Motion by Charlie Buttrey, seconded by Joe Nolin to approve the CIP for OESU and for all schools. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

V. Superintendent Evaluation Process

A. The Chair and Vice Chair have agreed to meet with Supt. Knisley, but that meeting has not yet taken place. It was suggested that Strategic Planning and Supt. Knisley's evaluation are intertwined. Bruce Williams recommended that the Chair and Vice Chair meet with Supt. Knisley ahead of time and then bring points from their discussion to the whole Board as they are doing strategic planning

VI. Determine School Board Training Date

A. It was decided to schedule Board Training on August 6th.

VII. Strategic Planning

A. It was decided to schedule a Board Retreat for September 17, 2019 and devote time to Strategic Planning

VIII. Business Manager Hiring Update

A. Lori Blood has changed her mind and has decided to stay on as OESU Business Manager. The Board agreed this is great news.

IX. SU Added Positions/Costs Since Realignment

A. Data Manager position was added.

1. She has paid for herself several times over by recognizing equalized pupil count that had been overlooked, and things have worked out really well.

1. Due to the Statewide Longitudinal Data System, it has been a very difficult job to get our data to flow into the system.

B. It was suggested that the administration do a two-year look ahead rather than only one year.

1. Bruce Williams noted that the new Special Education plan is very forward looking.

X. Update March SBE Meeting

A. Tabled to next meeting

XI. Location for OESU Meetings

A. Suggested holding future meetings in the River Bend Event Center

1. The Board gave the River Bend Culinary class kudos on the delicious meal tonight, as well as those in previous meetings.

XII. Agenda Items for July Meeting

A. Refer to various items in these minutes

B. Adam Lornitzo asked about the possibility of future meetings being recorded

1. This topic will be discussed more at upcoming meetings

- 2. Bruce Williams will look into CA-TV to see if they would be interested in coming up here
 - C. There was discussion of appointing a back-up for Ken Schaffer to review Board Orders or to report at Board meetings if Ken is unable to attend
 - D. Board reorganization
 - 1. Facilities Committee—Office Space
 - E. An update was requested on areas that continue to be out of compliance. Bruce Williams reported that most areas are now in compliance
 - 1. He also stressed
 - a. The importance of Teaching and Learning
 - b. Principals being well supported in the schools
 - c. Principals being connected to others doing the same work.
 - F. Policy Committee Update
 - G. Discussion of meeting dates
- XIII. Thank you to members leaving the Board
 - A. Bruce Williams thanked all the Board members, who will be leaving the Board, for their service and for the opportunity he has had to get to know them and work with them. Other Board members shared their thanks. At the Annual meeting there was appreciation offered from community members for all their service. Judy Murray thanked other Board members for making BMU feel welcome.
- XIV. Public Comment—None
- XV. Motion by Paul Jewett, seconded by Pat Dwyer to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 PM

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.