

OUUSD BOARD MEETING

Via Zoom

July 22, 2020

Present:

Board Members: Angela Colbeth, Danielle Corti, Carol Cottrell, Melissa Gordon, Chelsey Perry, Timm Judas

Administration: Emilie Knisley, Bruce Williams, Lori Blood, Kate Paxton

Others: Amy Hayward and others

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:09 PM by Danielle Corti, Chair. Those present were welcomed, and the protocols for a Zoom meeting were reviewed. The agenda was reviewed. The Article to dissolve the District was removed. The group that asked this to be discussed realized that this needs to go through the Select Boards of the Towns. A motion to add provisional approval for work needing to be done at NES was added to agenda. A quick Executive Session for personnel was also added.
- II. Board Business
 - A. Motion by Melissa Gordon, seconded by Angela Colbeth to approve the Board minutes of July 15, 2020. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - B. Correspondence
 1. A letter that came in from the group of voters regarding dissolution of the OUUSD
- III. Public Comment—None
- IV. Information
 - A. Superintendent's Report: Opening review, Provision II
 1. A letter went out to families on Monday giving an overview about plans to reopen. More info will be forthcoming from Principals in the coming weeks.
 2. Met with Little Rivers regarding ways they can help the district with health concerns. They are also willing to be present at informational meetings. Current partnerships will be expanded to support school nurses caring for students, who may be showing COVID symptoms. COVID testing for students and staff will be administered as needed. Susie Tann will be coordinating work between the District and Little Rivers. There is a long-term goal of more community health care services.
 - a. Will the health survey that goes out to families ask about possible cases of COVID in their families or if they have been around any who have had it? Emilie Knisley: all school nurses in the district are working to set up protocols and systems as to what classrooms look like, etc.? Timm Judas: would be concerned about a kindergarten student being asked to answer questions about recent contact with COVID. Kate Paxton: she is working together with other principals coordinating communications going out in early August. Timm Judas: hopes we take safety of teachers and staff in mind as well.

3. Provision II: Bruce Williams: The AOE extended the deadline for applying for Provision II until the middle of August. There would be a starting date of October 1st. We can let them know we are interested. If the vote is positive, including Provision II, after October 1st there will be breakfast and lunch for all students who would like them. Bruce Williams will be writing a letter to include with the packet that goes out, urging everyone to apply for free and reduced lunch. There will be a community effort to fill out the paperwork. The higher the percentage, the less the taxpayer portion. If the district is found eligible, it will be qualified for 5 years. The School system can help families know that programs exist to help families needing support with fuel, etc. If enough families qualify for these Community Cert programs, the school will benefit with more aid for lunches, etc. School systems need to make provisions for students doing remote learning.

B. OESU Report—date for Upbeat and curriculum reports presentation to Board

1. These reports will be at a given at a later date.

2. OUUSD members had asked the OESU Board to look at possible savings. The OESU Board voted to ask the SU to look for at least \$50,000 in savings.

A. The OUUSD Board thanked the OESU Board for being supportive.

C. Financial—Lori Blood

1. The Current Expense Note has gone to the bank, and they are discussing it. Motion by Melissa Gordon, seconded by Angela Colbeth to authorize the Board Chair to review the document and sign if appropriate in an amount up to \$2,800,000 to get the District through September. Motion voted on and approved unanimously.

2. Budget summary—The OESU Board approved a decrease in their budget, which will impact the OUUSD budget, by \$21,725. Together with the cuts approved by the OUUSD Board, this would result in a decrease of \$179,098 (1.1%) to the proposed OUUSD budget.

3. An Informational meeting will be held August 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM via Zoom, preceded by a Board meeting at 5:30 PM.

A. Article I of Warning: Motion by Melissa Gordon, seconded by Angela Colbeth to approve the warning as presented with a budget amount of \$17,086,683, which will result in equalized pupil spending of \$18,195, which is an increase of 8.2% over the current year. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

B. Article II: Motion by Melissa Gordon, seconded by Angela Colbeth to approve Article II as presented, authorizing the OUUSD Board of Directors to sell the former Boltonville School upon terms determined to be in the best interest of the District. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

V. Building and Grounds

A. New contractor is looking at the Newbury drainage project on Friday morning.

B. The Nurse's office and isolation room (for a child or adult with possible COVID symptoms) at NES: Looking at relocating the nurse's office into the conference room. The

combined expense is about \$19,000, which includes plumbing, electrical, etc. The Isolation room would be the current nurse's office.

C. Board Training/retreat

1. Danielle Corti will reach out to VSBA as to their tentative schedule and what they might be able to offer.

D. Meeting schedule and method

1. It was agreed to hold Board meetings the third Wednesday of each month at 5:30 PM.

2. By consensus, it was decided to continue with Zoom meetings for the foreseeable future.

VI. Action Items

A. Food Service Renewals Board Authorization

1. Motion by Melissa Gordon, seconded by Angela Colbeth to approve the hot lunch rate to be increased by 5 cents to \$3.05. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

B. Motion by Melissa Gordon, seconded by Timm Judas to authorize moneys to be spent up to \$19,500 to be used for renovation of the nurse's office at NES to comply with COVID requirements

VII. Public Comments

A. Bud Haas: If the budget doesn't pass, what happens? Danielle Corti: just keep voting

VIII. Executive Session

A. Motion by Timm Judas, seconded by Melissa Gordon to enter Executive Session at 6:43 PM to discuss Personnel Issue, of which premature knowledge would put the Board at risk. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

B. The Board exited Executive Session at 6:58 PM

C. No Action was taken

IX. Motion by Melissa Gordon, seconded by Angela to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 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.