

OESU BOARD MEETING

Via Zoom

May 4, 2021

Present:

Board Members:

BMU: Angeline Alley, Allison Ingerson, Judy Murray

OUUSD: Angela Colbeth, Timm Judas

Thetford: Charlie Buttrey, Donna Pluta

Waits River: Jason Rogers

Administration: Emilie Knisley, Bruce Williams, Linda Metcalf, Alison Kidder, Melanie Rhoads, Nicole Bell

Others: Ted Pogacar and other members of the public

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Supt. Emilie Knisley. On a nomination by Charlie Buttrey, seconded by Judy Murray, Angeline Alley was unanimously elected to serve as Chair.
- II. Board Reorganization
 - A. Motion by Angeline Alley, seconded by Charlie Buttrey, for Judy Murray to serve as Vice Chair. Nomination voted on and approved unanimously
 - B. Motion by Charlie Buttrey, seconded by Timm Judas for Danielle Corti to serve as Board Secretary. Nomination voted on and approved unanimously
- III. Board Business
 - A. The Agenda was reviewed. Under Policies, it was suggested to table Policy D31 Selecting Library Materials.
 - B. Motion by Timm Judas, seconded by Judy Murray to approve the Board minutes of April 6th. Motion voted on and approved with two abstentions (Charlie Buttrey and Angela Colbeth)
 - C. Correspondence: Three letters of resignation have been received from Kristen Liu, Ramona Gallant, and Jill Koppers. Motion by Timm Judas, seconded by Charlie Buttrey to accept the three resignations with regret. Motion voted on and approved unanimously
 - D. Other
 1. OESU Board Meeting Day Change.
 - a. The Chair suggested moving the regular meeting date of the OESU Board to the third Tuesday of each month. By consensus, it was decided to do that.
 2. Title IV Waiver Review/Comments: Nicole Bell said this would allow using the grant money as it's needed, with fewer restrictions
 3. Supt. Grant Authorization

a. Motion by Charlie Buttrey, seconded by Timm Judas that Orange East Supervisory Union Board authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to submit Federal and State grant applications for FY22, 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

IV. Financial Update—Linda Metcalf

A. Linda Metcalf shared financial figures through the FY 21 third quarter. She reported at this time the SU is \$26,262.92 under budget

1. Alison Kidder explained the reason for some of the savings was a shift in the EEE coordinator position. Special ed costs are planned for a long time in advance. The extra costs are attributed to alternative placements.

a. Charlie Buttrey: noted that the budget is off by only 1/3 of 1%! Kudos to the whole team.

V. Policy Adoption

A. Motion by Timm Judas, seconded by Charlie Buttrey to adopt all the policies except D31 Selecting Library Materials. Motion voted on and approved unanimously

1. C28 Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Students
2. C29 District Equity Policy
3. D32 Selection of Instructional Materials
4. E32 Visits by Parents, Community Members or Media
5. F30 Budgeting

VI. Climate Survey Data—Melanie Rhoads

A. This is the second year of working with UpBeat. The data helps administrators set up measurable goals. There was 67% completion SU-wide across all schools. This completion rate is lower than the previous 3 completions.

B. The numbers are fairly stable. There is good growth in work/life balance and student engagement. Areas for growth include diversity, cultural competence, and compensation & career path. 70% of both support staff and faculty answered positively on compensation & career path. Principals can share goals with their individual Board.

E. Knisley and M. Rhoads use the data for SU wide issues. It is helpful to have another data point when writing goals for using the ESSER grant.

1. The exit interviews will help get information on why staff members are leaving.

VII. Agenda Items for June 15th meeting

A. Substitute Rates

B. Alison Kidder and Cate Beaton report on Special Education evaluation

C. SU goals (Emilie Knisley and other departments)

D. Need for a public meeting for public comment on the SU's plan for incoming grant money. Nicole Bell will do the presentation, followed by public comments.

E. Summer Meeting Schedule

VIII. Public Comments—None

IX. Motion by Judy Murray, seconded by Angela Colbeth to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 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.