

Minutes of a Regular Meeting of
The Board of Directors of the Ogden Community School District
February 13, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Ogden Board of Education held a regular board meeting Monday, February 13, 2023 in the Middle & High School Library. Members present included Pete Bergstrom, Leda Burton, Kelly Merritt, Pete Thomsen, and Matt Van Sickle. The meeting was called to order by President Bergstrom at 6:00pm. Others present were Superintendent Pam Dodge, Board Secretary Melissa Atwell, Principals Amy Krause and Maury Ruble, and 37 guests.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Van Sickle moved to approve the agenda. Thomsen seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of minutes from the January 9 regular meeting
- B. Approval of monthly bills as presented
- C. Approval of monthly financial reports
- D. Personnel recommendations
 - 1. New Hires
 - a) Jessica Lavicky, Instructor, BA, \$43,000
 - b) Alexa Muhlbauer, Instructor, MA, \$43,000
 - c) Max Bower, Show Choir Choreographer, \$1625
 - d) Amy Keenan, Head MS Girls Track, \$2275
 - e) Denver Hoskins, Asst. MS Girls Track, \$1625
 - f) Harrison Haglund, Asst Golf, \$1970
 - g) Randy Johnson, Head Golf, \$3620
 - h) Ryan Kobliska, HS Head Boys Track, \$5009
 - i) Kelsey Benjamin, Associate, \$14/hr
- E. Open Enrollment Requests
 - 1. Payton Shoemaker and Eli, Ethan, and Ian Joens from Boone
 - 2. Blakely Thiles to Boone
- F. Equipment Release for Sale
 - Approval of release of Myers V-plow for sale

Merritt moved to approve the consent agenda. Van Sickle seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

IV. ACTION ITEMS

- A. School Calendar

A draft academic calendar for the 2023-24 school year was presented to the board for review. Merritt moved to approve the publication of the proposed 2023-24 school calendar, setting a public hearing on the proposed calendar for March 13, 2023 at 6:30pm in the Middle & High School Library. Burton seconded. Motion carried 5-0. A copy of the proposed calendar can be found at ogdenschools.org/calendar.
- B. Elementary Fire Panel

Thomsen moved to approve the fire panel and replacement quotes from Midwest Alarm (panel) for \$58,084 and Jaspering Electric (installation) for \$74,596. Total project cost \$132,680. Van Sickle seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Installation will begin at the completion of the academic year, and no one will be permitted in the building during installation.
- C. Staffing Plan

Dr. Dodge presented the preliminary staffing plan for the 2023-24 school year. The plan includes the addition of 2.6 new FTEs for computer science and elementary art, as well as the intention to replace all retirees. Van Sickle moved to approve the preliminary 23-24 staffing plan. Merritt seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

D. Policy Revision

Burton moved to approve the first reading of new/updated policies 216.2, 701.5, 701.5R1, and 804.7R1. Van Sickle seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

E. Policy Review

The board continued their review of the 600 series. Burton moved for the first and final reading of policies 604.1-604.5. Thomsen seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

V. COMMUNICATIONS, DELEGATIONS & PETITIONS

A. The floor was opened for public comment. Doug Russo spoke of concerns of the curriculum of the DMACC English Comp II course and the resulting cultural impacts. Jared Wilson seconded a concern of cultural impacts. Nate Spencer is concerned Pride flags being displayed in classrooms are being used as political speech rather than for education. Susan Haglund read a letter to the board.

B. The board calendar was reviewed.

C. Finance Committee Report

The finance committee discussed their recent meeting where supplemental state aid, health insurance increases, and financial projects were reviewed.

D. Principal Reports

Principals Amy Krause and Maury Ruble shared updates from their buildings. Amy praised the recent Books Are Fun fundraiser at the elementary for raising \$30,000, including 2400 books coming for students and shopping sprees for classrooms, the library, and top earning students. The secondary was awarded a \$40,000 STEM Best Grant and is excited to expand STEM related materials and offerings to the students.

E. Superintendent Report

Dr. Dodge shared student accolades will be moved to the April board meeting due to the district basketball game happening later that night. She also reminded the board the March meeting will fall over spring break.

Future Superintendent, Joshua Heyer, was also present at the meeting and shared he was excited to begin his transition plan.

VI. ADJOURN

There was no further business to come before the board for consideration. Van Sickle moved to adjourn. Thomsen seconded. Motion carried 5-0. President Bergstrom adjourned the meeting at 6:40pm. Reports, documents and full text of motions, resolutions or policies considered at this meeting are on file in the Board Secretary's Office.

Pete Bergstrom, President

Melissa Atwell, Secretary