

PROPOSED
ONSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
May 20, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jason Terakedis

Members Present: D.VanBrunt, R.Tessier, J.Terakedis, K.Williams, H.Ruttkofsky A.Gast arrived at 7:08pm

Members Absent: R.Reynolds

Others Present:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Terakedis. The Mission Statement was read by President Terakedis.

Motion by H.Ruttkofsky to approve the agenda. K.Williams made motion to have the Superintendent's report moved prior to action item 23-24#63. Seconded by D.VanBrunt. Motion carried 5-0

Motion by R.Tessier to approve the minutes of the May 16th, 2024 Board Meeting. Seconded by D.VanBrunt. Motion carried 5-0.

Disbursements for the month of April and May 2024 will be approved at the June meeting.

Student Representative Report:Not Present

Comments from the Audience: Tony Aiken - spoke on the superintendent process and the candidates. Craig McMichael spoke on the superintendent search process and the candidates. Phil Stark- spoke on the beautiful campus and thanked the grounds crew and also spoke on the superintendent candidates.

Reports - Student of the month report for the middle school was read by Steve Head. Tim Comden read the high school student of the month report.

Motion by H.Ruttkofsky to acknowledge the hiring of Thomas Bellair-Custodian, Amy Dodge - Cook/Cashier and Amber Starnes - Food Service Director. Seconded by K.Williams. Motion Carried 6-0

Motion by A.Gast to acknowledge the resignation/retirements of Becky Bentley - ES Para, Dayna Reiser - GSRP Associate and Casey Cuellar - Custodian. Seconded by R.Tessier. Motion Carried 6-0.

Discussion - Phil Stark explained the changes in the OCS Emergency Operations Plan that he has revised this year. This is a very large plan that encompasses all of the buildings in our district. He explained all of the surveys and outside agencies that he used in updating the plan. The OCS EOP will be put on the agenda for the June meeting for approval.

Steve Head presented the Spring NEOLA Update Vol.38 Number 2 including these policies: Policy 1240-Evaluation of the Superintendent; Policy 2410 Prohibition of Referral or Assistance; Policy 2414-Reproductive Health and Planning; Policy 2418- Sex Education; Policy 3220-Professional Staff Evaluation; Policy 6320-Purchasing; Policy 6321-New School

Construction, Renovation; Policy 6350-Prevailing Wage; Policy 6520-Payroll Deductions; Policy 8390-Animals on District Property; Policy 8800- Religious/Patriotic Ceremonies and Observances.

Superintendent's Report - Graduation is Friday night at 7:00pm. Austin Davis is the graduation speaker this year. Tuesday May 28th we are having our staff recognition/retirement ceremony. Reminder of the Rater reliability training that the school board must do before September 1, 2024. Spring sports are wrapping up, the band has put on two great performances and there is lots of activity around the district.

Motion by K.Williams to approve the LISD Budget Resolution. Seconded by D.VanBrunt . Roll Call Vote: D.VanBrunt- Yes R.Tessier - Yes J.Terakedis - Yes A.Gast-Yes K.Williams - Yes H.Ruttkofsky - Yes Motion Carried 6-0.

J.Terakedis explained the process to the audience that would take place regarding the Superintendent Candidate Selection.

Discussion was held by each board member regarding their thoughts on each candidate. Each board member then offered their candidate of choice. The board then had a second opportunity to discuss the candidates with each offering their candidate of choice for a second time.

Motion by A.Gast to nominate Dr. Clara Howitt as the candidate to become the next Superintendent of Onsted Community Schools. The motion was seconded by K.Williams. Roll Call Vote: H.Ruttkofsky - Yes, K.Williams - Yes, A.Gast - Yes, J.Terakedis - No, R.Tessier - Yes, D.VanBrunt - No. Motion Carried - 4-2.

Motion by K.Williams for unanimous vote in support of the chosen candidate. Seconded by A.Gast - Roll Call vote - H.Ruttkofsky - Yes, K.Williams - Yes, A.Gast - Yes, J.Terakedis - No, R.Tessier - Yes, D.VanBrunt - No.

Committee Reports: None

Motion by D.VanBrunt to go into closed session to discuss union negotiations. Seconded by R.Tessier. Roll call vote - H.Ruttkofsky - Yes, K.Williams -Yes, A.Gast - Yes, J.Terakedis - Yes, R.Tessier - Yes, D.VanBrunt - Yes. Motion passed - 6-0

The board came out of closed session at 9:34pm. Motion by K.Williams to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by R.Tessier. Meeting adjourned at 9:34pm.

David VanBrunt, Secretary
Board of Education
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