

July 11, 2005

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Pledge of Allegiance

A regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Education of the Olympia Community Unit School District Number 16 held in the Olympia Administration Office was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Brian Spaulding with the following Board members and administrators present: Brian Spaulding, Laura Cremeens, Sondra Hayes, Trena Glenn, Steve Matter, Leslie Schmidgall; Curriculum and Instruction Director/Asst. Superintendent Brad Hutchison, Technology and Media Coordinator Mary Ann Nannen, and OHS Principal Lance Thurman.

Others present: WJBC reporter Kevin Hankis, Peoria Journal Star reporter Carrie Kepple, Hopedale Mayor August Eilts, and various community members from Hopedale
Absent: Board member Curt Morr, Business and Operations Manager Brock Butts, and Superintendent Donald F. Hahn

Steve Matter, Board member, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Visitors – Opportunity for Public Input

Hopedale Mayor August Eilts addressed the Board with concerns about a personal email, written by an Olympia Board member. Board President Brian Spaulding asked to see a copy of the email. (After a review of the email, Superintendent Hahn reported that the email in question was written by Board member Laura Cremeens and directed to an Olympia Progressive Baseball Association board member. This is an OPBA issue and has nothing to do with Olympia activities.)

Approval of Consent Agenda

A **motion** was made by Laura Cremeens, seconded by Steve Matter, to approve the consent agenda that included:

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes, including Executive Session minutes, from the June 13, 2005, Regular Board of Education Meeting
- Approval of Bills and Financial Reports
- Acceptance of gift of 20 laptop computers from State Farm to be used for student writing
- Approval of School Treasurer Bond for Brock Butts at a cost of \$1,787 for 1 year
- Approval of contract with Paula Matthews, Network Systems Support Technician
- Approval of Application for Extension of Time for the Life Safety building and renovation projects at Olympia High/Middle School and Olympia North Elementary

- Approval of agreement between Olympia C.U.S.D. #16 and Allin Township Park District for removal of modular classroom
- Employed the following coaches for the 2005-2006 school year per the negotiated agreement:
Rachel Heft – OHS Asst. Volleyball Coach
Kristina Westerfield – OHS Asst. Volleyball Coach
- Approval of fundraiser requests for the 2005-2006 school year as presented by Craig Anderson, OHMS Activities Director/OHS Asst. Principal
- Approval of overnight field trips and Sunday activities for the 2005-2006 school year as presented by Craig Anderson, OHMS Activities Director/OHS Asst. Principal
- Approval to keep Executive Session minutes closed from January, 2003, through June, 2004
- Approval of 2005-2006 Board of Education meeting dates
- Employed Cheryl Robertson as full-time Speech/Language teacher effective August 22, 2005, per the negotiated agreement

Discussion. Vote: Spaulding (aye), Cremeens (aye), Hayes (aye), Glenn (aye), Matter (aye), Morr (absent), Schmidgall (aye). Motion carried 6-0

Communications

A communications folder was circulated among the board members.

Committee Reports

None

Administrative Reports

Technology Director Mary Ann Nannen reported on computer upgrading and recycling throughout the District. She informed the Board that the District hopes to place a student computer in each special education classroom, obtaining some training from Tri-County Special Education Association. Mrs. Nannen shared library circulation statistics from January through May, 2005, which showed a vast amount of books being moved in and out of all of the Olympia libraries. She also reported that there are currently 3 technology positions available.

Assistant Superintendent Brad Hutchison presented a comparison of Olympia graduation requirements to the new Illinois State graduation requirements which showed that Olympia's current requirements meet or exceed the new plan. He also shared a proposed Board policy change regarding the Prairie State Achievement Exam requirement. The proposed policy states that students who do not earn a "meets or exceeds" rating on the PSAE exam in some or all areas must complete a remediation program for those areas. Mr. Hutchison shared that he expects the remediation program to be grant funded. Mr. Hutchison reported that the district's Elementary Report Card Committee had made a few

minor adjustments that will better utilize the Illinois State Learning Standards. He also reported that over 30 District administrators and teachers had participated in a leadership training, led by himself and ISU professor, Dr. Norm Durlinger, which produced both enthusiasm and possible ways to enhance student achievement. Participants are hoping to meet again throughout the school year.

A **motion** was made by Steve Matter, seconded by Sondra Hayes, to meet in Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. with the District attorney to discuss legal proceedings regarding the Hopedale detachment and the intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Hopedale. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

There was no action as a result of this Executive Session.

A **motion** was made by Laura Cremeens, seconded by Sondra Hayes, to reconvene open session at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

In the absence of Business and Operations Manager, Brock Butts, Assistant Superintendent Brad Hutchison presented the financial report which showed that the District did indeed “live within its means” during the 2004-2005 school year and spent a little over \$2,000,000 less than in the 2003-2004 school year. It was also shared that Food Service had to be subsidized in the 2003-2004 school year, but ended the 2004-2005 school year with a positive balance.

A summary of the June 25 auction to sell the surplus equipment showed net proceeds of \$8,693. All three vacant school buildings are now clean and empty.

Also, in the absence of Superintendent Donald Hahn, Assistant Superintendent Brad Hutchison presented Board policy changes, that had already gone before the Policy Committee and the Board, for Board approval and proposed Board policy changes for a first reading. A revision of Board Policy 6:300 regarding early graduation requirements was also presented for a final review. Final intergovernmental agreements with the Village of Hopedale (including new stipulations), the Allin Township Park District, and Funks Grove/Mt. Hope Park District were presented to the Board for approval. Along with these were the resolutions authorizing and directing the conveyance of certain District school sites to these other units of government. It was reported that the agreement with the Village of Stanford had been declined. Preparations for sale of the Stanford building by either sealed bids or auction will begin. In other business, the Board authorized Superintendent Hahn, with the help of the Olympia Advisory Council, to develop new by-laws for the OAC which would be presented to the Board for approval at a later date.

Other Business

None

Action Items

A **motion** was made by Sondra Hayes, seconded by Laura Cremeens, to approve final changes to Board policies 2:30, 2:50, 2:210, 2:220, 5:200, 5:240, 5:260, 5:290, 6:200, 8:30, and 8:50.

Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.
Spaulding (aye), Cremeens (aye), Hayes (aye), Glenn (aye), Matter (aye),
Morr (absent), Schmidgall (aye)

A **motion** was made by Sondra Hayes, seconded by Steve Matter, to accept the Hopedale stipulations for the building gift as presented by the Village of Hopedale.

Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.
Spaulding (aye), Cremeens (aye), Hayes (aye), Glenn (aye), Matter (aye),
Morr (absent), Schmidgall (aye)

A **motion** was made by Laura Cremeens, seconded by Trena Glenn, to approve the resolutions to authorize and direct the conveyance of certain school sites to Allin Township Park District and Funks Grove/Mt. Hope Park District.

Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 5-1.
Spaulding (aye), Cremeens (aye), Hayes (aye), Glenn (aye), Matter (aye),
Morr (absent), Schmidgall (nay)

A **motion** was made by Trena Glenn, seconded by Steve Matter, to approve the resolution to authorize and direct the conveyance of a certain school site to the Village of Hopedale.

Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 5-1.
Spaulding (aye), Cremeens (aye), Hayes (aye), Glenn (aye), Matter (aye),
Morr (absent), Schmidgall (nay)

A **motion** was made by Laura Cremeens, seconded by Trena Glenn, to suspend the Olympia Advisory Council by-laws and direct Superintendent Hahn, in conjunction with the OAC, to develop new by-laws for presentation to the Board.

Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.
Spaulding (aye), Cremeens (aye), Hayes (aye), Glenn (aye), Matter (aye),
Morr (absent), Schmidgall (aye)

A **motion** was made by Steve Matter, seconded by Leslie Schmidgall, to approve the revised lease agreement for \$99,947 with Morton Community Bank to purchase needed technology equipment.

Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.
Spaulding (aye), Cremeens (aye), Hayes (aye), Glenn (aye), Matter (aye),
Morr (absent), Schmidgall (aye)

A **motion** was made by Laura Cremeens, seconded by Steve Matter, to meet in Executive Session again at 9:20 p.m. to discuss the Superintendent's salary and benefits. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

There was no action as a result of this Executive Session.

Adjournment

At 9:35 p.m., a motion was made by Steve Matter, seconded by Leslie Schmidgall, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried by unanimous vote.

APPROVED:

President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Education

Executive Session Minutes

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A motion was made by Steve Matter, seconded by Sondra Hayes, to meet in Executive Session, along with the District attorney, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss:

- legal proceedings regarding the Hopedale detachment and the intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Hopedale

A motion was made by Laura Cremeens, seconded by Steve Matter, to meet in an additional Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. to discuss:

- Superintendent's salary and benefits.