

March 14, 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 p.m. by President Brian Spaulding with the following board members and administrators present: Leslie Schmidgall, Laura Cremeens, Sondra Hayes (arrived at 7:55 p.m.), Steve Matter, Brian Spaulding, Paul Walker; Business Manager Dr. Brock Butts, Curriculum and Instruction Director/Asst. Superintendent Brad Hutchison, Technology and Media Coordinator Mary Ann Nannen, OHS Principal Jeff Hill, Superintendent Donald Hahn.

Others present: Lynn Sands Westhoff, Don Maurer, Board candidate Trena Glenn, Board candidate Curt Morr, Olympia staff, and community members.

Absent: David Mattson

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

### **Recognition of Visitors – Opportunity for Public Input**

Lynn Sands Westhoff addressed the Board regarding Olympia Board Policy 2:105 – Ethics & Gift Ban, education tax rates, large class sizes, elimination of full-day Kindergarten, maintaining grounds of vacant building in Stanford, and the contract bidding process for District Business Manager.

Don Maurer addressed the Board regarding empty buildings and unused equipment, Board candidates' stand on closed buildings, and Board candidates' choice of schools for their own children.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

A **motion** was made by Paul Walker, seconded by Steve Matter to approve the consent agenda (with the exclusion of item Q.) that included:

- A. Approved Agenda
- B. Approved Minutes from February 14, 2005
- C. Approved Bills and Financial Reports
- D. Approved Intergovernmental Agreement for McLean-Dewitt Regional Vocational System
- E. Confirmed resignation of Kim Eaton as Media/Tech. Assistant at OHS
- F. Employed Kim Eaton as OMS Secretary
- G. Confirmed resignation of Leanne Hempen as elementary teacher
- H. Confirmed resignation of Shelley Walters as LPN Aide at Olympia West
- I. Authorized Superintendent Donald Hahn to prepare tentative budget for FY2006
- J. Approved 2005-2006 calendar
- K. Employed Cynthia Sutherland as Speech/Language Pathologist at Olympia North
- L. Approved OMS Promotion date of May 28, 2005, 3:00 p.m.

- M. Employed current teacher Sheryl Stephens as OMS Assistant Track Coach
- N. Employed Matt Bryant & Troy Luster as OHS Assistant Boys' Track Coaches
- O. Confirmed resignation of Julie Streenz as Colorguard Instructor
- P. Confirmed resignation of Craig Anderson as OHS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director
- R. Confirmed resignation of Mike Manahan as OHS Head Wrestling Coach
- S. Approved leave of absence for Mark Franks for 2005-2006 school year
- T. Granted Village of Armington permission to use ball diamond park on 9-17-05

Item Q. asked for acceptance of gift of \$12,000 from Booster Club & Coaches for athletic training services acceptable to the Athletic Director.

It was decided to vote on this separately after the presentation and a discussion of Superintendent Hahn's recommendations for Gift Guidelines.

Discussion. Vote: Schmidgall (aye), Cremeens (aye), Matter (aye), Spaulding (aye), Walker (aye). Motion carried 5-0

### **Communications**

A communications folder was circulated among the board members.

### **Committee Reports**

Board member Paul Walker reported on the March 7, 2005 OAC meeting where Illinois testing process, the NCLB act, and Olympia Handbook changes were discussed. Dr. Walker stated that attendance at the meeting was approximately half of what it could be.

### **Administrative Reports**

Assistant Superintendent Brad Hutchison discussed the ISAT (Illinois Standards Achievement Testing) program which is currently underway and shared that last year's ISAT/PSAE test results revealed that all 8 schools were AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) compliant. Mr. Hutchison reported on his participation in an ISBE (Illinois State Board of Education) forum where he discussed concerns about the Illinois Accountability Handbook. He also pointed out changes in the 2005-2006 calendar.

Technology Director Mary Ann Nannen reported on her attendance at the Illinois Technology Conference and opportunities that will be coming up in the spring for staff development and parents/community members survey participation. She also reported that Olympia libraries had received a monetary gift from the Illinois State Library Live and Learn Per Capita Grant and that the libraries had benefited this year from grant funding. Mrs. Nannen asked the Board to review the current technology vision statement. Upon recommendation of the Board, Mrs. Nannen will revise the vision statement and present to the Board for approval at the April 11, 2005 Board Meeting.

Business Manager Brock Butts talked about surplus items within the District and tuck pointing work to be done at Olympia North. He also shared a look into the budget for FY2006 and reported that he will supply financial recommendations for the remainder of this year at the April Board meeting. Transfers of funds from other operating funds should be expected.

Reports, which included the Olympia Handbook changes, from building principals were presented. Olympia Handbook changes will be ready for Board approval at the April 11, 2005 Board Meeting.

Superintendent Hahn presented and reviewed his Administrative recommendations for gift guidelines. He also presented the revised minutes of the January 22, 2005 Special Board Retreat to the Board. Along with these revised minutes were also suggested revisions from Paul Walker. Superintendent Hahn informed the board of a monetary gift from the wrestling program given to cover the difference in cost for a charter bus to IHSA State Wrestling Tournament.

### **Other Business**

None

### **Action Items**

A **motion** was made by Laura Cremeens, seconded by Paul Walker, to approve the purchase of the McMillan-McGraw Hill science series, not to exceed \$70,000. Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.

A **motion** was made by Steve Matter, seconded by Laura Cremeens, to approve the purchase of the McDougal/Little Algebra 2 math books, not to exceed \$7,000. Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.

A **motion** was made by Paul Walker, seconded by Leslie Schmidgall, to approve the Special Education School Improvement Plan. Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.

A **motion** was made by Paul Walker, seconded by Steve Matter to declare the used Driver's Ed. car and modular classrooms at Stanford and McLean as surplus equipment. Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.

A **motion** was made by Sondra Hayes, seconded by Paul Walker, to accept the bid for tuck pointing work at Olympia North. Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 5-1.  
Ayes: Hayes, Walker, Cremeens, Spaulding, Matter  
Nays: Schmidgall

A **motion** was made by Laura Cremeens, seconded by Leslie Schmidgall, to approve revised minutes from the January 22, 2005 Special Board Retreat Meeting.

Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 4-2.

Ayes: Cremeens, Hayes, Spaulding, Matter

Nays: Schmidgall, Walker

A **motion** was made by Steve Matter, seconded by Paul Walker, to meet in Executive Session at 9:35 p.m. to discuss Reduction in Force recommendations among certificated employees at the end of the 2004-2005 school year, ESP pay rates, Administrative re-employment and salaries, property intergovernment agreements, and an Armington property request.

Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.

A **motion** was made by Les Schmidgall, seconded by Paul Walker to come out of Executive Session. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A **motion** was made by Sondra Hayes, seconded by Laura Cremeens to approve the Executive Session minutes.

Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.

A **motion** was made by Laura Cremeens, seconded by Sondra Hayes to extend the contract of Donald Hahn as Superintendent for the Olympia School District through the 2007-2008 school year with amended sick leave.

Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.

A **motion** was made by Paul Walker, seconded by Steve Matter to employ Brad Hutchison as Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum Director for the Olympia School District through the 2006-2007 school year.

Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.

A **motion** was made by Les Schmidgall, seconded by Paul Walker to employ Fred Shears, Timothy Sexton, Andrew Wise, Jeff Hill, Stephen Wilder, and Ruth McCartney as Administrators for the Olympia School District for the 2005-2006 school year with salaries and benefits as presented/amended.

Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.

A **motion** was made by Steve Matter, seconded by Sondra Hayes to approve Property Intergovernmental agreement conditions for development by the school attorney.

Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 6-0.

**Adjournment**

At 11:53 p.m. a **motion** was made by Steve Matter, seconded by Leslie Schmidgall, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

APPROVED:

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President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

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Secretary, Board of Education