

May 9, 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: Leslie Schmidgall, Laura Cremeens, Sondra Hayes, Steve Matter, Brian Spaulding, Trena Glenn, and Curt Morr; Curriculum and Instruction Director/Asst. Superintendent Brad Hutchison, Technology and Media Coordinator Mary Ann Nannen, Olympia South Principal Tim Sexton, and Superintendent Donald Hahn. Others present: Don Maurer and OHS Principal candidate Lance Thurman. Absent: Business Manager Brock Butts

Trena Glenn, Board member, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Don Maurer addressed the Board regarding new families who have moved into Hopedale and have questioned the closing of Hopedale Elementary.

### **Approval of Consent Agenda**

A **motion** was made by Trena Glenn, seconded by Laura Cremeens to approve the consent agenda (\*with the amendment of item A.) that included:

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of amended Minutes from the April 19, 2005, Regular Board of Education Meeting
- C. Approval of Bills and Financial Reports
- D. Accepted resignation of Joni LaDew as OMS Pom-Pon (Dance) Coach effective at the end of the 2004-2005 school year
- E. Accepted resignation of Michele Ott as OMS Cheerleading Coach effective at the end of the 2004-2005 school year
- F. Accepted resignation of Agatha Valenti as OHS Asst. Speech Coach effective at the end of the 2004-2005 school year
- G. Employed Theresa Wike as OHS English Teacher effective August 22, 2005
- H. Employed Brandi Cooper as OMS Scholastic Bowl Coach effective for the 2005-2006 school year
- I. Employed Pete Cleary as OHS Head Wrestling Coach effective for the 2005-2006 school year
- J. Employed Katie Braucht as OMS Social Studies Teacher effective August 22, 2005
- K. Employed Jennifer Smith as OMS Science Teacher effective August 22, 2005
- L. Granted the Olympia Senior Class permission to take a senior trip to Six Flags Great America Amusement Park in Gurnee, IL, on Wednesday, May 25, 2005

M. Approval of the Letter of Credit in the amount of \$42,869.00 from the Morton Community Bank.

\*The following sentence was added to the April 19, 2005, minutes:

The Board presented service plaques and offered expressions of appreciation to David Mattson, Jr. and Paul Walker (not in attendance), retiring Board members.

Discussion. Vote: Glenn (aye), Cremeens (aye), Hayes (aye), Spaulding (aye), Matter (aye), Morr (aye), Schmidgall (aye). Motion carried 7-0

### **Communications**

A communications folder was circulated among the board members.

### **Committee Reports**

Board President Brian Spaulding announced final Committee assignments for Board members as follows:

- Education & Technology Committee – Laura Cremeens and Trena Glenn
- Buildings & Grounds Committee – Steve Matter and Curt Morr
- Policy Committee – Sondra Hayes and Trena Glenn
- Finance Committee – Brian Spaulding, Curt Morr, and Les Schmidgall
- Negotiations Committee – Brian Spaulding and Laura Cremeens
- Tri-County Executive Committee – Sondra Hayes

### **Administrative Reports**

Assistant Superintendent Brad Hutchison reported that President Bush has announced a pledge of \$1.5 billion in funding for new High School improvement initiatives which will focus primarily in the areas of math and science and will include an expansion of the No Child Left Behind assessment program. Olympia has already participated in a pilot assessment program, however actual assessment will begin in the Spring of 2006. He also shared a brief summary of Governor Blagojevich's graduation proposal compared to Olympia's graduation requirements. It was noted that OHS meets or exceeds the Governor's plan in all areas. Mr. Hutchison presented a revised Olympia Teacher Summative Evaluation Plan which was designed to promote student learning, provide meaningful teacher feedback, and fulfill State of Illinois requirements. Committee members were commended for their work on this plan. Mr. Hutchison informed the Board of upcoming training, committee meetings, and end-of-year events.

Technology Director Mary Ann Nannen shared with the Board summer plans for technology and libraries. Mrs. Nannen pointed out that staff development opportunities for the summer would include grant-funded workshops. She also reported that technology and video conferencing had been the topics at the April Olympia Advisory Council. Mrs. Nannen shared concerns with the Board regarding the Verizon phone

problems, which are currently being corrected by Verizon, at the OHMS complex and the Administration Office.

Due to the absence of Business Manager Brock Butts, Superintendent Donald Hahn presented the Operations/Business Report. Superintendent Hahn shared the financial reports which showed expenditures were doing well, but he also pointed out that the end-of-year status would depend upon state revenue distribution. Dr. Butts' written report commented that much of the O/M work now involves preparation for summer maintenance and special projects. Dr. Butts shared with Superintendent Hahn that he plans to have a tentative FY 2006 budget/projections ready for the May 19 Board Planning Meeting.

OHS Principal's Report showed a significant decrease in drop-out rates at OHS for 2004-2005. OHS drop-outs were down to 7 this year. Plans for the 2005-2006 year at OHS, which include new emphasis on Reading and Media Literacy, and the many end-of-year activities at the elementary buildings were also reported by building principals.

Superintendent Hahn announced that Instructional Materials and Other Fees for the 2005-2006 would remain the same as 2004-2005. He also shared the Health Examinations, Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students policy with the Board. The requirement date of September 1 will remain the same as in 2004-2005. Superintendent Hahn recognized that there may be additional secretarial help needed to meet the September 1 deadline. Superintendent Hahn shared a revised map from Vision 25 with the Board. He pointed out that law allows only a 10% removal of territory and that the revised map showed a removal of more than 10%. Superintendent Hahn and the Board agreed upon a time of 6:00 p.m. on May 19 for a follow-up meeting to the January Board Retreat.

### **Other Business**

None

### **Action Items**

A **motion** was made by Leslie Schmidgall, seconded by Steve Matter, to approve the Instructional Materials & Other Fees for the 2005-2006 school year.

Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Sondra Hayes, seconded by Laura Cremeens, to meet in Executive Session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss the Hopedale detachment proceedings, intergovernmental agreements, and the employment of OHS Principal and Business Manager.

Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

A **motion** was made by Sondra Hayes, seconded by Leslie Schmidgall to come out of Executive Session at 9:09 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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

Discussion. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 7-0.

During Executive Session, Superintendent Hahn informed the Board that he will continue to work with park districts and villages regarding the sale of the 3 vacant elementary buildings.

After Executive Session, the Board unanimously voted to employ Lance Thurman as OHS Principal effective July 1, 2005.

### **Adjournment**

At 9:26 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