

February 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, Steve Matter, Brian Spaulding, Paul Walker; Business Manger 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: Olympia Staff, community members, and area media representatives. Absent: David Mattson

The secretary announced that a quorum was present for the conducting of the meeting.

Laura Cremeens, Board Member, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition of Visitors – Opportunity for Public Input

President Spaulding welcomed the visitors. Marty Abbott, 6 students and various parents presented the board with first-place trophies from the Alamo Bowl competition over Winter Break. It was pointed out that the entire trip was funded by Fundraisers and parents.

Dave Grieder addressed the board with the desire to bring back freshman sports to be funded by the Booster Club. They currently have \$24,000 (raised by the club, parents and coaches) set aside for this purpose. Below are some of the points of discussion:

- Having Freshman sports will lead to having stronger athletes
- Being part of a team help students facing the “teen peer pressure”
- Booster Club would also help fund other Freshman activities if need be
- Donors to the Booster Club would probably give more if necessary
- Donors would be kept confidential
- Activity and participant fees remain in effect
- Contributing to programs and or participation fee does not guarantee playing time for a donor’s or fee payer’s child
- The gift is to the district to pay costs associated with these programs and does not imply the Booster Club/donors will participate in the administration and/or implementation of the gift

The board discussed how to accept such gifts, pointing out that they need to follow guidelines. Supt. Hahn supplied the board with a tentative guideline. Supt. Hahn and the board agreed that these guidelines would have to be discussed at the next scheduled meeting.

Approval of Consent Agenda

A **motion** was made by Paul Walker, seconded by Les Schmidgall to approve the consent agenda that includes:

- A. Approved Agenda
- B. Approved the Minutes from the January 10, 2005, Regular Board of Education Meeting. The Minutes from the January 22, 2005 Board Retreat was pulled from the consent agenda.
- C. Approved Bills and Financial Reports
- D. Confirmed the resignation of Kimberly Absher as Reading Improvement aide effective Friday, January 21, 2005
- E. Confirmed the resignation of Mary Crismon as a cook at OHS effective December 17, 2004.
- F. Confirmed the resignation of Velma Litwiller as OMS secretary effective February 25, 2005
- G. Confirmed the resignation of Ruth Ann Hieronymus as an Olympia West teacher aide effective February 14, 2005 per the negotiated agreement with appreciation for her 28 years of service to the district.
- H. Recalled Sylvia Johanson as an Elementary Teacher effective January 24, 2005.
- I. Employed Lynette Williams as a Reading Improvement aide at 5.5 hours and noon supervisor at .5 hours effective January 18, 2005.
- J. Employed Sheri Golden 5 hours per day as a cook at Olympia West effective January 10, 2005.
- K. Employed Velma Litwiller as Superintendent's Secretary effective February 28, 2005.
- L. Employed Kelly Fogler as a school bus driver effective February 14, 2005. She has met all requirements.
- M. Reduce Gayle Swigart from 5 hours to 3 hours per day as aide and noon supervisor effective January 31, 2005.
- N. Approved Sunday use of facilities for IKWF Wrestling Tournament on March 6, 2005.
- O. Employed Cindy Sutherland 1 day per week as a Speech/Language Pathologist per the negotiated agreement effective January 24, 2005.

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

Communications

A communications folder was circulated among the board members.

Committee Reports

Sondra Hayes reported on the Tri County Executive committee meeting that she attended. Steve Poznic, Area Vocational Center director, sent a letter stating that he is retiring from that position.

Administrative Reports

Administrative reports were presented. Curriculum Director Brad Hutchison announced that 60 staff members are registered to participate in the winter staff development training sessions designed to fulfill a key component of NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND that requires continuing professional development designed to support student achievement. Mr. Hutchison presented the McMillan-McGraw Hill science series for the board's approval. He also presented McDougal /Little Algebra 2 math books for approval. Mr. Hutchison also shared a financial statement for this year's food service program as compared to last year's. With the help of Jeff Hill, a discussion was held regarding the block schedule and achievement at the high school compared to other block schedules and traditional schedule schools. Olympia's scores were comparable to both block and traditional schedule schools.

Mary Ann Nannen reported on the technology and media for the district. An additional T-1 line has been installed to cover the increased usage of the technology.

Dr. Butts reported on the surplus equipment that has been removed and stored from the closed schools. He requested approval to sell, donate or discard the surplus equipment. Dr. Butts reported that the district Health Insurance Committee continues its work on reviewing the district's health coverage. The committee has held several meetings. The target completion date for the development of the future "plan options" is late March. Dr. Butts recommended that we accept the renewal from Independent Risk Managers for Indiana Insurance Co and Everst for Workers' Comp. for the district.

Reports from building principals were presented.

Superintendent Hahn presented the certified and educational support personnel seniority lists for approval. Announced the IASB Corn Belt Division Governing Committee meeting and dinner, March 8, 2005 at 7:00 PM. Superintendent Hahn informed the board that there would be limited RIFs among certified employees due to the upcoming retirements. ESP employees cannot be finalized until final enrollments are determined and state funds are received. The Board was presented a draft calendar for 2005-06 school year. Superintendent Hahn gave an update on farmland assessments through FY 07. Farmland EAV will continue to decline for the next two fiscal years and then level off in the third year. He reported on his meeting with village officials regarding leases of school facilities. He will check into giving the buildings to the villages with an intergovernmental agreement that the district could use the facilities such as Stanford's gym and the Hopedale and McLean bus barns. Some possible options/agreements will be ready for action at the next board meeting. Superintendent Hahn presented a draft for

gifts to the district. The guidelines will be in the March agenda for action. There will be a State Budget hearing March 7, 2005 at 7:00 PM at the BJHS.

Other Business

None

Action Items

A **motion** was made by Laura Cremeens, seconded by Les Schmidgall, to approve the renewal of Unland Insurance for Olympia's total Insurance package for 2005-06 at a cost of \$311,234.

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

A **motion** was made by Les Schmidgall, seconded by Steve Matter, to approve the 2004-05 Certified Staff Seniority list as presented.

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

A **motion** was made by Sondra Hayes, seconded by Paul Walker, to approve the Educational Support Personnel Seniority list calculated through June 30, 2005 as presented.

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

A **motion** was made by Laura Cremeens, seconded by Paul Walker to declare the list of inventory as surplus and to authorize the administration to dispose of inventory through donations and sale.

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

A **motion** was made by Paul Walker, seconded by Steve Matter, to accept the gift of \$21,000 from the Booster Club for restoration of the freshman sports program for the 2005-06 school year provided the gift written commitment is provided by March 1, 2005.

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

A **motion** was made by Steve Matter, seconded by Sondra Hayes, to meet in closed session at 10:15 p.m.

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

A **motion** was made by Sondra Hayes, seconded by Steve Matter to approve the closed session minutes.

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

A **motion** was made by Sondra Hayes, seconded by Brian Spaulding, to reconvene open session at 11 p.m.

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

Actions as a Result of Executive Session

None

Adjournment

At 11:00 p.m. a **motion** was made by Steve Matter, seconded by Laura Cremeens, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

APPROVED:

President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Education