

Minutes of the Oscoda Area Schools Board of Education
Regular Meeting Monday, April 9, 2018

The April 9, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Oscoda Area Schools, Iosco and Alcona Counties, Michigan, Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 9, 2018 by President Tony Johnson. The meeting was held in the Board of Education Meeting Room located in Oscoda Area High School, 3550 East River Road, Oscoda, Michigan 48750. In the absence of Secretary Reitler, President Johnson appointed Rose Fulton to act as Secretary. President Johnson led the Pledge of Allegiance and Acting Secretary Fulton read the district's Vision, Mission, and Belief statements.

Members Present: Johnson, Kellstrom, Schlink, Fulton, Gaines
 Members Absent: Ellis, Reitler

President Johnson thanked the recipients of the Hand-in-Hand Awards for their service to the staff and students of the Oscoda Area Schools. The recipients were honored at a dinner prior to the Board meeting.

Recipient

Dr. Jim Kent
Mary Reitler
Melinda Martoglio
Roger's Family Foods – Ryan Clouse
Danielle Fisher
Whitney Dettmer
Kristen Wood
Alfred and Barbara Webster
Jenny Roumaya
Patty Kloka
Danielle Ellis
Christian Women in Action
Dee Cunningham
Bev Green
Dorothy Moore
Linda Hock
Cecelia Pryjomski
Janet Schenk

Nominated By:

Terence Allison
Terence Allison
Karen MacGregor
Matthew Hinckley
Alona Smith
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Penny Eberline
Theresa Corwin
Theresa Corwin
Karen Lopez
Penny Eberline

OEA President Kathleen Erickson stated that the staff members are very fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers who make their jobs easier and enrich the lives of our students.

No public/general comments were heard.

Motion: by Kellstrom, supported by Gaines, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda Items which includes: the approval of the Agenda for the April 9, 2018 Regular Meeting; the tentative minutes of the Special Meeting held on Thursday, March 8, 2018; the tentative minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Monday, March 12, 2018; and the payment of the General Fund checks #16464 through #16576, totaling \$315,141.61, as recommended by the Chief Financial Officer and the Superintendent of Schools.

Yeas: Johnson, Kellstrom, Schlink, Fulton, Gaines
 Nays: None
 Absent: Ellis, Reitler
 Abstained: None
 Motion declared adopted with a 5 – 0 vote

Motion: by Gaines, supported by Fulton, that the Board of Education approve the terms of the tentative agreement with the Oscoda Education Association (OEA) for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 as shown in the draft dated March 21, 2018.

Treasurer Kellstrom stated that it was his understanding that the Board wanted entry level people to receive more of an increase than the teachers on the higher steps. Superintendent Moore explained that less senior teachers receive step increases of approximately 4% to 5% each year up to their tenth year. Then step increases are only given at Step 13 and Step 17. In addition, the district can hire new employees at whatever step is needed to attract them. Superintendent Moore stated that he feels good about this contract. It is generous while providing the district with some protection. Treasurer Kellstrom stated that he is happy with the staff and extends his gratitude to the teachers.

Yeas: Johnson, Kellstrom, Schlink, Fulton, Gaines
 Nays: None
 Absent: Ellis, Reitler
 Abstained: None
 Motion declared adopted with a 5 – 0 vote

Motion: by Schlink, supported by Kellstrom, that the Board of Education authorize the Superintendent to enter into the Letter of Agreement between the Oscoda Area Schools Board of Education and the OEA and Penny Hutchison no later than April 30, 2018 for Penny Hutchison to be eligible for payment under Article 14(K) and Letter of Agreement Two of the Master Agreement.

Yeas: Johnson, Kellstrom, Schlink, Fulton, Gaines
 Nays: None
 Absent: Reitler, Ellis
 Abstained: None
 Motion declared adopted with a 5 – 0 vote.

Motion: by Kellstrom, supported by Fulton, that the Board of Education release a high school student from Oscoda Area Schools so that he may attend Alcona Community Schools, as requested by his mother, Amy Burma.

Yeas: Gaines, Fulton, Schlink, Kellstrom, Johnson
 Nays: None
 Absent: Reitler, Ellis
 Abstained: None
 Motion declared adopted with a 5 – 0 vote.

Motion: by Kellstrom, supported by Schlink, that the Board of Education approve up to seven Board Members to attend the Legislative Conference on May 22, 2018 at the Radisson Hotel, Lansing, and to pay for the applicable expenses as provided for in Board Policy.

Yeas: Johnson, Schlink, Fulton, Kellstrom, Gaines
 Nays: None
 Absent: Reitler, Ellis
 Abstained: None
 Motion declared adopted with a 5 – 0 vote.

President Johnson earned a Master Board Member Award. He was presented with the award at the CASBA meeting.

Trustee Gaines reported that the NOW group has been politically active. At its last meeting they held a conference call with all of the political entities. He noted that the Air Force not very forthcoming regarding responsibility.

Treasurer Kellstrom congratulated the following students and groups:

- Sydney Lopez received a superior rating at the State Solo and Ensemble
- The CODE team is doing well
- First Robotics qualified for the State competition. Trustee Gaines reported that he attended the competition in Alpena and was quite impressed. Mrs. Stepp and Mr. Axline did a great job with the students. There were 40 teams from 40 high schools. To qualify for State in their first year is commendable. Superintendent Moore stated that they formed a partnership with Cooper Standard who purchased a lot of the thing needed for the Club.

Superintendent Moore stated that WNEM came to Oscoda to do a story about the water. This story will air on April 26, 2018. He stated that there has been a lot of political pressure in the past month or month and a half. Every office has been involved in the district's water issue, including Rep. Kildee Sen. Stamas, Rep. Allor, and the Governor's office. We are currently trying to ascertain a price so we can request a grant to go ahead with the project.

Superintendent Moore reported:

- he received a quote for engineering services for the water hookup project from F& B of \$12,500 as opposed to the \$78,000 quote from .
- WTA recommends that a special Board meeting be scheduled for Wednesday, May 2, 2018 to award bids for the summer projects.
- the Stages Educator Evaluation was sold to another company. The software will be phased out over the next three years. The district will have to determine which evaluation tool they would like to use.

- Curriculum & Strategic planning was extensively discussed at the April 23, 2018 DSIT Meeting. Superintendent Moore hopes to launch the plan in the fall, but no later than Christmas.
- Bike Path project has run into some intergovernmental bureaucracy snags. He will be surprised if the break ground this fall.
- Oscoda Township plans to ask for 1.5 mills at the August election to have a School Safety Officer in our schools. The County is looking at the possibility of asking for a .4 mill for a school resource officer for every school in the County. Both are asking for the support of the Board of Education.
- The district plans to post for summer help and an extra staff member to help with some projects being planned for this summer.
- The district has applied for a waiver from the State to forgive two days that the district was closed after April 1st. We should receive a decision within 10 days.
- Toni Rizzotto was hired as a part-time custodian at Richardson Elementary School.
- Paraprofessional Kimberley Vandruska submitted her intent to apply for a disability retirement. She passed away today and the Board held a moment of silence in her memory.

The Board of Education formally acknowledged the updated fundraising calendar and list of volunteers.

Superintendent Moore stated that Scott Lueck will continue to serve as Athletic Director when he returns to the classroom. Terence Allison and Scott Moore will evaluate baseball and football coaches.

Secretary Reitler expressed a desire to serve on the interview committee for the assistant principal. Superintendent Moore asked Board members to let he know if they would like to serve on the committee.

Superintendent Moore is in the process of evaluating the possibility of hiring an Assistant Director of Operation and Plant.

Terence Allison will be attending a career fair in Grand Rapids later this month.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.