



## Oshki Ogimaag Community School Regular Meeting Minutes

**Date: August 19, 2020**

**Time: 4:32 P.M.**

**Place: Oshki Ogimaag Community School Conference Area**

Present: Carol Cleveland, John Morrin, Leslie Olson, Erik Redix, Yastrienne Spry, and Patty Winchell-Dahl. Also present Carmen Keyport, Director. Absent: Travis Novitsky (excused).

- 0.0 No Public and Parent comments.
- 1.0 Call meeting to order 4:32 P.M.
- 2.0 Reading of Mission Statement, Patty Winchell-Dahl.
- 3.0 Roll call with quorum present.
- 4.0 Motion by Erik Redix, second by John Morrin to approve agenda items and minutes from June 17, 2020 meeting with corrections to minutes. The minutes for the June meeting has one typo (Item 7.0 omits Cleveland's "aye" vote and lists Spry's vote as "aye" when she was absent from the meeting) that will be fixed. All in favor – motion carried 5-0.
- 5.0 Motion by Erik Redix, second by John Morrin to approve Financial Expenditures & Revenues for June & July. Cleveland-aye; Morrin-aye; Redix-aye; Spry-aye; Winchell-Dahl-aye; motion carried 5-0.
- 6.0 Motion by Patty Winchell-Dahl, second by Yastrienne Spry to approve Updated Budget for 2020-21. Cleveland-aye; Morrin-aye; Redix-aye; Spry-aye; Winchell-Dahl-aye; motion carried 5-0.
- 7.0 Motion by Yastrienne Spry, second by Patty Winchell-Dahl to approve SY 2020-21 plan to open for in-person classes. Full text of plan can be found at: <http://oshkiogimaag.org/>. Director stated that the state recommendation for Cook County (based on the percentage of COVID-19 cases) is to hold in person classes. Director reported that she sent a survey to families of students and there were eight students who had contacted her opting for distance learning. Director stated that with the number of students and the size of each classroom the school would meet state recommendations for opening for in person classes while ensuring proper social distancing. Director also stated there will be two bus routes to meet state recommendations for maximum number of students on the bus. Each student, staff and visitor will have their temperature taken prior to entering the building. Redix stated that a good percentage of students last spring, about one-third, did not do anything for distance learning. Redix stressed that it was too difficult for some families to monitor their students and elementary age students cannot complete their learning on-line independently, without intense adult supervision. Redix argued that if the school did all distance learning these students would fall behind once again and that to better serve all students the school should be open for in-person classes. Redix also voiced concerns about the importance of students socializing with other children their age as well as parents need for child care while they are working. Redix reported that he contacted staff by email to see if staff had concerns and only one staff member replied with concerns. The Director talked to that staff member about their concerns and they reached an understanding. Winchell-Dahl inquired about the students opting to do distance

learning access to lunches. The Director reported that distance learning students will not be delivered lunches (like in the spring) but that families could pick up lunches at school. All in favor – motion carried 5-0.

- 8.0 Discussion of staff leave due to COVID-19. The Director reported that there is no provision for additional paid leave if staff has to take leave due to COVID-19. Redix brought up that there is currently a mandatory 2 day quarantine period if a person takes a test even if they are asymptomatic. If a staff member has come into contact with someone who has COVID or if someone in their household has, they will have a minimum two day quarantine. If a staff member gets sick from COVID, they would need to take off even longer. On the other hand, if additional paid leave is offered it could cost the school quite a bit if a staff member takes multiple tests. It was decided to table any action. If cases increase in the county, the board will revisit the issue.
- 9.0 Motion by John Morrin, second by Patty Winchell-Dahl to approve hiring Jean Ann Mathis Spry as Administrative Assistant. All in favor – motion carried 5-0.
- 10.0 Motion by Erik Redix, second by Yastrienne Spry to approve Erin Lange as Licensed Special Education Teacher. All in favor – motion carried 5-0.
- 11.0 Motion by Yastrienne Spry, second by Erik Redix to approve hiring Marcia Eiyneck as Nutrition Director. All in favor – motion carried 5-0.
- 12.0 Board training: discussion of Chapter 13: *Book of Charter School Board* led by Travis Novitsky tabled until next meeting.
- 13.0 Motion by Erik Redix, second by John Morrin to adjourn 5:55 P.M.

Next board meeting September 16, 2020 at 4:30 P.M.