



**Oshki Ogimaag Community School
Regular Meeting Minutes**

Date: June 17, 2020

Time: 4:32 P.M.

Place: Oshki Ogimaag Community School Conference Area

Present: Carol Cleveland, John Morrin, Travis Novitsky, Leslie Olson, Erik Redix, and Patty Winchell-Dahl. Also present Carmen Keyport, Director and Mary Sherer, Paraprofessional (notetaker). Absent: Yastrianne Spry (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 May 20, 2020 meeting (with corrections). Director updated the Board about next year. MDE has offered three scenarios for the 2020-21 school year: distance learning, classes in school, or a hybrid. MDE will have their decision in late July. The minutes for the May meeting have two typos (Item 1.0 is listed as 0.1 and “aye” votes are missing for Patty Winchell-Dahl) that will be fixed. All in favor – motion carried 5-0.
- 5.0 Motion by Travis Novitsky, second by Carol Cleveland to approve Financial Expenditures & Revenues for May. Cleveland-aye; Morrin-aye; Novitsky-aye; Redix-aye; Winchell-Dahl; motion carried 5-0.
- 6.0 Motion by Patty Winchell-Dahl, second by Travis Novitsky to approve Updated Budget for 2019-20. Cleveland-aye; Morrin-aye; Novitsky-aye; Redix-aye; Winchell-Dahl; motion carried 5-0.
- 7.0 Motion by John Morrin, second by Patty Winchell-Dahl to approve Budget for SY 2020-21. Chairwoman Olson inquired about the changes from last year, Director identified two changes—Indian Ed funds which require a minimum of 20 Native students which we did not have last year and the addition of funds from Head Start and Trust Lands to supplement Anishinaabe Language Director salary. Winchell-Dahl inquired about funds needed for potential COVID-19 costs. The Director clarified that there may be grants to offset cleaning supplies, plexiglass, and thermometers. Morrin-aye; Novitsky-aye; Redix-aye; Spry-aye; Winchell-Dahl-aye; motion carried 5-0.
- 8.0 Motion by Patty Winchell-Dahl, second by John Morrin to approve hiring Kelsey Knollmueller as licensed classroom teacher. Director stated that offer was made after phone and in person interview. Knollmueller has taught for one year at Great Expectations. All in favor – motion carried 5-0.
- 9.0 Motion by Erik Redix, second by Travis Novitsky to approve hiring Lori Anishnabe as Nutrition Director. Chairwoman Olson inquired if Anishnabe was offered health insurance (there was an email exchange between the Director and Board to this effect). Director affirmed that she was and that the hourly rate was offered was slightly lower accordingly. All in favor – motion carried 5-0.

- 10.0 Motion by Patty Winchell-Dahl, second by Travis Novitsky to approve NexStep as Special Education provider for 2020-21. Director informed Board that school will provide Special Education through remote learning much like the Speech and OT services are offered currently. Winchell-Dahl wanted to request that providers have experience with Native American culture. Director agreed to make the request. Redix raised doubt as to whether the company would have that type of expertise. Director stated that a paraprofessional will be present during each session. All in favor – motion carried 5-0.
- 11.0 Motion by Travis Novitsky, second by Carol Cleveland to approve Janice Lippitt as School Psychologist for 2020-21. The Director clarified that School Psychologist is needed testing students for IEPs: initial and every three years. She also works with Great Expectations which helps with travel costs. All in favor – motion carried 5-0.
- 12.0 Motion by Erik Redix, second by Patty Winchell-Dahl to approve Miller McDonald as financial audit firm. Director reported that Oshki has used this firm since its inception and that rates will not exceed \$9300 during SY 2020-21, up slightly from SY 2019-20 \$9000. Director also noted that Miller McDonald is also the auditor for Birch Grove Elementary in Tofte and Great Expectations in Grand Marais. They will visit in August. Morrin-aye; Novitsky-aye; Redix-aye; Spry-aye; Winchell-Dahl-aye; motion carried 5-0.
- 13.0 Discussion of EE survey from 2019-2020 SY. The Director informed the Board that it is suggested by the Authorizer that the Board discuss the Environmental Education goals. The Board agreed to discuss one of the goals per meeting and agendas will reflect this. Chairwoman Olson requested to begin with the goals related to the lowest standardized test scores.
- 14.0 Discussion of schedule of Board meetings SY 2020-21. Director noted there is no scheduled meeting in July and the next meeting is in August. As in years past all meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 4:30 P.M.
- 15.0 Board training: discussion of Chapter 12: *Book of Charter School Board* led by Patty Winchell-Dahl. Author argued that only 20% of what is talked about at Board meetings will have an impact. Author argued Boards to stay on track on suggested making a list of what was discussed at last three meetings and separating into two categories: vital and trivial. Novitsky will lead discussion of Chapter 13 next meeting.
- 16.0 Motion by Erik Redix, second by Travis Novitsky to adjourn 5:48 P.M.

Next board meeting August 19, 2020 at 4:30 P.M.