



**Oshki Ogimaag Community School
Regular Meeting Minutes**

Date: March 11, 2020

Time: 4:31 P.M.

Place: Oshki Ogimaag Community School Conference Area

Present: John Morrin, Travis Novitsky, Leslie Olson, Erik Redix, and Patty Winchell-Dahl. Also present Carmen Keyport, Director, Sue Smith, Administrative Assistant and Erin Anderson, Director of Charter School Authorizing, Audubon Center of the North Woods. Carol Cleveland and Yastrienne Spry joined meeting at 4:59 P.M.

- 0.0 No Public and Parent comments.
- 0.1 Call meeting to order 4:31 P.M.
- 2.0 Reading of Mission Statement, John Morrin.
- 3.0 Roll call with quorum present. Carol Cleveland, and Yastrienne Spry.
- 4.0 Motion by Patty Winchell-Dahl, second by Travis Novitsky to approve agenda items, Director and Teacher reports, and minutes from January 15, 2020 meeting. All in favor – motion carried.
- 5.0 Motion by Erik Redix, second by John Morrin to approve Financial Expenditures & Revenues for January and February. Morrin-aye; Novitsky-aye; Olson-aye; Redix-aye; Winchell-Dahl-aye; motion carried. Novitsky inquired about gas and pupil development being over budget. The Director explained that these items were estimated slightly low but clarified that overall the budget estimates are in balance.
- 6.0 Motion by Patty Winchell-Dahl, second by Erik Redix to let the CD at the North Shore Credit Union automatically renew. All in favor – motion carried.
- 6.1 Motion by Travis Novitsky, second by Patty Winchell-Dahl to Accept the Vote of Concurrence from the Parent Committee. All in favor – motion carried. Discussion on how to make the Parent Committee more effective. Redix stated that the role of the Parent Committee here should be different than districts where American Indian students are the minority. It was discussed that the Parent Committee should be invited to school board meetings and school board members should attend Parent Committee meetings in order to begin a more active role of the parent committee in the school.
- 7.0 Motion by Erik Redix, second by John Morrin to approve hiring Jaye Clearwater full time teacher effective March 2, 2020. All in favor – motion carried.
- 8.0 Motion by Patty Winchell-Dahl, second by Travis Novitsky to approve the resignation of Desiree Likiaska. All in favor – motion carried. The Director noted the position has been posted. Redix inquired about what would happen if Likiaska wanted to return. The Director informed the Board that any employee who resigns and comes back to work has to take a drug test and background check.

- 8.1 Motion by Erik Redix, second by John Morrin to amend Agenda to add discussion of playground. All in favor – motion carried. Redix inquired as to the status of playground improvements to be performed by Grand Portage Construction discussed in the fall. The Director reminded the group of the recent turnover: Programs Administrator and Agricultural Coordinator (who is in charge of the surface materials). It was decided to draft a letter for Chairwoman Olson to submit to the Reservation Tribal Council.
- 8.2 Motion by Patty Winchell-Dahl, second by Travis Novitsky to amend Agenda to add discussion of Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon. Winchell-Dahl inquired as to why the students did not attend the Beargrease this year, stating it was an important cultural event for the community. The Director responded that it is unknown when the first mushers arrive, and this year it was at 8:30 P.M. Furthermore, The Director stated that most years the school does attend so most of our students have experienced at least once. The Director noted that the students have extremely busy days and it just didn't work out this year. Redix asked Winchell-Dahl how the Beargrease related to Ojibwe culture. Winchell-Dahl noted that John Beargrease was an important community member. Redix responded that none of the mushers competing are Ojibwe and dog sledding is not a wide spread practice in contemporary Ojibwe culture at Grand Portage or any Ojibwe communities in the United States. The Director noted that she and the staff will take all this into consideration next year.
- 8.3 Motion by Patty Winchell-Dahl, second by Travis Novitsky to amend Agenda to add discussion of school news on the radio. Winchell-Dahl stated that we need to bring back Oshki students reporting on event at the school on WTIP: this was done in the past and other schools in the county do it. Redix responded that he is meeting with WTIP soon about a cultural program with Oshki students and Ojibwe first speakers, and will bring this up as well.
- 9.0 Board training: discussion of Chapter 8-9 *Book of Charter School Board* led by Patty Winchell-Dahl. Discussion centered on the board members and who should serve on the board. The author discourages students, business interests relatives of staff, and parents from serving as board members. It was noted that Minnesota law does not allow relative of staff from serving. Winchell-Dahl disagreed that parents shouldn't serve on the board and most agreed that our community was too small for this prohibition and that the Board has not had a problem with parents serving on the Board in the past. Winchell-Dahl noted the author suggests an Annual Retreat for training and other discussions unrelated to routine governance. All agreed this was an idea the Board should pursue, perhaps even up at Waaban for a day or afternoon. Redix will lead discussion of Chapter 10 next meeting.
- 10.0 Motion by Travis Novitsky, second by Patty Winchell-Dahl to adjourn 5:55 P.M.

Next board meeting April 15, 2020 at 4:30 P.M.