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Oshki Ogimaag Community School

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, June 18, 2024

The mission of Oshki Ogimaag Community School is to create a learning environment of excellence based upon traditional teachings. Rooted in Anishinaabe language and culture we will prepare students through hands-on, community-based projects to be lifelong learners that reach their personal and academic potential; preserve the Anishinaabe language and culture; and contribute to the wellness of future generations.

1.0 Call Meeting to Order, Roll Call of Board Members, Quorum Declaration:

1.1 Call to Order: 4:35pm

1.2 Board Members Present: Patty Winchell-Dahl, John Morrin, Joanne Czeswik, Jeana Van Dyne, Tina Gatzke, ex-officio Cherie James. Board Members Absent: Agatha Armstrong, Krysten Flett, Steven StandingCloud

Community Members Present: Pam Zahn (OOCs Business Manager), Yanne Spry (OOCs Administrative Assistant), Peter James, Leslie Olson, Jaye Clearwater

2.0 Reading of the Mission Statement by: Joanne Czeswik.

3.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest: No conflicts declared.

4.0 Community Comment: Discussion of OOCs Vice Chair Steven StandingCloud communicating to OOCs school staff intention to resign from the Board, letter to the Board be forthcoming. Jaye Clearwater communicated she submitted a data request to the Board Chair. Jaye commented that there was some formatting issue with her message and would resend it to the Board Chair the following day. Discussion of the success of the Last Day of School Celebration; 100% family attendance, positive comments regarding the activities for families and students (ceremony, Feast, pictures, fishing at the marina), awards ceremony with meaningful recognitions, good food and positive community building.

5.0 Approval of Agenda: Ms. Van Dyne moved to approve agenda. Motion seconded by Ms. Czeswik. The motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Winchell-Dahl, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Czeswik, Ms. Van Dyne, Ms. Gatzke).

6.0 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2024: Mr. Morrin moved to approve Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2024. Motion seconded by Ms. Gatzke. The motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Winchell-Dahl, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Czeswik, Ms. Van Dyne, Ms. Gatzke).

7.0 Financial Reports - OOCs Business Manager, Pam Zahn presented May financial reports, revised FY 24 budget, proposal for FY25 budget, and audit engagement

letter. Discussion of some Board members having difficulty reading finance reports on their computers with current formatting of reports. Business manager communicated she will work on formatting for ease of reading.

7.1 Discussion of May Finance Report: Question regarding payment of community instructors providing lessons in traditional cultural activities, event costs, yearbook and website costs. Discussion of roles of School Psychologist and TinyEye (teletherapy services) and children's mental and behavior health resources. Discussion of Sysco costs and high food expenditures, food production logs, and updated training for Nutritional Director.

7.2 Ms. Gatzke moved to approve May Finance Report. Motion seconded by Mr. Morrin. The motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Winchell-Dahl, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Czeswik, Ms. Van Dyne, Ms. Gatzke).

7.3 Discussion of Revised FY24 Budget: Business Manager walked through a summary description of the revised budget describing what different line items and columns refer to. Discussion of decreased revenue due to reduction in student enrollment. Discussion of new sources of revenue including School Library Aid and Student Support Personnel Aid. Discussion of increased expenses including increased services from Business Manager, and legal fees. Discussion of food service budget overages. and state reimbursement for student meals. Discussion of meal costs and reporting, second meal costs, food waste, policies on leftover foods, recycling and composting. Discussion of the Fund Balance, and best practices for healthy fund balances.

7.4 Ms. Czeswik moved to approve Revised FY24 Budget. Motion is seconded by Ms. Gatzke. The motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Winchell-Dahl, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Czeswik, Ms. Van Dyne, Ms. Gatzke).

7.5 Discussion of proposed FY25 Budget: Discussion of enrollment projections. Discussion of positions budgeted for, not yet hired. Discussion of math and reading curriculum purchases budgeted for. Discussion of Tina Gatzke moving into a role of Assistant Director/Special Education Coordinator/Interventionist. Discussion of Interim Director, Cherie James continuing to fulfill Ojibwe Language and Culture Instructor position simultaneously with Interim Director role. Discussion of separation of Director and Business Manager roles, increased financial oversight and transparency. Discussion of multiple roles staff fulfill in a small setting, cross-training, and planning for rebuilding and sustainability. Discussion of investing into the school for quality improvements (curriculum, professional development, student and family supports, classroom materials, classroom furniture) and the importance of Community collaboration and communication as OOCs rebuilds to fulfill commitments to students, families and the Community.

7.6 Ms. Czeswik moved to approve proposed FY25 Budget. Motion is seconded by Mr. Morrin. The motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Winchell-Dahl, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Czeswik, Ms. Van Dyne, Ms. Gatzke).

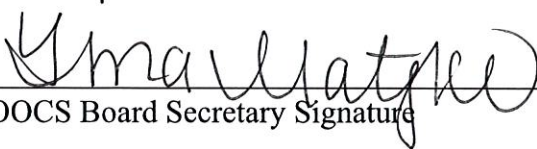
- 7.7 Discussion of proposed FY25 Business Manager Contract:** Discussion of cmERDC role, Business Manager role, and Administrative Assistant role.
- 7.8 Ms. Gatzke moved to approve FY25 Business Manager contract.** Motion is seconded by Mr. Morrin. The motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Winchell-Dahl, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Czeswik, Ms. Van Dyne, Ms. Gatzke).
- 7.9 Mr. Morrin moved to approve the auditor engagement agreement from Miller McDonald.** Motion seconded by Ms. Van Dyne. The motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Winchell-Dahl, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Czeswik, Ms. Van Dyne, Ms. Gatzke).
- 8.0 Contract Approval Discussion:** Business Manager, Pam Zahn, noted that the cmERDC Annual Finance Agreement is no longer needed as she will be fulfilling these tasks. It was discussed that approval of the Blue Cross Blue Shield contract be tabled and a quote from another carrier be reviewed prior to approval.
- 8.1 Ms. Winchell-Dahl moved to approve FY25 contracts for Indigo, TinyEye, School Psychologist, cmERDC Annual SMART System, Citrix Housing, UFARS Agreement, cmERDC Annual Payroll Services, and Delta Dental Renewal.** Motion is seconded by Ms. Gatzke. The motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Winchell-Dahl, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Czeswik, Ms. Van Dyne, Ms. Gatzke).
- 9.0 Discussion of Interim Director's Report, EE Report, and Teacher Reports:** Discussion and reflection on spring test scores, improvements to instructional approaches, improvements to family supports to increase daily attendance, and in-depth work with Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to target student needs and supports, increasing student stamina and academic rigor, establishing school-wide sustained silent reading weekly, re-establishing Reading Buddies on a regular schedule, Reading with Elders, increased engagement and encouraging of borrowing from school library.
- 10.0 Discussion of Osprey Wilds FY23 Academic Evaluation:** Discussion of plans for improving student outcomes were discussed, including consultation with curriculum specialist, updating curriculum, tiered systems of support, increased communication with families, field trips to Grand Marais Library, professional development plans and training for instructional and support staff.
- 11.0 Osprey Wilds Action Items and Training**
- 11.1 Article 2 - Section 6.20 Board Data** - Section 6.20 was read and discussed.
- 11.2 Article 3 - *Open Meeting Law: Reasons to Close a Charter School Board Meeting and How to Do It*.** Ms. Van Dyne lead discussion and provided discussion questions for this article.
- 11.3 Article 4 - *Open Meeting Law: Procedures and Language for Closing School Board Meetings*.** Ms. Gatzke lead discussion and provided discussion questions for this article.
- 11.4 Planning for Completion of OW Action Items discussion:** It was discussed that Board members should complete the six mncharterboard.com required online trainings prior to July 17 Board meeting so that the Board is able complete the remaining required action items.

12.0 Use of Official Oshki Ogimaag Community School email for Board Business:

It was discussed all Board communications should happen through official Ogimaag Community School emails.

13.0 Request from Jaye Clearwater: Board Chair, Patty Winchell-Dahl communicated that Jaye Clearwater sent a request for missing parts of recording of Special Meeting. It was verbally communicated to Jaye Clearwater during the Board meeting, that the recording she was provided is the full recording that Oshki Ogimaag Community School has in its possession.

14.0 Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Van Dyne at 7:02pm. Motion seconded by Ms. Czeswik. The motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Winchell-Dahl, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Czeswik, Ms. Van Dyne, Ms. Gatzke).


OOCS Board Secretary Signature

7/15/2024
Date

Oshki Ogimaag Community School Board Meetings are open to all. Oshki Ogimaag Community School greatly values the voices and perspectives of the families and community we serve. The Board will provide up to 15 minutes at the start of each meeting for public comment. The Board Chair may reduce or extend this time period and/or establish time limits on speakers to facilitate OOCS Board business. OOCS is authorized by Osprey Wilds

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