

Oshki Ogimaag Community School

Regular School Board Meeting Minutes Meeting Date: Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Held at: OOCS Conference Area

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: 4:31pm
- **1.2 Board Members Present:** Patty Winchell-Dahl, Steven StandingCloud, Joanne Ventura Czeswik, John Morrin, Agatha Armstrong, Jeana Van Dyne, Tina Gatzke, exofficio Cherie James, Board Members Absent: Krysten Flett Community Members Present: Yanne Spry, (Administrative Assistant), Pam Zahn (OOCS Business Manager), Peter James, Jaye Clearwater, Carmen Keyport
- 2.0 Reading of the Mission Statement by Mr. StandingCloud
- 3.0 Declaration of Conflict of Interest: No conflicts declared.
- **4.0 Community Comment:** Discussion of positive community response to newsletters and Boreal OOCS staff highlights.
- 5.0 Approval of Agenda:
 - **5.1 Ms.** Gatzke moved to add discussion of garbage disposal repair in kitchen, to agenda. Motion seconded by Ms. Van Dyne. Motion to amend agenda passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Winchell-Dahl, Mr. StandingCloud, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Ventura Czeswik, Ms. Van Dyne, Ms. Gatzke).
 - **5.2 Ms. Armstrong moved to approve amended agenda.** Ms. Ventura Czeswik seconded. The motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Winchell-Dahl, Mr. StandingCloud, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Ventura Czeswik, Ms. Van Dyne, Ms. Gatzke).
- 6.0 Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2024
 - **6.1 Ms. Ventura Czeswik moved to approve Meeting Minutes from April 17, 2024.** Ms. Van Dyne seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Winchell-Dahl, Mr. StandingCloud, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Ventura Czeswik, Ms. Van Dyne, Ms. Gatzke).
- 7.0 Financial Reports OOCS Business Manager, Pam Zahn
 - 7.1 Discussion of bus repair.

- **7.2** Discussion of finance reports, access to accounts and reports after transition of leadership, discussion of final budget revision to be presented at the June Board Meeting, discussion of MARSS reporting and General Education Aid.
- **7.3** Discussion of "purchased services," "software services," Osprey, and MACS overages, Ms. Zahn reported these line items were categorized prior to her taking on additional Business Manager duties.
- 7.4 Ms. Winchell-Dahl discussed receiving bill of legal fees of about \$500.00, from counsel acquired by the Board. Ms. Winchell-Dahl indicated she would bring invoice to OOCS. Ms. Zahn recommended speaking to insurance to inquire if any of the legal fees could be covered by insurance. Ms. Winchell-Dahl reported that a proposal for Board training was also sent by the lawyer, for the amount of about \$2,000.00-\$2,500.00.
- 7.5 Discussion that the auditors expressed the importance of documenting that all budget revisions have been approved by the Board and reflected in Board minutes, etc. Ms. Zahn expressed commitment to bringing all budget revisions to the Board for approval with proper documentation each time, including in SMART, to ensure fiscal awareness of the Board.
- **7.6 Ms. Gatzke moved to approve March Financial Reports.** Ms. Ventura Czeswik seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Winchell-Dahl, Mr. StandingCloud, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Ventura Czeswik, Ms. Van Dyne, Ms. Gatzke).
- 7.7 Discussion of April Financial Reports, REAP funds, access to G5 site, and Special Education costs.
- **7.8 Mr. Morrin moved to approve April Financial Reports.** Ms. Gatzke seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Winchell-Dahl, Mr. StandingCloud, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Ventura Czeswik, Ms. Van Dyne, Ms. Gatzke).
- **7.9** Discussion of revised Business Manager Proposal, discussion of audit. Ms. Gatzke moved to approve Revised Business Manager Proposal. Mr. Morrin seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Winchell-Dahl, Mr. StandingCloud, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Ventura Czeswik, Ms. Van Dyne, Ms. Gatzke).

8.0 Reports

- **8.1** Interim Director's Report. Ms. Ventura Czeswik moved to approve Interim Director's Report. Ms. Armstrong seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Winchell-Dahl, Mr. StandingCloud, Mr, Morrin, Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Ventura Czeswik, Ms. Van Dyne, Ms. Gatzke).
- **8.2** Teacher Reports. Discussion of Child Find/Child Study, Pre-referral interventions, Special Education interventions, evaluation process, and assessments.

9.0 Approval of New Hire: Teacher Kelsey Knollmueller.

- **9.1** Discussion of proposed new hire, Kelsey Knollmueller's background, teaching experience, and professional references.
- **9.2 Ms. Ventura Czeswik moved to approve the hire of Kelsey Knollmueller.** Mr. Morrin seconded. Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Winchell-Dahl, Mr.

- StandingCloud, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Ventura Czeswik, Ms. Van Dyne, Ms. Gatzke).
- 10.0 Discussion of Grievance Notice and Data Request. Discussion of data request. Advice of legal counsel was followed. Data request was addressed, requested data has been received by Ms. Clearwater.
- 11.0 Amendment to Bylaws. Ms. Armstrong moved to amend the OOCS Board Bylaws to separate Secretary and Treasurer officer roles. Ms. Van Dyne seconded. The motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Winchell-Dahl, Mr. StandingCloud, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Ventura Czeswik, Ms. Van Dyne, Ms. Gatzke).
- 12.0 Osprey Wilds Notice of Deficiency and Related Board Training Requirements
 - 12.1 Review and discussion of Notice of Deficiency.
 - **12.2** Reading and discussion of *Sounding Board: Part 4, Holding Open Meetings Consistent with MN Statute 13D.* Discussion of how OOCS meets these requirements consistently, and which items OW has identified OOCS in deficiency of.
 - 12.3 Discussion of timeline and approach for the Board to meet all training and all action items on the deficiency notice by July 31, 2024 deadline.
 - **12.4** Agenda items 12.2, 12.3, and 12.4 tabled, to be discussed in June and July Board meetings.
 - 12.5 Discussion of Board of Directors Orientation Packet. Discussion of how OOCS Board meetings are conducted and content of Board meetings to be reoriented to be more focused on student outcomes, finances and Board development. Discussion of Interim Director compiling information for Board Orientation packet. Motion by Mr. StandingCloud for Interim Director to compile requested information on list provided by him, by July 17, 2024, to be included in Board Orientation Packet. Ms. Ventura Czeswik seconded. Motioned passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Winchell-Dahl, Mr. StandingCloud, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Ventura Czeswik, Ms. Van Dyne, Ms. Gatzke).
- 13.0 Garbage Disposal: Discussion of needed garbage disposal repair.
- 14.0 Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Gatzke at 6:31pm. Motion seconded by Mr. StandingCloud. Motion passed unanimously. (Voting aye: Ms. Winchell-Dahl, Mr. StandingCloud, Mr. Morrin, Ms. Armstrong, Ms. Ventura Czeswik, Ms. Van Dyne, Ms. Gatzke).

OOCS Board Secretary Signature

Date