



Oshki Ogimaag Community School Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: August 22, 2022

Time: 4:52 P.M.

Place: Oshki Ogimaag Community School Conference Area

- 0.0 Public and Parent comments. Chairwoman Winchell-Dahl stated the need for a grievance policy. Redix agreed and noted that he was supposed to look into this over a year ago and didn't. Spry volunteered to look up a couple of policies from similar Charter Schools and present to the group at the next meeting. Deschampe inquired about the Dean of Students position. The board agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.
- 1.0 Call meeting to order 4:52 P.M.
- 2.0 Reading of Mission Statement, Yastrienne Spry.
- 3.0 Roll call with quorum present. Present: Carol Cleveland, Daniel Deschampe, Erik Redix, Yastrienne Spry, and Patty Winchell-Dahl. Also present Carmen Keyport, Director. Absent: John Morrin (excused) and Travis Novitsky (excused).
- 4.0 Motion by Erik Redix, second by Yastrienne Spry to approve agenda items, Director report, and minutes from June 22, 2022 meeting. Approval of minutes from June 29, 2022 meeting tabled until next meeting. Redix requested a correction to the minutes. Item 6.0 "The Director informed the Board that the school would get less money without the MIAC fund." Redix said this was misleading: MIAC (the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council) funds the language program at the RTC and the RTC paid the school for half of Redix's salary to be the Reservation's Ojibwe Language Coordinator. The grant is to the RTC not the school. All in favor – motion carried 4-0.
- 5.0 Motion by Carol Cleveland, second by Yastrienne Spry to approve Financial Expenditures & Revenues for June and July. Redix inquired if the 2022-23 budget was \$748,699 and the Director responded it was the estimated budget and this would change over the course of the year. Redix said that in training they said all the board members should know this off the top of their head. Cleveland-aye; Deschampe-aye; Redix-aye; Spry-aye; motion carried 4-0.
- 6.0 Motion by Erik Redix, second by Yastrienne Spry to approve hire of Christina Gatzke, Special Education Teacher. The Director remarked that her credentials and experience at Great Expectations were impressive. All in favor – motion carried 4-0.
- 7.0 Motion by Erik Redix, second by Daniel Deschampe to approve hire of Cherie James, Ojibwe Language Teacher. The Director noted that she met with Cherie before school started about the Grade 4-6 classroom teacher but Cherie was more comfortable teaching Ojibwe. The Director noted that Cherie was a high school History teacher for 29 years in the St. Paul Public Schools. Cherie will be working 32 hours a week. The Director also noted Cherie brings experience leading Professional Development days. All in favor – motion carried 4-0.
- 8.0 Update on remaining openings. The Director noted that the following positions remain open: grades 4-6 teacher, secretary, and one para. The Director noted that seven students are enrolled in grades 4-6 for 2022-23. Chairwoman Winchell-Dahl noted that we simply can't offer services to those grades without a teacher. The board agreed to not have grades 4-6 for the upcoming school year. Chairwoman Winchell-Dahl agreed to help the Director contact families affected by the change.

- 9.0 Motion by Erik Redix, second by Yastrienne Spry to approve Jaye Clearwater to fill the vacancy of Teacher Representative to the Board. All in favor – motion carried 4-0.
- 10.0 Motion by Erik Redix, second by Carol Cleveland to approve Carmen Keyport as Identified Official with Authority (IOWA). All in favor – motion carried 4-0.
- 11.0 Discussion of Osprey Wild Application for Renewal. The Director reminded the Board that the Application for Renewal is due September 15. The Director will post the Application on Google Docs and the Board members can write and edit. The Board agreed to have a meeting to finalize the Application on September 8 at 4:30.
- 12.0 Board training: discussion of Chapter 21 *Book of Charter School Board* led by Travis Novitsky tabled until next meeting.
- 13.0 Motion by Erik Redix, second by Yastrienne Spry to adjourn 6:07 P.M.

Next board meeting September 21, 2022 at 4:30 P.M.