



Oshki Ogimaag Community School Regular Meeting Minutes

Date: March 16, 2022

Time: 5:04 P.M.

Place: Oshki Ogimaag Community School Conference Area

- 0.0 Public and Parent comments. John Morrin stated he received a call from a parent who was agitated because they received a letter regarding their students' attendance. The Director stated that a letter was sent to parents of a student who had missed a very large percentage of school days and that the parent had also complained to her. The Director stated the Indian Home-School Liaison (pending board approval of the hire) would work with the family to improve their students' attendance.
 - 1.0 Call meeting to order 5:04 P.M.
 - 2.0 Reading of Mission Statement, Travis Novitsky.
 - 3.0 Roll call with quorum present. Present: Carol Cleveland, John Morrin, Travis Novitsky, Erik Redix, and Patty Winchell-Dahl. Also present Carmen Keyport, Director and Jean Spry, notetaker. Absent: Daniel Deschampe (excused) and Yastrianne Spry (excused).
 - 4.0 Motion by Erik Redix, second by John Morrin to approve agenda items, Director and Teacher reports, and minutes from February 16, 2022 meeting. Winchell-Dahl expressed concern about the Teacher Reports lack of Ojibwe culture. Redix responded that there was a teacher training in Ojibwe language and culture in the classroom put on by UW-Milwaukee faculty and Indian Community School during the last PPD. Winchell-Dahl suggested the teachers seek out Redix for ideas. All in favor – motion carried 4-0.
- A fire alarm interrupted the meeting at 5:14. The meeting resumed at 5:19.
- 5.0 Motion by Erik Redix, second by Carol Cleveland to approve Financial Expenditures & Revenues for February. Cleveland-aye; Morrin-aye; Novitsky-aye; Redix-aye; motion carried 4-0.
 - 6.0 Motion by Erik Redix, second by Travis Novitsky to approve updated budget. Redix inquired what the update was. The Director responded that the major change was the addition of the Home-School Liaison position. Cleveland-aye; Morrin-aye; Novitsky-aye; Redix-aye; motion carried 4-0.
 - 7.0 Motion by Carol Cleveland, second by John Morrin to renew the Certificate of Deposit at the North Shore Federal Credit Union. Cleveland-aye; Morrin-aye; Novitsky-aye; Redix-aye; motion carried 4-0.
 - 8.0 Motion by Erik Redix, second by Carol Cleveland to approve update to 2021-22 school calendar. The Director reported that there were two snow days so the Board needs to approve a 158 day school year. The Director informed the board that any subsequent snow days will be made up. All in favor – motion carried 4-0.
 - 9.0 Motion by Travis Novitsky, second by John Morrin to approve update to 2022-23 school calendar. All in favor – motion carried 4-0.
 - 10.0 Motion by Erik Redix, second by Travis Novitsky to approve hiring of Leslie Olson as Indian Home School Liaison. Redix expressed that Olson would be a wonderful addition to the staff and that the position needed to be filled. All in favor – motion carried 4-0.

- 11.0 Discussion of FASTbridge scores from January & February. The Board was pleased to see more students placing in the “grade level/college ready” category. Redix took issue with the label “college ready,” saying that college may not be the best option for all students, even good students. Redix pointed to the labor shortage in the trades in Cook County: plumbers, furnace, carpentry, etc. Winchell-Dahl remarked about the shortcomings of standardized tests and that student progress cannot be measured by standardized tests alone.
- 12.0 Discussion of feedback from Osprey Wild observation. Winchell-Dahl expressed frustration that the observation did not include enough valuable feedback. She felt that a representative should attend the meeting in person instead of criticizing the school for not having a quality Zoom connection. The Board agreed and also took issue with the critique of the audit finding about the separation of powers. Winchell-Dahl reiterated her stance that with an enrollment of around 30 students we do not have the resources nor the labor availability to hire a financial officer in order to separate all of those duties from the Director. The board agreed. Redix pointed out that it took us over a year to fill the Indian Home-School Liaison position. Novitsky took issue with the critique that the board took too long reviewing financials in the meeting, stating he didn’t feel that this was a fair assessment and that the board was just being thorough.
- 13.0 Board training: discussion of Chapter 19 *Book of Charter School Board* led by John Morrin tabled until next meeting.
- 14.0 Motion by Erik Redix, second by John Morrin to adjourn 6:07 P.M.

Next board meeting April 20, 2022 at 4:30 P.M.