

ORLEANS CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION

**Lake Region Union Elementary-Middle School District
Board of School Directors Meeting**

Location: Glover Community School
Oct. 14, 2019 – 6:00pm

OCSU Vision: All of our students will have choices for success throughout their lives.

OCSU Mission: It is the mission of the Orleans Central Supervisory Union to provide an environment that celebrates diversity and creativity, promotes inclusion and integrity, and partners with parents and community members to give students access to a 21st century education.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Bev Davis, Superintendent; Angelique Brown; Kim Hastings, Phil Roberts, Linda Michniewicz, Matt Kittridge, Theresa Daigle, Angelique Thomas, Tammy Lalime, Heather Wright, Business Manager; Dan Demaine, Meghan Valley

- 1) Call to Order 6:16 pm
- 2) Additions or Deletions to the Agenda Irasburg asphalt plant added to Business of the Board.
- 3) Privilege of the Floor None
- 4) Principal Updates Kim Hastings and Angelique Brown came to this meeting and written reports were sent out before the meeting. In Barton's report, the high cost of bat cleanup was noted as prohibitive and Heather told the Barton principal to go forward because it is a health and safety concern. The cleanup costs \$11K and there was some discussion about whether this included bat removal. Some discussion about school counselors. Glover was unable to hire a counselor for the year and hired a teacher to fulfill the teaching duties but she recently resigned.
- 5) Focus on Learning: Annual Snapshot Postponed to a future meeting.
- 6) Consent Agenda (Action) Linda moved, Tammy 2nd. All in favor.
 - a) Approve Minutes from Sept. 30, 2019
 - b) Approve Bills
 - c) Accept Financial Reports
- 7) Business of the Board (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - a) 8th Grade Field Trips. Glover 8th grade is going to NYC and would like to fly instead of taking a bus. They are working to find the cost comparison and figuring out transportation in the city when they get there. Orleans already flies to Washington D.C. Matt motions to allow 8th grade trips to fly. Tammy 2nd. All in favor.
 - b) Linda motions to accept resignation of Tara Young. Tammy 2nd. All in favor.
 - c) Jan Delaney, unpaid leave time. She is having surgery and does not think she will exceed her accumulated sick time but wants approval to take unpaid leave if she needs more time. Phil motions to allow Jan Delaney to take up to 12 weeks of paid and unpaid leave. Linda 2nd. All in favor.

- d) School Choice Guidelines. Bev provided updated drafts. There was some discussion about whether the board can make a policy and guidelines that go into effect before School year 2021-22 because of the default articles of agreement. This may mean the application process won't start for a few years but families could still make a request and the board could use the policies and guidelines to make decisions. Bev will reach out to the agency to determine if our policy and guidelines go into effect before then. In the policy, it was suggested to add "the option to apply" instead of "option to enroll." Some discussion of whether parents may object to Westmore having unfettered choice while others need to apply. To address this, it was suggested to add to the policy that Westmore does not operate a school. In the guidelines, there was discussion about the priorities. The board wanted to remove teacher's children as a priority in part because it could create issues with employment agreements. There was discussion of adding geography since there are areas of towns that are much closer to some schools than the one in their town. There will be discussions of waitlists at the next meeting.
 - e) Irasburg Asphalt plant. At a recent meeting in Irasburg, parents were concerned about air quality in Irasburg school and would like the air quality in the school tested. There was concern about the board taking responsibility for things that it has no control over. Board would like Irasburg principal and Bev to do some research into state resources through either the Department of Health or Agency of Education for air monitoring.
- 8) Administrative Requests, Reports & Information (Discussion & Possible Action)
- a) 21C. Bev, Paul, and Kim went to a meeting to learn about the process of applying. A survey was distributed at parent/teacher conferences to gauge interest. The grant writer at Albany is also involved and she will be taking the lead. The application is expected to take up to 100 hours to complete.
- 9) Committee Reports
- a) OCSU Board
 - b) Facilities. There are lots of issues. Minutes are being taken and are on the OCSU website. There has been exploration of fire pond issues in Glover and it is not an imminent issue. There are heating issues at several schools. Irasburg has four doors that must be replaced and each door could cost up to \$5K. In Barton, Ruggles engineering has a proposal to to the engineering for the drainage issues at the school and supervising the process. Phil motions to accept the Ruggles proposal for up to \$4650. Tammy 2nd, All in favor. Orleans has some issues around the front steps and roof.
 - c) Negotiations. Principals are requesting to meet to go over topics for the next round.
- 10) Executive Session (if needed, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. sec. 313)
- a) Post Executive Session Action (if needed)
- 11) Future Agenda Items
- 12) Next Meeting (Discussion)
- a) October 28, 2019 – 6:00pm – Orleans Elementary School
 - b) November 4, 2019 – 6:00pm – Lake Region
- 13) Adjournment Tammy motions to adjourn at 8:13 pm. Linda 2nd. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Demaine