

ORLEANS CENTRAL SUPERVISORY UNION

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

January 11, 2021 - 6:00pm

Information to join the meeting:

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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: Amy Leroux, Neil Urie, Angelique Thomas, Phil Roberts, Megan Valley, Dan Demaine, Tabitha Armstrong, Linda Michniewicz, Josh Webber

Administrators Present: Bev Davis, Kelly Locke, Mike Moriarty, Jenna Lawrence, Heather Wright, Paul Simmons, Angelique Brown, Sherrie Gentry, Larry Fliegelman

Others Present: Donna Pion, Gerry Cahill, Bryanne Marquis

1. Call to Order 6:00 pm - Reminder that this meeting is being recorded.
2. Additions or Deletions to the Agenda One addition on Superintendent search.
3. Equity Updates. Mike updated on Coded Bias film study. It was attended by 10-12 teachers and included some not usually involved. Mike also shared that there is an In service this Friday that includes 5 different sessions on equity issues that teachers can sign up for. There was an equity team meeting today with discussion about the events in Washington last week. There was some discussion about how the issue has been handled in the schools.
4. Privilege of the Floor None
5. Consent Agenda (Action) Phil moved, Megan 2nd. All in favor.
 - a. Approve Minutes from Dec. 14, 2020
 - b. Approve Bills
 - c. Accept Financial Reports
 - d. Deaccession of laptop OESD05; Serial #: FVHYQ7QUJ1WK, Purchase date: 7/1/2019, Original cost: \$809
6. Business of the Board (Discussion and Possible Action)
 - a. Donna Pion – Tax Abatement. Ms. Pion came to discuss her overpayment of taxes due to an admitted error of the Barton lister. She believes that the EMS board is the appropriate venue to repay her overpayment because it received the proceeds of the overpayment. The

EMS board entered executive session at 6:30 pm to discuss this issue with the board attorney. Came out of executive at 7:02 pm. Phil motions to hear the tax abatement brought by Donna Pion. Angelique 2nd. None in favor, all opposed. Motion denied.

- b. Annual Meeting Warning. Lisa sent out an annual meeting warning. There was an error on the capital reserve because the intent is for all of the capital reserve to be raised from reserves anticipated from this fiscal year. Also, a date for an informational meeting needs to be set and should be included in the warning. Tabitha moved to approve the draft of the annual meeting warning. Josh 2nd. Tabitha moved to table her motion. All in favor.. Also a notice will be in this week's Chronicle notifying the public that candidates interested in running for open board seats should contact their town clerk by January 25.
 - c. Use of School Facilities for Town Meetings Dan motions to allow the use of school facilities for town meetings as long as state health and agency guidelines are followed. Tabitha 2nd. Some discussion about how the pandemic affects this issue. Roll call vote. Angelique Thomas yes, Dan Demaine yes, Linda no, Megan no, Neil no, Phil no, Tabitha yes. Josh no. Motion denied.
 - d. School Choice. The admin team put together another set of guidelines and need to be finalized and used. Board is fine with using guidelines as they are.
 - e. Review Financial Management Questionnaire. Phil motions to approve the financial management questionnaire and have board chair sign. Angelique 2nd. All in favor.
 - f. Families First Coronavirus Relief Act Expired. This act provided paid leave time for coronavirus related leave (ie quarantine). This expired on December 31. Bev recommends to allow teachers and staff to use sick and personal leave for these same issues going forward. Some discussion about whether to use some time limitation. Phil motions to allow EMS employees to use tier paid leave for quarantine for coronavirus. Tabitha 2nd. All in favor.
 - g. Long-term Sub Positions – Librarian, Middle School Humanities. Angelique motions to approve Frank Daigneault as a middle school humanities teacher beginning Jan. 19, 2021 at a rate of pay of \$212.32/day. Phil 2nd. All in favor. Phil motions to approve Theresa Peura as a long term substitute librarian in Irasburg and Orleans starting Jan 21 at a rate of pay of \$212.32/day. Angelique 2nd. All in favor, Dan Demaine recused.
 - h. Albany Board Member for LRUHS Board. Jen Mckenzie resigned as Albany representative for the Lake Region board. Someone has expressed interest but the board would like to make Albany residents aware of the opening.
 - i. Principal Contracts
 - i. Angelique motions to offer a three year contracts to Steve Owens and Sherrie Gentry. Neil 2nd. All in favor.
 - j. Superintendent Search. The committee is almost filled with Dave Blodgett chairing. Job was posted today on School Spring.
7. Administrative Requests, Reports & Information (Discussion & Possible Action)
- a. Superintendent's Report Barton and Orleans middle schools were fully remote last week due to lack of staff but are back in person this week. Orleans middle school had been hybrid for some time and is planning a return to in person soon. There is a chart on the OCSU website Covid section that shows the cases that have come in so far.
8. Committee Reports
- a. OCSU Board Some discussion of policy review. We paid VSBA to do a policy review and they went through all our policies to identify policies that should be added, revised or rescinded. This will start soon.
 - b. Negotiations. Support staff will start negotiations in February.

9. Executive Session (if needed, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. sec. 313) Entered at 6:30 to discuss two matters with our attorney. Came out at 7:02
 - a. Post Executive Session Action (if needed)
10. Future Agenda Items There will be a special board meeting next Tuesday which will be held in executive to address a discipline hearing. 8th grade field trip policy.
11. Adjournment Phil motions to adjourn at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Demaine

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