

PROPOSED
ONSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
December 18, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Keith Williams

Members Present: R.Tessier, A.Gast, K.Williams, J.Terakedis, D.VanBrunt, R.Reynolds

Members Absent: H.Ruttkofsky

Others Present: T.Aiken, J.Woods, J.Kelly, A.Strong, T.Comden, M.Davis, K.Henry, A.Ellison, T.Anderson, S.Head, K.Springer

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Williams. The Mission Statement was read by President Williams.

Motion by J.Terakedis to approve the agenda. Seconded by R.Reynolds. Motion Carried 6-0.

Motion by R.Tessier to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2023 Board Meeting. Seconded by J.Terakedis . Motion Carried 6-0.

Motion by A.Gast to approve the disbursements for the month of November 2023 in the amount of \$1,103,079.84. Seconded by R.Reynolds . Motion Carried 6-0.

Student Representative Report: Kaylee Rankin presented the following for her student report from the Middle School and High School. **Middle School:** Congratulations to the cheer team for winning their invitational this weekend and to our basketball teams for finishing a great season tonight. Congratulations to Heather Hildreth for being nominated as Len Connect's Amazing Teacher of the Month. The Robotics Team did wonderful at competition this last week and even had a team make it to the semi-finals in the 2nd bracket. Our students were so well-behaved and had amazing team spirit! Cheryl Westbrook received a \$375 grant from MEC for her art classes. Tony Aiken was recently selected as the LISD's Educator of the Week! We have had wonderful feedback from community members around this Hands-on Local History Class. We are proud of all of our teacher's contributions to our school and community! This week our 7th grade is learning all about reproductive education, so that's fun! After break we will start mid-year testing with NWEA for at-risk students and IXL for all. We are looking forward to seeing the gains our students are making. Our staff are working on PBIS behavior structures to roll out next year as we still work to improve our literacy and math practices. Mrs. Ellison will talk about that more in her board report.**HS:** This week the Students and staff are eagerly awaiting a well deserved Christmas break. We have decorated classroom doors, each class has decorated a Christmas tree in the Auditoria, and we are also doing a Christmas themed dress up week. The high school and middle school bands are prepping for their annual Christmas concert coming up on Wednesday at the high school as well. Winter sports are in full swing and we have already had many exciting competitions and successes so far. We will have our winter homecoming on February 2nd and the high school student council has started to plan the dance at the Adrian College Boathouse. When we return from break, our main focus will be on preparing for the end of the semester and final exams. Hard to believe the school year is almost half over! Also when we return from break seniors will be discussing end of the year celebration ideas with Mr. Wobrock.

Comments from the Audience: None

Reports - T.Comden and A.Ellison gave the Student of the Month reports for the HS and MS.

A.Ellison was joined by 3 middle school students to present the MS report. A.Ellison discussed fall stats on NWEA and IXL along with information about the BIT team, PBIS, Student Advisory Council and Early Warning Indicators. The students gave a presentation on the SEL learning that is taking place in the school and how they have utilized it and put it to work.

Motion by R.Tessier to acknowledge the hiring of Hannah Callahan- GSRP 3rd Person, Cassandra Thomas - Central Office/Payroll Clerk, Caitlin Peterson - Bus Driver Sub, Bradley McNew - HS Math Teacher. Seconded by A.Gast. Motion Carried 6-0.

Motion by D.Vanbrunt to accept with regret the resignations of Laura Hubbard - 5th Grade Teacher and Ruth Ford-Arnett - Para/Cook. Seconded by J.Terakedis . Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion was held on hiring a School Resource Officer full time in collaboration with Cambridge Township. The current resource officer is part time and is retiring at the beginning of the year. The Township has a new officer that is interested in becoming the SRO on a full time basis. There are safety grants that are available to cover this position. These monies are going to be continuing in the future.

Motion by D.VanBrunt Support by R.Reynolds to move hiring of a FT SRO to an action item. Motion Carried 6-0 Discussion item moved to Action Item 23-24 #31

Motion by R.Reynolds to approve the NEOLA Vol.38, No.1 Policy Update as presented. Policies/Bylaws include: Policy 1540- Administrative Staff Reduction/Recalls, Policy 2370.01- Online/Blended Learning Program, Policy 7217- Weapons, Policy 7540.03- Student Technology Acceptable Use and Safety, Policy 8305- Information Security, Policy 8531- Free and Reduced Price Meals. Seconded by D.VanBrunt Motion Carried 6-0.

Motion by A.Gast to approve the Chromebook and Charging Cart bids as presented for \$46,094.00. Seconded by R.Tessier . Motion carried 6-0.

Superintendent S.Head requested to have Action Item 23-24#30 Superintendent Evaluation moved to closed session at the end of the regular meeting.

Motion by J.Terakedis to approve the contract with Cambridge Township for School Resource Officer. Seconded R.Tessier. Motion Carried 6-0

Committee Reports: The Finance Committee met tonight to discuss Superintendent contract and SRO. The Policy Committee will be meeting on Thursday 12/21/23.

Superintendent's Report - Superintendent Head thanked R.Tessier, A.Gast and K.Williams for joining him at the Legislative Breakfast. A shout out to our food service crew this month! They do an amazing job every day with all the hard work that they do. The student count and school of choice numbers were presented. Mr. Head read his official retirement letter to the Board of Education effective June 30, 2024.

Board Member Comments:

R.Tessier - Thanks to the MS students and Alaina for their presentation. Thanks and appreciation to Steve for everything he has done. Happy Holidays.

A.Gast - A Thank you to Steve as a former teacher, coach and now serving on the board with you. The luncheon was great and the MS presentation was as well .

K.Williams - Thank you to the MS for the presentation. MS/HS Band Concert is Wednesday at 7:00 and is a great event if you can attend.

J.Terakedis- It is great to see the kids flourishing in the MS. Watching the MS kids being able to compete tonight on the HS court for basketball was great. It was one example of the many ways that Steve has made this a great place for our kids.

D.VanBrunt - It was nice to see the students being so positive tonight! Steve made it easy to be on the board and allowed us to do the job we were here to do.

R.Reynolds - Thank you to Mrs. Ellison for the presentation. Steve - It has been great working with you and thanks.

Motion by J.Teramedis to move into closed session at 8:21pm for the purpose of superintendent evaluation. Seconded by A.Gast Roll Call Vote - R.Tessier - Yes, A.Gast - Yes, K.Williams - Yes, J.Terakedis - Yes, D.VanBrunt - Yes, R.Reynolds - Yes

Meeting moved into closed session at 8:21 pm

Meeting reopened at 8:50 pm

Motion by A.Gast to rate Superintendent Head with a 3 year Highly Effective Rating and a one year contract extension. Seconded by J.Terakedis. Motion Carried 6-0.

Motion by D.VanBrunt to adjourn meeting at 8:53pm. Seconded by R.Reynolds.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm

David VanBrunt, Secretary
Board of Education
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