

PROPOSED MINUTES

ONSTED COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION CONFERENCE ROOM
December 18, 2017

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by President Gentner.

Members Present: K. Brooks, R. Curtis, T. Gentner, S. Robinson, J. Terakedis, D. VanBrunt, K. Williams.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: S. Head, D. McGee, A. Ellison, M. Davis, K. Ohrman, D. Jackson, H. Ruttkofsky.

President Gentner led the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Vision and Mission Statement.

Motion by Brooks to approve the minutes of the executive and regular session of the November 20, 2017 meeting of the Board of Education. Seconded by Robinson. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Curtis to approve the disbursements for the month of November 2017 in the amount of \$1,199,443.00. Seconded by Williams. Motion carried 7-0.

No Comments from the Audience.

Building Report: Derek Jackson shared information about the World Language trip scheduled for 2018-19 to Paris and Barcelona. French and Spanish classes will go, and it will be open to more students as well. Irena Tobar and Melissa Eddinger will chaperone. This experience will help students' college and job applications and could be offered for academic credit if there is enough interest.

Kevin Ohrman shared High School news including activities of band, choir, equations, Key Club, sock drive, Link program making praise journals, National Honor Society Toys for Tots drive, OAC field trips, Quiz Bowl and SADD, as well as the winter formal, tech team activities, and sports updates. Judge Noe presented to the students on texting and internet safety.

Students of the Month for Elementary, Middle School and High School were acknowledged.

Motion by Robinson to approve the request of Sarah Moorehead to extend maternity leave to full year. Seconded by Curtis. Motion carried 7-0.

Second Reading of NEOLA Policies was held, including Criminal History Record Checks, Admin/Staff Discipline, Prohibition of Schools to refer or assist students with abortions, Sex Education, and Student Seclusion/Restraint. This update also includes new policies in Technology as follows: Student Technology Acceptable Use, Staff Technology Acceptable Use, District-Issued E-Mail Accounts, and District Issued Student E-Mail Accounts.

Motion by Robinson to adopt the NEOLA Policies as noted above. Seconded by Brooks. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Curtis to support the School Finance Research Resolution. No second. Motion died. Resolution tabled.

Motion by Williams to adopt the MASB Governance Best Practices as presented the previous meeting. Seconded by Robinson. Motion carried 7-0.

Committee Reports: Finance Committee met on December 18, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. Fall student count down 15 students county-wide, with Onsted showing 72 fewer students than the fall of 2016-17. The budget is being affected by this student loss, and discussion was held regarding the 12% fund balance possibly being revised. The Board could change the percentage required or could change the policy wording to calculate the fund balance based on unrestricted revenues vs. audited expenditures. Discussion was also held about holding non-homestead election every five years as opposed to every year.

Superintendent Report: Superintendent Head shared the unaudited Schools of Choice numbers. Onsted Schools gained 268 students and lost 97 for a net gain of 171 students. This number includes 40 students from out of the county. Our overall student loss is a demographic issue, not a Schools of Choice issue.

Motion by Robinson to go into executive session at 8:27 p.m. for the purpose of Superintendent Evaluation. Seconded by Brooks. Roll call vote: Williams – yes, Brooks – yes, Curtis – yes, Gentner – yes, Terakedis – yes, VanBrunt – yes, Robinson – yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Regular meeting opened at 9:35 p.m.

Motion by Curtis to rate Superintendent Head as Effective. Seconded by Robinson. Motion carried 7-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.

Kevin Brooks, Secretary
Board of Education
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