

**OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2020**

MINUTES

The Oglala Lakota County School Board held a special meeting on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at the Batesland School Board Meeting Room. Purpose of the meeting was to review and consider approval of September, 2020 financials and consider the request to open school buildings for election/voting purposes. School Board President DeCory called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Members present: Laticia DeCory, President (zoom)
Debbie Blue Bird, Vice-President (zoom)
Todd O'Bryan, Board Member (zoom)
Chuck Conroy, Board Member
Tom Conroy, Board Member

Others present: Dr. Anthony Fairbanks, Superintendent
Jesse Trueblood, Director of Security
Rita Moran, Security Officer
Cindy Keegan, Special Education Director
Mark Donovan, School Social Worker
Patti Nelson, Executive Assistant

Zoom attendance:
Connie Kaltenbach, Dir of Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment
Sophia Conroy, Business Manager
Lora Catches, Director of Lakota Studies
Julia Yellow Cloud, Food Service Director
Jennifer Sierra, Rockyford Principal
Ray Rothe, Rockyford Principal
Robert Sullivan, Director of Technology
Melvin Sierra, Virtual High School Principal
Stephanie Eisenmenger, Lakota Tech H.S. Principal
Yamni Jack, Lakota Tech High School Activities Director
Mary Jo Fairhead, Batesland Principal
Darrell Eagle Bull, Wolf Creek Principal
Melissa Iron Cloud, Wolf Creek Principal
Danielle Walking Eagle, Director of Federal Programs
Beverly Bertram, Wolf Creek Rtl Coach/OLCEA President
Allen Ecoffey, Wolf Creek Aide/Bus Driver/ OLCCEA President

James Knutson, Lakota Tech Athletic Director
Yamni Jack, Lakota Tech Activities Director
Joey Vrooman, Casey Peterson & Associates

All actions recorded in these minutes were by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.

0500. Approval of Agenda

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by C. Conroy to approve the agenda, as presented.
Motion carried. (Attachment A)

0501. Conflict of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest reported by school board members.

0502. Citizens

Mark Donovan, Superintendent of the Batesland Precinct Election Board for the state of South Dakota was in attendance in regard to the upcoming November 3, 2020 election.

The Election Board respectfully requested the use of the Batesland C. Bear Gym and the Red Shirt School gymnasium to serve as polling places for the November 3, 2020 general election. Mr. Donovan outlined, in detail, the precautionary measures the board has taken to keep voters and election workers safe, including social distancing, providing masks when needed and offering hand sanitizer.

Mr. Donovan also made public the fact that early voting is currently underway at the Sacred Heart Church in Pine Ridge through Monday, November 1, 2020, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. each week-day.

The OST Election Committee also provided a written request to utilize the Red Shirt School gym for election purposes; however, provided no precautionary plan to keep voters safe from the virus. The committee had no representative present.

0503. Monthly Disbursements

The Business Manager provided detail in regard to the monthly disbursements.

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded to approve the Motion carried,

0504. Monthly Financial Report

The Business Manager and Joey Vrooman, Consultant, provided detailed explanation of the monthly financial reports.

0505. FY 2021 Budget Review

The Business Manager and School Board members reviewed the proposed draft budget for 2021.

0506. Executive Session

Motion by T. Conroy, seconded by O'Bryan to go into executive session at 4:01 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Conroy, seconded by O'Bryan to end executive session at 4:57 p.m. and reconvened into regular session.

0507. Personnel

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by C. Conroy to approve personnel recommendations, as submitted, as follows: Joni Sasse, special service agreement to provide special education instruction in the amount of \$265.00 per day, 3 days per week, as submitted by Cindy Keegan, Special Education Director. Motion carried.

0508. Monthly Disbursements

Motion by T. Conroy, seconded by Blue Bird to approve disbursements, as submitted. Motion carried. (Attachment C)

0509. Monthly Financial Report

Motion by C. Conroy, seconded by Blue Bird to approve the monthly financial reports. Motion carried. (Attachment D)

0510. FY 2021 Budget

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Blue Bird to approve the FY2021 school district budget, as presented by the Business Manager. Motion carried. (Attachment E)

0511. Hazard Pay Recommendation

Motion by T. Conroy, seconded by C. Conroy to approve hazard pay in the amount of an additional \$10.00 per hour for essential staff, effective during the school district being in remote status, due to COVID 19. Motion carried.

0512. Batesland Gym Usage

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by T. Conroy to approve the request from the Batesland Election Board to use the C. Bear gym at Batesland School and the Red Shirt School gym on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 for election purposes. Approval was based on the fact that the Election Board submitted the appropriate information to the School Board, and they will conduct the day implementing safety measures regarding their COVID Precautionary Plan. Motion carried.

0513. Red Shirt Gym Usage

Motion by Blue Bird, seconded by C. Conroy to approve use of Red Shirt gym for the Oglala Sioux Tribal Election on October 13, 2020 and November 3, 2020; contingent upon the Election Board submitting a COVID Precautionary Plan to the Red Shirt School Principal(s) and Administration/Superintendent. Such documentation must be submitted by Wednesday, October 7, 2020. Motion carried.

0514. Adjournment

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Blue Bird to adjourn the meeting at 5:04 p.m. Motion carried.

Signed _____
Sophia Conroy, Business Manager

Approved by the School Board on the 27th day of October, 2020.

Signed _____
Laticia DeCory, President