

OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, September 29, 2022

MINUTES

The Oglala Lakota County School Board held regular monthly School Board Meeting “B” on Thursday, September 29, 2022, at Batesland, South Dakota. School Board President Bryan V. Brewer called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Members present: Bryan V. Brewer, President
 Robert Two Crow, Vice President
 Debbie Blue Bird, 2nd Vice President
 Andrea Eagle Bull
 Chuck Conroy

Others present: Connie Kaltenbach, Superintendent
 Anne Eagle Bull, Director of Human Resources
 Sophia Conroy, Business Manager
 Corey Yellow Boy, Lakota Studies Director
 J.L. Trueblood, Security Director
 Laticia DeCory, Health & Wellness Director
 Rianna Albers, Batesland School Principal
 Thomas Cottier, Technology Director
 Julia Yellow Cloud, Food Service Director
 Brian O’Connor, Red Shirt Principal
 Cindy Keegan, Special Education Director
 Melissa Iron Cloud, Wolf Creek Principal
 Darrin Merrival, Wolf Creek Assistant Principal
 Chanda Spotted Eagle, Lakota Tech High School Principal
 Johaunna Dreamer, Federal Programs Director
 Saunie Kay Wilson, Wolf Creek Dean of Students
 Ray Rothe, Curriculum Director
 Patti Nelson, Administrative Assistant
 John Neisner, Scull Construction
 Jake Lossett, Scull Construction
 Jake Schlukebier, Scull Construction
 Wendell Yellow Bull, Community Member

Zoom Attendance:

Melvin Sierra, Virtual High School Principal; Jennifer Sierra, Rockyford Principal
Misty Brave, Rockyford Asst. Principal; Darrell Eagle Bull, Project Director; Alberta Wright,
Lakota Tech Assistant Principal; Nora Blue Bird, Assistant Business Manager; Monica Knuppe,
Yamni Jack, Devona Pourier, Lucy Vocu, Christine O’Donnell

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

0522. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Eagle Bull, seconded by Blue Bird to approve the Agenda, as presented. Motion carried unanimously. (Board members Conroy and Two Crow not present) (Attachment A)

0523. Conflicts of Interest

Superintendent Connie Kaltenbach reported no conflicts of interest.

0524. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Eagle Bull, seconded by Blue Bird to approve minutes of September 15, 2022 Regular School Board Meeting "A" (Board members Conroy and Two Crow not present). Motion carried unanimously.

0525. Reports

(Board members Conroy and Two Crow present remainder of the meeting)

Lakota Tech High School Principal, Chanda Spotted Eagle, provided a verbal report to the School Board in regard to exciting and unique opportunities the CTE pathways are providing for students. This would enable them to move directly into the workforce, having the knowledge and experience in career skills, following graduation.

She also provided information in regard to the teaching staff vacancies and avenues high school administration is taking to alleviate the shortage. Elementary School Principals also provided updates in regard to student enrollment.

0526. Citizens

There was one citizen in attendance requesting to address the School Board.

0527. Construction Updates/Pay Apps

Motion by Two Crow, seconded by Conroy to approve all Pay Apps, as submitted, in addition to the A133 for the football field, as submitted by representatives of Scull Construction. Motion carried unanimously. (Attachments B)

- Scull Housing Pay Application #10 for \$755,293.58
- Scull Wolf Creek Cafeteria Pay Application #5 for \$331,355.33
- Scull Lakota Tech Pay Application #3 for \$364,108.56
- COOP Master #3548 for \$6,000
- COOP CTE #3549 for \$12,000
- COOP Wolf Creek Kitchen #3550 for \$6,500
- Colliers for \$30,458.59
- KLJ – Water Tank – 10174961 for \$82,768.14
- Builders Risk Insurance

- Approve and sign to bind coverage for Lakota Tech - \$17,468 and Wolf Creek \$10,535

0528. Executive Session

Motion by Eagle Bull, seconded by Conroy to go into Executive Session in accordance with Codified Law 125-2 Section 2, at 5:01 p.m. Motion carried.

President Brewer declared executive session ended at 5:50 p.m. and reconvened into regular session.

0529. Policies

Superintendent Kaltenbach presented Policy number 7.12: Staff Conduct Policy for the School Board's review. This policy will be presented for the second reading and approval at the Oct. 13, 2022 School Board Meeting "A".

0530. Financial Report & Expenditures

Business Manager Sophia Conroy presented the financial report and expenditures. Motion by Eagle Bull, seconded by Two Crow to approve the financial report and expenditures, as submitted by the business office. Motion carried unanimously. (Attach C)

0531. Vehicle Mileage Rate Adjustment

Motion by Two Crow, seconded by Blue Bird to approve increasing the mileage reimbursement rate, in accordance with the increase in the state of South Dakota's mileage reimbursement rate. Rates will increase to \$0.51 per mile for the high mileage rate (wherein no school vehicle is available, therefore, employee drives their personal vehicle). In addition, establishing the low mileage rate at \$0.28 per mile (wherein a school vehicle is available, however, employee chooses to drive their personal vehicle). Motion carried unanimously.

0532. Tele-Medicine Behavior & Nursing Plan

Health and Wellness Director, Laticia DeCory, presented a one-year contract with Avera for Tele-Medicine Services for students related to school health.

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Two Crow to authorize administration to enter into an agreement with Avel e-Care Medical Group, which would provide mental and physical health counseling services through the tele-medicine program (based upon and to include Batesland School, pending insurance approval). Motion carried unanimously. (Attachment D)

0533. Appoint School Board Delegate

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Two Crow to appoint Board Member Bryan Brewer, School Board President, to attend and represent the Oglala Lakota County School Board, at the Associated School Boards of South Dakota Delegate Assembly in Pierre on November 18, 2022. Motion carried unanimously. (Attachment E)

0534. Rockyford School Survey

Motion by Eagle Bull, seconded by Two Crow to grant permission to the Tri-Ethnic Center for Prevention Research, sponsored by Colorado State University, to conduct a completely anonymous on-line survey with 6th through 8th grade students at Rockyford School and any other district schools, regarding substance use. Motion carried, three voted yes, Conroy and Blue Bird voted no. (Attachment F)

0535. Girls' Society

Saunie Wilson, Wolf Creek Dean of Students, and Melissa Iron Cloud, Principal of Wolf Creek School, presented the concept of establishing a Girls' Society. The Society could initially assist approximately twelve to fourteen 8th grade student girls, for the purpose of providing talking-circle time and counseling services. Cost for this program would be \$5,000.00 for a sixteen-week period, September through May of the 2022-23 school year. Motion by Conroy, seconded by Eagle Bull to approve. Motion carried, four voted yes, Blue Bird not voting. (Attachment G)

0536. Executive Session

Motion by Eagle Bull, seconded by Conroy to go into executive session at 7:29 p.m. to discuss personnel, in accordance with SDCL 1-25-#1. Motion carried unanimously. President Brewer declared executive session ended at 8:28 p.m. and reconvened into regular session.

0537. Personnel Recommendations

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Eagle Bull to approve Personnel Recommendations. Motion carried, four voted yes, Two Crow voted no. (Attachment H)

0538. Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda items were presented, as listed:

1. October Regular School Board Meeting "A" will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2022 beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Batesland Board Room.
2. October School Board Meeting "B" will be held on Thursday, October 27, 2022 beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Batesland Board Room.
3. October 15, 2022 designated for the School Board Goal-Setting Work Session, Deadwood, South Dakota.

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Two Crow to approve the Consent Agenda items, as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

0539. Adjournment

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Eagle Bull to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Signed: _____
Sophia Conroy, Business Manager

Approved by the School Board on the 13th day of October, 2022.

Signed: _____
Bryan Brewer, President