

**OXFORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 358**  
**OXFORD, KANSAS**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

- MEMBERS PRESENT** Alfred Neises, Dorinda Neises, Nicholas Ruyle, and Derek Totten. Phillip Rush and Justin Shepherd were absent.
- OTHERS PRESENT** Dr. Cathi Wilson, Superintendent; Kristina Houser, Board Clerk; Terri Wiseman, Principal; and Chris Hanney, Hanney and Associates.
- CALL TO ORDER** Derek Totten, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- ADOPT THE AGENDA** Dr. Wilson asked to add 2.9, Symmetry Energy Bill; add 3.7 Accept Donation; and add Veronica McClamy to 3.3 Summer Maintenance. Alfred Neises made a **motion** to adopt the amended agenda and Nicholas Ruyle **seconded** this motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**
- RECOGNIZE GUESTS** Derek Totten welcomed Chris Hanney was in attendance to give a bond project update.
- DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**
- Mr. Hanney and Dr. Wilson provided updates on the current bond project. Last Friday they put together the final punch list for the auditorium and Lobby 500. Next Friday they will put together the final punch list for the High School FEMA shelter. The intercom issues have been fixed and they are currently working on repairing the LED control board in the Elementary Library. Dr. Wilson had Garland come assess all roof leak issues and give a 3<sup>rd</sup> party opinion on what the causes may be. As of right now the construction crew is still working on the roofing issues. Most of the bond project should be complete by the end of April. The board looked over drawings of the band room and reviewed remodeling options. Mr. Hanney will request a price from Harman and Huffman.
- Mr. Hanney presented two bids that were received for the 5/6 building removal. Nicholas Ruyle made a **motion** to approve G&G Dozer Company's bid in the amount of \$84,800. Alfred Neises **seconded** the motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**
- Dr. Wilson reviewed Oxford's current COVID procedures and 3 options to change the current COVID Mitigation Protocols. After

much discussion Dorinda Neises made a **motion** to approve Option 3, transition to full mask phase out which would make mask for students and staff recommended but not required. Nicholas Ruyle **seconded** the motion. **Motion failed 3-1 (Alfred Neises opposed).**

Dr. Cathi Wilson informed the board that due to receiving new information today the elementary staff will come next month instead to present a possible English Language Arts curriculum for grades K-6.

Dr. Wilson presented an updated daycare handbook and contract. It will be brought back next month after next year's school calendar is approved.

Nicholas Ruyle made a **motion** to approve the K-12 Assistant Principal job description as presented. Alfred Neises **seconded** the motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Ms. Wiseman reported that state testing has begun in the elementary and they will continue over the next few weeks. Virtual students were on campus last week to complete their state assessments. Thursday there is a Site Council meeting and on May 19<sup>th</sup> is Field Day at the Elementary.

Dr. Cathi Wilson informed the board that there is a Site Council meeting on Thursday at 11:45 am. Purple Wave was out today and took pictures of furniture to be sold out of the 5/6 building. Gary Johnson and Thane Buss have been moving trees to line the back of the baseball field. The Catlin Family has approached Dr. Wilson about donating shade trees for Champeny Field in memory of Harry Catlin. They will wait until the warm season is over. There is a Junior High Track Meet here tomorrow. This year is the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Oxford and it will be celebrated at Watermelon Feed. Dr. Wilson is on the committee and invites anyone who wants to join. The City and Oxford Chamber have joined forces and are offering businesses to purchase banners to be put on the light poles up town. The school will purchase 3 to represent the Elementary, JH/HS, and Virtual school. The Middle School Music students will be recording on April 21<sup>st</sup> for contest. All music contest this year have been recorded and sent for ratings. 619 has decided not to put a structured classroom in Oxford next year and is looking at partnering with Wellington. Representative Rhiley and Senator Alley visited today and walked around the campus. Graduation will be May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm. On May 12<sup>th</sup> seniors will wear

their caps and gowns and parade through the elementary. After the parade there will be a scholarship awards ceremony in the auditorium for student's family and upper classmen. Baccalaureate will be in the auditorium in the evening of May 12<sup>th</sup>. The stage curtains in the 5/6 building were tested and did not contain asbestos so the middle section can be saved and displayed. April 5<sup>th</sup>'s KESA visit went really well. The teams review has been sent to ARC and will be reviewed for accreditation. Seniors will have exit interview on May 4, 5, and 6. After the Fire Marshall's visit it was found that the high schools sprinklers need updated. Dr. Wilson had 3 companies out and has decided to go with Myers Automatic Fire Protection. They will send the Fire Marshall's office a report showing that the sprinkler requirement has been completed.

**Interlocal 619:** Dorinda Neises reported that the Sumner County Academy still has 2 new students and possibly 1 more in the near future. They approved PDC points and bills and the financial reports looked great. They are looking into putting the functional classroom at Sumner County Academy. In order to do that they would move the offices so they are looking at remodeling a building they currently own. They 619 board renewed Mr. Mages contract and suspended an employee with pay.

**Orion:** Alfred Neises reported that they accepted Sherry Barrier's retirement and paid the bills.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Dr. Wilson reviewed the current Symmetry Energy Bill that came in 6 times more than the usual price. The district can either pay the bill in full for a 5% discount, pay in full over the next 6 months but would incur interest, or join and invest in legal action through KJUMP. The board asked for more information on the districts contract with KJUMP and Symmetry.

Nicholas Ruyle made a **motion** to approve the additional warrants as presented. Alfred Neises **seconded** the motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

Nicholas Ruyle made a **motion** to approve the 2021-22 School Calendar as presented. Alfred Neises **seconded** the motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

Nicholas Ruyle made a **motion** to approve Kyle Westerman, Kelsey Carpenter, Cody Morris, Randi Carpenter, Kim Mitchell and Veronica McClamy for summer maintenance and Josh Sipes for summer

technology. Alfred Neises **seconded** the motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

Dr. Wilson presented a worksheet for Summer School and options that parents can make for their students. After she has a Summer School enrollment total she will bring back Summer School staff members for approval.

Dorinda Neises made a **motion** to approve the following routine personnel: Kathy Sutton-retirement-effective June 1, 2021; Misti Johnson-resignation at the end of the 2020-21 school year; Erin Floyd-resignation at the end of the 2020-21 school year; Morgan White-transfer to 1<sup>st</sup> grade for the 2021-22 school year; Robin LeGrand-transfer to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade for the 2021-22 school year; Stephanie Moberly-transfer to 4<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2021-22 school year; Samantha Richmond-new 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for the 2021-22 school year; Taya' Buchanan-new 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher for the 2021-22 school year; Ashley Bugbee-K-12 assistant principal for the 2021-22 school year; Karissa Whitson-substitute custodian effective March 31, 2021; and Zach Cooper-Driver's Ed. Teacher effective July 2021. Nicholas Ruyle **seconded** the motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

Nicholas Ruyle made a **motion** to approve Katlyn Avritt's tuition reimbursement request in the amount \$600 and Kyle Westerman's tuition reimbursement request in the amount of \$300. Alfred Neises **seconded** the motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

Michael Slack won the Sumner County America's Farmers Grow Communities donation to direct to a local nonprofit organization and he chose Oxford FFA. Dorinda Neises made a **motion** to approve the donation in the amount of \$2,500 for Oxford FFA. Derek Totten **seconded** the motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Nicholas Ruyle made a **motion** to approve the consent agenda as presented that included April payroll and warrants; minutes from the special meeting March 1, 2021; minutes from the regular meeting on March 8, 2021 and minutes from the special meeting on March 1, 2021; accept the high school activities report; accept the elementary petty cash report; accept the budget reports; and accept the daycare report. Alfred Neises **seconded** the motion. **Motion approved 4-0.**

**ADJOURN**

Derek Totten adjourned the meeting at 9:59 pm

Next meeting: Regular Meeting May 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

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President

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Clerk