

OSCEOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT#1 BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting

Osceola High School Cafeteria

August 10, 2020

6:00 p.m.

Present: Jacqueline Baker (attended remotely), Kristain Dedmon, James Baker, Michael Ephlin

Absent: Torian Bell, Ollie Collins and Denise Williams

Others present: Alfred Hogan, Superintendent
Dr. Toriano Green, Assistant Superintendent
Jeanette Walker, Board Recorder
Samantha Tippy, District Treasurer
Christel Smith, STEM Principal
Toshiba Pugh, High School Principal
Sammy Young
Marvell Carr, SRO

1. Michael Ephlin called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. James Baker offered invocation.
3. Jeanette Walker called the roll and a quorum was declared.
4. Motion Kristain Dedmon, seconded by James Baker to approve the July Minutes. Motion passed 5-0.
5. Motion James Baker, seconded by Kristain Dedmon to adjust the Timed Agenda to 6:05 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.
6. Michael Ephlin presented the Financial Reports. Samantha Tippy stated that there are some negative balances on the report but that's because the budget is not done yet so we are not in the negative. We should get our Big River Steel pilot money soon so that will hold us until our federal money comes in. Mrs. Tippy stated that as you go through the list of bills we didn't have as much but as we get ready to go back to school it may go up. Mr. Hogan stated that it shouldn't be that much with some students going virtual and some in in class. The law says we have to give K-6 classroom teachers \$500 for classroom supplies but we are going to relax it and do half of it now and wait until October or November to spend the other half if our number go up We don't have to provide money for 7-12 classroom teachers but we do give them money but this year we will give the new teachers and first year classroom teachers \$100 for supplies and if they need something later in the year and can justify it then we may do that. Motion Jacqueline Baker, seconded by James Baker to approve the financial reports as presented. Motion passed 5-0.
7. Michael Ephlin presented the list of bills. Motion James Baker, seconded by Jacqueline Baker to approve the list of bills as presented. Motion passed 5-0.

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8. Mr. Hogan stated that more information came out from Ivy Pfeffer on the FMLA and we are going to have to give staff ten more days if they tested positive or waiting to get tested but there's a process they have to go through so we will have some interruptive teaching. We have been meeting weekly and sometimes twice a week, we put information in the newspaper on our website and on our Facebook page about virtual and face to face learning. We extended the time to sign up for virtual learning and we kept extending it. We have about 470 students signed up for virtual. We even started telling parents they can go to their child's school and sign them up so we've done a lot to inform our parents and public and we entrusted our principals and other staff members to help get the information to the students and parents.

Mrs. Dedmon asked about the ASBA COVID workshop. Mr. Hogan stated he and Dr. Green will attend that. Dr. Green stated that we have reached out to Life Strategies and Families Inc. to see if they can come onsite to help with mental health assistance.

Michael Ephlin ask how many students will be virtual verses onsite. Dr. Green stated we have about 40 percent virtual and 60 percent onsite and it's steadily growing. We are using Virtual Arkansas and Lincoln Learning. Most of our teachers wanted to be responsible their kids. Our high school teachers will have a block of time to help virtual. This allows us to do very similar pacing and do the same activities so we can pivot back and forth. Students can come back if they need to or want to at any time. Students and parents can email teachers if they need help.

Michael Ephlin asked if football will start when it's supposed to start. Mr. Hogan stated that right now it's supposed to but that might change. We cancelled our scrimmage game and right now we are looking at just having a conference schedule but we will not open concession stands.

Executive Session was held from 6:31 p.m. – 6:38 p.m. with no action taken.

9. Michael Ephlin presented the personnel Report.

Motion Kristain Dedmon, seconded by James Baker to hire the certified personnel as listed.
Motion passed 5-0.

Robyn Green, High School English
Jennifer Young, High School History
Todd Taylor, High School Counselor
Veronica Gavin, LEA Supervisor
Tre'Quita Smith, Math Interventionist
Morganne Rhodes Cornelious, 9th Grade English
Sheena Williams, 7th Grade math
Jameta Hill, High School CTE
Jaron Snyder, 6th grade Science

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Motion Jacqueline Baker, seconded by James Baker to hire the non-certified personnel as listed.
Motion passed 5-0.

Rueben Jones, SPED Para at North
Rhonda Carter, SPED Para at STEM
Brianna Thomas, CSE Administrative Assistant

Motion Kristain Dedmon, seconded by Jacqueline Baker accept the resignations as listed.
Motion passed 5-0

Annette James, OHS CTE
Sheila Griffin, OHS Cafeteria Manager

10. Motion James Baker, seconded by Kristain Dedmon to adjourn. Motion passed 6-0
6:41 p.m.

(Signed) Jacqueline Baker, President

(Signed) Torian Bell, Secretary