

**OSCEOLA SCHOOL DISTRICT#1 BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Regular Meeting  
Osceola Jr. High Building  
June 14, 2021  
6:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Jacqueline Baker, James Baker, Torian Bell, Ollie Collins, Kristain Dedmon, Kristie Hopper and Denise Williams

Member(s) Absent: None

Others present: Alfred Hogan, Superintendent  
Dr. Toriano Green, Assistant Superintendent  
Samantha Tippy, District Treasurer  
Jeanette Walker, Board Recorder  
Marvell Carr, School Resource Officer  
Michael Ephlin

1. Jacqueline Baker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Alfred Hogan offered invocation.
3. Jeanette Walker called the roll and a quorum was declared.
4. The Board recited the District Vision and Mission statement.
5. Motion James Baker, seconded by Torian Bell to approve the May Meeting Minutes. Motion passed 7-0.
6. Mr. Hogan and Jacqueline Baker presented Michael Ephlin with a plaque in appreciation for his years of service on the Osceola School Board of Education. Mr. Ephlin stated that we have a great school board and it has been an honor to serve and a great experience. He thanked the school board and expressed appreciation to the community for allowing him to serve. Mr. Hogan then welcomed new school board member Kristie Hopper.
7. Michael Ephlin in his last act as school board member made the recommendation to adjust the Timed Agenda to 6:09 p.m. and James Baker seconded the recommendation. Passed 7-0.
8. Mr. Hogan stated that since we've had an election the Board has to elect officers and called for nominations for School Board President.

Kristain Dedmon nominated Jacqueline Baker as President. Torian Bell seconded the nomination. With no other nominations presented, Mr. Hogan called for a vote. The nomination passed 7-0.

Jacqueline Baker called for nominations for Vice-president. Torian Bell nominated Kristain Dedmon for Vice-president. Denise Williams seconded the nomination. With no other nominations presented, Jacqueline Baker called for a vote. The nomination passed 7-0.

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Jacqueline Baker nominated Torian Bell as Secretary. Kristain Dedmon seconded the nomination. With no other nominations presented, Jacqueline Baker called for a vote. The nomination passed 7-0.

9. Jacqueline Baker introduced the Financial Reports. Mr. Hogan stated that we are working on getting everything in before we close out the school year. Mrs. Tippy stated that we have to be careful with what we spend because our federal money won't come in until September. Motion Denise Williams, seconded by Kristain Dedmon to approve the financial reports. Motion passed 7-0.
10. Jacqueline Baker presented the list of bills. Mr. Hogan stated that sometimes invoices are late coming in and some vendors are late cashing checks so we are trying to get everything paid by the end of the month. Some of the ice storm damage bills that we have to pay are coming in now. Motion Torian Bell, seconded by Denise Williams to approve the list of bills. Motion passed 7-0.
11. Mr. Hogan asked Jeanette Walker to discuss the policy updates. Mrs. Walker stated that last month you were given a copy of the ASBA policy updates that came out in February and the new policy for the Student Handbook and those will need Board action tonight. I have also given you a summary of the May ASBA policy updates and I will email those policies to you. These will require Board action next month. Motion James Baker, seconded by Torian Bell to approve the February ASBA Policy updates and the Student Handbook updates. Motion passed 7-0.
12. Dr. Green stated that we received a 21<sup>st</sup> Century grant in the amount of \$150,000.00 for after school and summer programs at Middle School. We also received a No Hungry Kids cafeteria grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 and we will use that to update the Middle School and High School cafeteria with scanner to track food service. Our Smart Start Sumer School program started today and we had 120 students.

In the Superintendent's report, Mr. Hogan updated the Board on the number of students transferring out under school choice. There were a total of 27 school choice applications. Twelve of those students were attending school here. We did not have any students transferring in under school choice.

The New School Board Member conference will be held June 17 but it's for any school board member so contact Debbie Hale if you want to attend.

We haven't updated the amounts we pay for meals when we have people traveling so we checked with other districts to find out what they pay for meals when board members, staff and students travel. Dr. Green will present some updated amounts to the Board next month.

We still pay 42 cents per mile when the Board and staff travel. The state also pays 42 cents per mile but some districts pay more so Dr. Green will look at this and present it to the Board next month.

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Mr. Hogan stated that since Mrs. Walker will retire after this next school year we need to post her position and get someone in to start training before October.

Mrs. Tippy stated that Mr. Hogan and Michael Ephlin are on the primary account at the bank and with Mr. Hogan retiring and Michael Ephlin no longer on the school board, we need to update the signatures at the bank. The Board will need to decide which board member will be on the account and sign checks. Mrs. Tippy also stated that the schools have an activity account which also has Mr. Hogan on the account along with the principal and secretary of each campus so we will need to remove Mr. Hogan and add Dr. Green, remove Phyllis Davenport who is retiring and add Garica Ramsey and remove Carla Williams and add Brianna Thomas. Ollie Collins nominated Torian Bell to be added to the bank signature card. Jacqueline Baker seconded the nomination and it passed 7-0.

Mr. Hogan stated we got our Act 1240 waiver through the co-op in 2015 and then the next year I went to the State Board and was granted a three year waiver which expires June 30 this year. He stated that with this waiver we can get people with college degrees to teach while working on certification. Dr. Green stated that we have about seven teachers who are one test away from getting certified and we have three teachers who have come off the waiver and are certified. We meet regularly with the waiver teachers with myself, Mrs. Walker and Mr. Hogan and we get the co-op here to meet with them to help with their licensure plan and for mentoring and those teachers are staying with us because they are local. To apply for the waiver, the Board has to pass a resolution. Jacqueline Baker introduced the Resolution of the Osceola School District Board of Education. Motion Torian Bell, seconded by Kristain Dedmon to approve the Resolution. Motion passed 7-0.

13. Executive Session was called at 6:47 p.m. and ended at 7:09 p.m. with no action taken.
12. Jacqueline Baker read the list of openings we have for the 2021-2022 school year and presented personnel report. Motion Ollie Collins, seconded by Kristain Dedmon to hire the certified staff as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

Pam Bradley, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math  
Renita Courtney, High School English  
Terika Guy, North Counselor  
Cassandra McCauley, High School English  
Marvin Mosby, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Literacy  
Wayne Tillman, Agriculture

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Motion Ollie Collins, seconded by Kristain Dedmon to hire the non- certified staff as presented for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion passed 7-0.

Rhonda Carter, Middle School Counseling Secretary  
April Hammock, North Cafeteria  
Samantha Tippy, School Board Recorder

Motion Ollie Collins, seconded by Torian Bell to approve the transfers as presented. Motion passed 7-0.

Taneisha Baker from 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade  
Kaneisha Devers, Para Pro from Self-contained to Special Ed.  
Teana Edmondson, Para Pro from North to CSE  
Donna Percifull from 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade to Librarian at CSE

Motion Ollie Collins, seconded by James Baker to accept the resignations as listed. Motion passed 7-0.

Daniel Andreadis, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Literacy and Football Coach  
Jeremy Bryan, High School Social Studies  
Morganne Cornelious, 9<sup>th</sup> Grade English  
Virginia Freemyer, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA  
Ty Gibson, 10<sup>th</sup> Grade English  
Tevin Howard, PE at CSE & North/Asst. FB/BB Coach  
Lisa Sanderock, Special Education  
Jennifer Williams, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Todd Taylor, High School Counselor

13. Motion James Baker seconded by Ollie Collins to adjourn. Motion passed 7-0. 7:14 p.m.

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(Signed) Jacqueline Baker, President

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(Signed) Torian Bell, Secretary