

**OGLALA LAKOTA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021
BATESLAND, SOUTH DAKOTA**

MINUTES

The Oglala Lakota County School Board held their regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 25, 2021 at the Batesland Board Room, Batesland, South Dakota. President Debbie Blue Bird called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Members present: Ms. Debbie Blue Bird, President
 Mr. Todd O'Bryan, Vice President
 Mr. Chuck Conroy
 Mr. Robert Two Crow
 Laticia DeCory

Others present: Dr. Anthony Fairbanks, Superintendent
 Sophia Conroy, Business Manager
 Anne Eagle Bull, Human Resource Director
 Robert Sullivan, Technology Director
 Dr. Justin Conroy, Lakota Tech High School Principal
 John Long, Lakota Tech High School
 Leonard "Yamni" Jack, Lakota Tech Activities Director
 Rianna Albers, Batesland Principal
 Connie Kaltenbach, Director of Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment
 Patti Nelson, Administrative Assistant
 Tobin Morris, Financial Construction Consultant
 J.L. Trueblood, Director of Security
 Pigeon Big Crow, OST Child Care
 Toni Morton, OLCSD Parent/Community Member
 Norma Rendon, OLCSD Grandparent/Community Member

Zoom Attendance:

Melissa Iron Cloud, Wolf Creek Principal; Alicia Stolley, Wolf Creek Principal; Ray Rothe, Rockyford Principal; Dr. Jennifer Sierra, Rockyford Principal; Darrell Eagle Bull, Project Director; Cindy Keegan, Special Education Director; Melvin Sierra, Virtual High School Principal; Brian O'Connor, Red Shirt Principal; Ray Rothe, Rockyford Principal; Robert Sullivan, Technology Director; Julia Yellow Cloud, Food Service Director; Beverly Bertram, Wolf Creek Teacher/OLCEA President; Lora Catches, Lakota Studies Director, LeeVi Big Crow, Devona Pourier, Tanisha Pourier, Devin Pfaff, Casey Peterson & Associates; Deb Black Crow, Leslie Theurer, Marlin Kingi; Shae Heiting, Stephen Springer, Mike Hickey, School Attorney, Nora Blue Bird, Assistant Business Manager; Johaunna Dreamer, Federal Programs Director; Eileen Janis; Yvonne DeCory; Connor Moynihan; Shawna Runnels; Dori Deines; Aaron Miller; Laura Big Crow; Vincent; Triston; Tess; Joyce; Tyson Mills; Kenneth Keith

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

0174. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Two Crow, seconded by Conroy to approve the Agenda. Motion carried unanimously. (Attachment A)

0175. Conflict of Interest

Superintendent Fairbanks reported no conflicts of interest reported by School Board members.

0176. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion by Two Crow, seconded by Conroy to approve minutes of September 27, 2021 regular meeting; and October 5, 2021 special meeting. Motion carried, O'Bryan and DeCory voted no.

0177. Reports

The School Board acknowledged receiving written reports from Principals and Program Directors, and verbal updates were provided. The School Board requested additional reporting in regard to the status and needs of Lakota Tech High School students.

Principal, Dr. Justin Conroy, reported on the urgent need for curriculum to be developed and implemented as soon as possible. Dr. Conroy also reported that a group of teaching staff will be touring the CTE (Certified Technical Education) High School in Sioux Falls, SD, in an attempt to provide pathways students may be interested in pursuing. The Principal also reported that multiple CTE High Schools will be toured and studied throughout the school year, as they all have differing approaches. At present time, there are three pathways in place at Lakota Tech: Business, Health & Science and STEM Programs. Also discussed was the need for additional teachers to fill vacancies at the high school.

0178. Citizens

Toni Morton, parent and community member, and Norma Rendon, grandparent and community member, expressed their concern in regard to student athletes not having access to the gymnasium at Lakota Tech High School for sports practice. The board and administration discussed the matter and the possibility of having the gym open to students in the near future.

0179. Executive Session

Motion by DeCory, seconded by Conroy to go into executive session at 5:55 p.m. to discuss personnel. Motion carried unanimously.

President Blue Bird declared executive session ended at 7:35 p.m. and reconvened into regular session.

0180. Construction Update

Mr. Toby Morris, Financial Construction Consultant, provided the School Board with updates in regard to construction projects and bid opening, in addition to ESSER funding. Bids will be received for the teacher housing project which will be located near the Wolf Creek School/Lakota Tech High School site. Mr. Morris requested the Board to authorize him to negotiate with the Oglala Lakota County officials to begin a conversation, on behalf of the school district, in regard to possible ESSER funding available through the county for improvements and/or development of water projects within the county.

0181. COVID-19 Testing Information

Connie Kaltenbach, Curriculum Director, provided updates regarding additional COVID test kits which have become available to the school district. Nurses employed at Oglala Lakota County Schools will now have access to three different types of COVID tests for the testing of staff, students, and/or visitors to our schools, as needed.

0182. Financials

Sophia Conroy, Business Manager, provided an update in regard to the monthly financial report, along with a listing of expenditures, for the School Board's review.

0183. OST Child Care MOU

Anne Eagle Bull, Human Resource Director, presented a proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the OST Child Care Program, in an effort to collaborate with the school district to provide a day care service at the Batesland School site for staff. OST Child Care will assist in writing policies and will provide start-up equipment, with the school district providing building space, staff, and meals for the children.

0184. Facility Use

Principals provided status and plans in regard to Facility Use on school grounds, as follows:

Batesland School: Currently open for funerals on week-ends; student activities; will plan to continue with current plan for community use.

Rockyford School: Suggesting to begin opening up for funerals in the old gymnasium, in addition to student activities.

Red Shirt School: Suggesting no opening up beyond what is current practice, which is gym available for practice for Red Shirt students.

Wolf Creek School: Suggesting no opening up beyond what is current practice, which is gym available for practice for Wolf Creek students.

Lakota Tech High School: Begin with gymnasium open to students two days per week, beginning the following week.

0185. OLCSD Gymnasium Use

Discussion was held in regard to part-time opening of school gymnasiums for student and community use.

0186. Construction

Motion by DeCory, seconded by Two Crow to approve the construction report, as presented by Mr. Toby Morris, Construction Consultant. He also recommended approval of:

- a) Coop Architecture: \$6,000.00 (Master Plan) \$11,000.00 (Teacher Housing)
- b) KLJ: \$6,011.20 (Teacher Housing)
- c) **KLJ: \$20,800.00 (WC Housing)**
- d) **Colliers Invoice \$45,443.00**
- e) **Scul Amendment A133 Housing Infrastructure \$36,629.50**
- f) **KLJ Contract for ALTA Survey**

Motion carried unanimously. (Attachment B)

0187. Financial Report/Disbursements

Motion by DeCory, seconded by Conroy to approve the financial report and expenditures, as presented. Motion carried, O'Bryan voted no. (Attachment C)

0188. Personnel Recommendations

Motion by Conroy, seconded by Two Crow to approve personnel recommendations, with the exception of: Tabling the approval of Business Office Accounting Assistant and the Food Service Assistant positions.

Motion carried, three voted yes, O'Bryan voted no, DeCory abstained. (Attachment D)

0189. Exit Interviews

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by DeCory to require exit interviews be provided to all employees who resign. Motion carried unanimously.

0190. OST Child Care MOU

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Two Crow to approve the recommendation by the Human Resource Director to begin the framework to establish a Day Care Center at the Batesland School, with the OST Child Care Program. Ms. Eagle Bull will serve as contact person. Motion carried unanimously. (Attachment E)

0191. Facility Use

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by DeCory to recommend schools begin opening the gymnasium facilities for funerals on week-ends, in addition to opening for student activities, per review and approval of individual requests by the Principal, as follows:

Batesland: Will be open for funerals in the C. Bear gym, on week-ends; community use per requests; contingent upon Principal approval. Practice for Batesland School student activities allowed.

Rockyford: Will be open for funerals in the old gymnasium on week-ends, contingent upon Principal approval. Practice for Rockyford School student activities allowed.

Red Shirt School: No opening up beyond what is currently in place; practice for Red Shirt School student activities allowed.

Wolf Creek: No opening up beyond what is currently in place; practice for Wolf Creek School student activities allowed.

Motion carried unanimously.

0192. Lakota Technical High School Gymnasium Use

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by DeCory to authorize opening the gymnasium at Lakota Tech High School, allowing students 5 days per week and Sundays for gymnasium access.

Motion carried, three voted yes, Conroy and Two Crow voted no.

0193. Consent Agenda Items

Motion by DeCory, seconded by O'Bryan to approve the consent agenda items, as follows:

1) November School Board Meeting – Monday, November 22, 2021 at the Batesland Boardroom beginning at 4:00 p.m.

2) Site Visit by staff to CTE High School, Sioux Falls, SD Nov. 4 & 5, 2021. Board members are also invited to attend.

Motion carried, Two Crow voted no.

0194. Special Meeting Date

The School Board would like to schedule a date for a special meeting to consult with Dr. Heinert and Dr. Peterson. A date will be determined and posted in the near future.

0195. Adjournment

Motion by O'Bryan, seconded by Conroy to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Signed _____
Sophia Conroy, Business Manager

Approved by the School Board on the 29th day of November, 2021.

Signed _____
Debbie Blue Bird, President