

**A Meeting of the Board of the O.U.R. Education Service Cooperative
MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**

No.	<u>Kind of Meeting</u>	<u>Meeting Place</u>	<u>O'Clock A.M or P.M.</u>	<u>Mo. Day Year</u>
	Regular	OUR Co-op	10:00 A.M.	October 15, 2021

Board Members Present: Anthony Dowdy, Owen Powell, Vanessa Thomas Jones, Brenda Napier, Bryan Pruitt, Kelvin Hudson, Dr. Stewart Pratt, Dr. Candra Brasel, Alan Yarbrough, Dr. Ryan Huff, Dr. Kyle Mallett, and Wes Henderson.

Board Members Absent: Sarah Alexander, Dr. Matt Summers, Tami Richey and Jeff Lewis.

Co-op Staff Present: Jeff Cantrell, Kim Fowler, and Nathan Cline

Guests Present: Dale Query with AREA, Tony Protho with ASBA, and Nicole Rust with Boardworks

BOARD MEETING:

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 a.m. by President, Vanessa Thomas Jones.

CONSENT AGENDA: Items presented under the Consent Agenda were the September 17, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and the September 2021 Financial Reports. At 11:22, Dr. Kyle Mallett made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Bryan Pruitt and the vote to approve was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

A. OUR Co-op Technology ARP Plan

Nathan Cline, OUR Co-op Technology Coordinator, provided information related to the Co-op plans for the grant being provided by DESE. Focus items include Networking Infrastructure Upgrading sound to microphone quality for conference rooms including equipping meeting rooms with permanent video conference quality sound and video capabilities, new laptops to replace desktops currently in the computer labs providing more flexibility of us of the laptops throughout the building, and replacing wireless access points. At 11:28, Alan Yarbrough made a motion to approve the plan as presented. The motion was seconded by Dr. Candra Brasel and the vote to approve was unanimous.

B. Front Shade Project

Mr. Cantrell provided an update related to the acquisition of shades for the front windows.

C. Approval of Copier Quote for Early Childhood

The following bids were presented:

Company	QTY	Machine	Cost	Additional Fees	Total
XMC Xerox	2	C8155	\$3,949.00	\$822	\$9,542.00 +tax
				Service Black: \$0.0051 Color: \$0.0456	
AAA Business	2	MX-5071	\$4,774.50	\$0	\$9,549.00 +tax
				Service Black: \$0.005 Color: \$0.038	
Canon Solutions	2	DX-C5850	\$7,150.00	\$0	\$14,300.00 +tax

Service Black: \$0.0067 Color: \$0.0395

The recommendation was to approve the XMC Xerox bid because the Co-op currently using the same machines and service with excellent results and less training time for users based on familiarity with the machines and least price for initial costs. At 11:31, Kelvin Hudson made a motion to approve acceptance of this bid. The motion was seconded by Alan Yarbrough and the vote to approve was unanimous

D. Approval of Laptop Quote for OUR Early Childhood Sped

Company	QTY	Machine	Cost	Total
Bit Direct	18	Lenovo E14	\$909.00	\$16,362.00
CDWG	18	HP 250 G8	\$837.00	\$15,066.00
Howard	18	HP 440 G8	\$909.00	\$16,362.00
HI	18	HP 250 G8	\$837.32	\$15,071.76

The recommendation was to approve CDWG based on previous experience and support as well as the best prices. The motion to accept that bid was made by Kelvin Hudson at 11:32. The motion was seconded by Dr. Stewart Pratt and the vote to approve was unanimous.

E. Approval of 5% Employee Salary Increase—Act 1120

At 11:33, Alan Yarbrough made a motion to approve the list of 5% Employee Salary Increases as presented and required by Act 1120. The motion was seconded by Dr. Candra Brasel and the vote to approve was unanimous.

F. Personnel

a. New Hires

At 11:33, Dr. Candra Brasel made a motion to approve the following new hires:

- Alanna Collins, 5 hour Floater, Jasper ABC Preschool
 - Effective October 11, 2021 / Classified
- Kayla Young, 5 hour Floater, Little Red School House
 - Effective October 18, 2021 / Classified

The motion was seconded by Brenda Napier and the vote to approve was unanimous.

b. Resignations

At 11:34, Dr. Stewart Pratt made a motion to accept the following resignation:

- Ashlee Getz, Lead Teacher, Little Red School House
 - Effective October 21, 2021 / Classified

The motion was seconded by Wes Henderson and the vote to approve unanimous.

c. Additions to ABC Preschool Substitute List

At 11:35, Dr. Stewart Pratt made a motion to approve the additions to the ABC Preschool Substitute List as follows:

1. Shayne Gillam (Bergman)
2. Virginia Shellnut (Jasper)
3. Kinsley Clemons (Kingston)
4. Christina Foresee (Bergman)
5. Brandy Huff (Bergman)
6. Brandy Brasel (Jasper)
7. Stephanie Carruth (Jasper)
8. Vestina Freeman (Mt. Judea)
9. Corynn Wells (Green Forest)
10. Rebecca Dodson (Alpena)

11. Candice Perry (Green Forest)
12. Kristin Ruyle (Green Forest)
13. Britney Cantrall (Yellville)
14. Melissa Foster (Mt. Home)

REPORTS

Jeff Cantrell and Kim Fowler provided updates on a variety of items related to COVID 19 as well as updates related to recently released Commissioner's Memos, board training information, bus training curriculum, etc.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Fowler.

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