

OBERLIN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 294  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING

OBERLIN, KANSAS

August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The Board of Education of Unified School District 294 met in Regular Session, Monday, August 9, 2021.

REGULAR  
SESSION

The meeting was held at the District Office Board Room, 131 East Commercial, Oberlin, Kansas 67749.

President Doug Brown presided and called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PRESIDING

Board Members Present: Doug Brown  
Monte Moore  
Megan Carter  
Abby Hissong  
Spring Louderback  
Roger May  
Kris Mathews

BOARD  
MEMBERS  
PRESENT

Board Members Absent: None

BOARD  
MEMBERS  
ABSENT

Others Attending: Dr. Joel Applegate, Superintendent  
Brandon Gehring, OES Principle, Brenda  
Breth, DCHS Pricnciple, Dayna Mannebach,  
Reporter, The Oberlin Herald, Pastor Gordon,  
Pettibone, Jolene Dempewolf, Clerk, Board of Education,  
Wendy Scott, DCJ/SHS Teacher, Susan Nelson, Patron,  
Debbie Withington, OES Teacher, Josh Fortin, Patron,  
Brian Shaw, Patron

OTHERS  
ATTENDING

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by those in attendance.

Prayer was led by Pastor Gordon Pettibone.

There was no Public Forum this evening.

**DURING BOARD FORUM:**

No Board Forum

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

Board asked for these changes. In Consent Agenda add Dan Wasson, Items for Discussion add F. Executive Session, and Superintendent Report add Building Walk Through.

Moved by Spring Louderback and seconded by to Monte Moore  
adopt the agenda with the following changes.

MOTION  
Adopt  
Agenda

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

Board Review the Financial statements and expenditure percentages of funds. One question was asked about Cash-Wa bill and City Bill.

**BOARD GOALS FOR 2021 - 2022**

Board decided to table this until next Board Meeting. This is because our Strategic Planning meeting with public September 1, 2021.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS WERE REVIEWED FOR APPROVAL:**

- \*Minutes of the July 12, 2021, regular meeting
- \*Minutes of the July 15, 2021, special meeting
- \*Approval of Bills for Payment
- \*Shawn Baker Resignation
- \*Hard Surface Routes
  - Prior Years, the Board gave authority to the Administration to use only hard surface routes under extreme conditions. This authority was given for the entire year. We recommend continuing this concept for the 2021-22 School year.
- \*Approval of New Hire Shayla Lee Moore for Food Service Cook.
- \*Approval of New Hire Heather Kane for Nurse Position.
- \*Approval of New Hire Hollie Lorimer for Full Time Sub.
- \*Dan Wasson School Representative for Northwest Technical College
- \*Designate Homeless Children Coordinator (Recommending School Nurse)

Moved by Megan Carter and seconded by Spring Louderback to  
approve the consent agenda.

MOTION  
Approve  
Consent Agenda

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

Annual Agenda Items and Reports:

None to report at this time.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

RETURN TO SCHOOL FOR SAFE LEARNING

The board was briefed on the committee reports and regulations that the school needed to follow. Masks on busses are a must and federal law. No remote learning over 40 hours unless it is a case by case need for students. Health department will do screenings for school. The board asked for Diagnose to be removed because the Health Department doesn't do that.

BUDGET:

Discussing what needed to be published in paper. Board then decided it should move to an action item.

BUDGET MOVED ACTION ITEM:

To move budget discussion to an action item.

Moved by Spring Louderback and seconded by Kris Mathews to  
Move budget from a discussion to an action item.

MOTION  
Move Budget  
to action item

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

ESSER III:

Board was briefed on the stipulations on ESSER III money. 20% of funds needs to go to learning loss, engage stakeholders in the process which will include a committee with community members, and the district filed an extension with the state on ESSER III funds.

RENEWAL/REVISION OF CONTRACT WITH SMOKY HILL FINANCIAL SERVICES:

Board was addressed that the district office would like to keep service with Smoky Hill for a while but on a minimal usage.

MOVE DECEMBER BOARD MEETING UP TO 5:30 DUE TO BAND CONCERT:

The Board Meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 will be the same day as a Band Concert. Board was presented to start the Board Meeting early so that people could attend the Band Concert. Board decided to move this to an Action item.

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING MOVE TO ACTION ITEM:

To move December Board Meeting discussion to an action item.

Moved by Megan Carter and seconded by Kris Mathews to

MOTION

Move December Board Meeting to an action item.

Move December  
Board Meeting  
To action item

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

An Executive session is needed to discuss an individual employee's contract.

Moved by Megan Carter and seconded by Spring Louderback to go into executive session to discuss an individual employee's contract, and the open meeting will resume in the District Office at 8:03 P.M.

MOTION  
Executive  
Session

With only the board in attendance and Dr. Joel Applegate.

No Action was taken

#### ACTION ITEMS

##### CHANGE TO FACULTY HANDBOOK:

The board accepted the changes made in the faculty handbook.

Moved by Roger May and seconded by Spring Louderback to Accept the changes in the faculty handbook

MOTION  
Accept changes  
in faculty Handbook

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

##### APPROVAL OF USD 294 CLASSIFIED JOB DESCRIPTIONS:

Board approved the Classified Job descriptions with the corrections.

Moved by Monte Moore and seconded by Spring Louderback to Approve Classified Job Descriptions with corrections.

MOTION  
Approve Classified  
Job Descriptions  
With Corrections

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

COACHING AND SUPPLEMENTAL DUTY ASSIGNMENTS FOR 2021-2022:

Approved the coaching and Supplemental duty assignments and also the addition of Ladd Wendelin for Scholar Bowl.

Moved by Spring Louderback and seconded by Kris Mathews to Approve Coaching and Supplemental for 2021-2022 with the addition Of Ladd Wendelin Scholar Bowl.

MOTION  
To Approve  
Coaching & Supplemental  
2021-2022 included  
Ladd Wendelin

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

BLANKET PERMISSION FOR REMOVAL OR SALE OF OUTDATED, NON USEABLE ITEMS AND OR EQUIPMENT FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Board wanted to know if there is a dollar amount that is not allowed to be sold without Board approval. The Board decided to table this until the policy is found.

Moved by Megan Carter and seconded by Monte Moore to Table until policy is found.

MOTION  
To Table  
Until Policy  
Found

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF NEW POLICY AMENDMENTS:

Board Decided to table until December Board Meeting.

Moved by Monte Moore and seconded by Roger May to Table until December Board Meeting.

MOTION  
To Table  
Until December  
Meeting

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

AUTHORITY TO TRANSFER FUNDS OUT OF LOB:

Board was presented with two options on transfer of funds out of LOB. Board decided to have both options ready to go for approval on September Board Meeting.

Moved by Spring Louderback and seconded by Monte Moore To have both Options ready for September Board Meeting.

MOTION  
To Have Both  
Options for  
September Meeting

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

**APPROVAL TO HIRE KATHY AHLMQUIST AS EMERGENCY SUB FOR SPANISH:**

Board approved this hire.

Moved by Kris Mathews and seconded by Spring Louderback  
To approve Kathy Ahlmquist as Emergency Sub for Spanish.

MOTION  
To Approve  
Kathy Ahlmquist  
Emergency Sub

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

**APPROVAL TO OFFER JH SCHOLAR BOWL COACH TO LADD WENDELIN:**

Brandon Gehring presented to the Board to approve Ladd Wendelin for JH Scholar Bowl Coach.

Moved by Megan Carter and seconded by Kris Mathews to  
MOTION

Approve Ladd Wendelin as JH Scholar Bowl Coach.

To Approve  
Ladd Wendelin  
JH Scholar Bowl Coach

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

An Executive session is needed to discuss employee negotiations.

Moved by Spring Louderback and seconded by Monte Moore to go into  
executive session to discuss employee negotiations, and the open meeting  
will resume in the District Office at 9:03 P.M.

MOTION  
Executive  
Session

With only the board in attendance, Dr. Joel Applegate, and Jolene Dempewolf Board Clerk.

No Action was taken

Information

**SUPERINTENDENT'S INFORMATION FORUM:**

- \*Bleacher will be shipped a week later. Should arrive on Aug. 23
- \*School Kickoff will be on Thursday, Aug 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. The pool is reserved for the same time.
- \*Redoing the gym floors
- \*Plumbing at the high school complete. Will be working on elementary plumbing
- \*Working on windows at the High School
- \*Strategic Planning Meeting Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

\*Revenue Neutral and Budget hearing will be the same night as the Board Meeting.  
Revenue Neutral will be at 6:30 pm, budget Hearing will be at 6:45 pm, Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 pm

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING:**

Board decided to have a Special Board meeting regarding Budget. Meeting will be August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 AM

Moved by Megan Carter and seconded by Spring Louderback to  
Have Special Board Meeting August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 AM.

MOTION  
To Approve  
Special Board  
Meeting August

18<sup>th</sup>

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

**BOARD WALK THROUGH:**

Board having annual walk through October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

Moved by Megan Carter and seconded by Spring Louderback to  
Approve Board walk through Buildings October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

MOTION  
To Approve  
Walk Through  
October 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

Voted on and carried unanimously, 7-0.

**BOARD MEMBERS WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES:**

None at this time.

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS:**

- \*Budget Hearing
- \*Negotiations for 2021 – 2022 Discuss Options for Budget Hearing
- \*Negotiations for 2021-2022
- \*US Foods Dishwasher Lease Renewal
- \*NWKTC Agreement

Board break at 8:44 PM

Board back in session at 8:46 PM

President Doug Brown Adjourn meeting 9:04 P.M.

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Jolene Dempewolf, Clerk, Board of Education

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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President, Board of Education