

OSBORN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8  
Governing Board Regular Meeting  
October 15, 2024

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The Regular Meeting of the Osborn School District Governing Board was called to order at 5:31 PM by Board President Ed Hermes.

Edward Hermes, Board President  
Leanne Greenberg, Board Clerk  
Violeta Ramos, Board Member  
Rhiannon Ford, Board Member  
Dr. Michael Robert, Superintendent- absent

**Pledge of Allegiance/ Land Acknowledgement**

President Hermes read the land acknowledgement statement and thanked all indigenous people. Longview student counsel led the pledge.

**District Celebrations and Announcements**

Principal White shared that one of the schools three goals is to increase parental and community involvement and to make it more exciting to come to school. Ms. Hernandez and Dr. Cecena were introduced as co-supervisors for student counsel. Student counsel officers Samantha (President), Mia (Vice President), Sofia (Treasurer), and Oliver (Secretary) were introduced and shared what they liked about being a member of student council.

Spread L.O.V.E. Awards were then presented to:

Growth- Elisa Morales  
Relationship- Katia Contreras  
Joy- Annette Morris  
Equity-Penny Thompson  
Integrity- Alexys Sanchez

President Hermes called for a short break at 5:49 PM.  
The meeting resumed at 5:59 PM.

**Consent Agenda**

- A. Ratification of Accounts Payable Vouchers
- B. Ratification of Payroll Vouchers
- C. Board Minutes
  - 1. September 17, 2024 Regular Meeting
  - 2. September 24, 2024 Admin Retreat
  - 3. October 1, 2024 Special Meeting
- D. Approval of Personnel Items
  - 1. New Employees
  - 2. Extra Duty Contracts
  - 3. Employment Changes/Additions
  - 4. Resignations
  - 5. Terminations
  - 6. Retirements
  - 7. Leaves of Absence
- E. Donations
- F. Expenditure and Revenue Report
- G. Student Activities Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
- H. Disposal of Equipment
- I. MOUs/Agreements with Partner Organizations

1. Approval of price modification of RFP #2024.04 for Teacher Sub Services
2. Approval to close American Express credit card accounts.
3. Approval to open Chase Ink Business credit account and authorized signers.

Mrs. Ramos noted a correction in the start time shown for the September 24 Special Meeting minutes.

President Hermes received confirmation from Mrs. Toscano that item IV-I-1 would be paid from M and O rather than bond monies as reflected on the Board page and confirmed that because it was an official award needed to be brought back to the Board for approval even though it was a reduction in price.

Mrs. Greenberg motioned for approval with the edit to the time as noted by Mrs. Ramos. Mrs. Ford seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Ramos aye  
Mr. Hermes aye  
Mrs. Ford aye  
Mrs. Greenberg aye

#### **Call to the Public**

None.

#### **Board Presentation**

Director of Child Nutrition Cory Alexander provided an overview of the department. He shared the success of the departments social media presence, made from scratch foods and new menu items.

Mr. Alexander shared that the department hopes to encourage healthy habits and has led 50 nutrition classes held so far reaching about 600 students. In keeping with the goal of community engagement Blue Zone classes are being offered for community and family members. In addition to the presence on social media, nutrition education, working with staff to discuss new menu items and buying local, the department operates as a separate entity.

#### **Admin Reports**

No comments from members.

#### **Bond Update-**

Paul Hartley provided an update sharing that they have been working with administration and have a detailed tracking of expenditures. He said that bond planning is about 80 percent complete. Package 1 - \$30 million- Montecito about 38 %- will track and present monthly on the progression.

Don Brubaker shared that Montecito will be a big project and they have started receiving input and will be holding a meeting on October 29 to receive input from the community. He said he wants this to be an enjoyable process that results in a facility that addresses the needs of the district and supports Montecito programming. Construction is scheduled to begin on the site the

summer of 2025. The team will also be looking at accessibility and security at sites looking for areas of improvement.

Elizabeth Thielen explained that roofing assessments have been done and weatherization completed. The team is working on playground and shade structures and grant applications. She also explained it hoped that several items on the bond list will be funded with SFD funds. In response to President Hermes question about accelerating improvements, Ms. Elizabeth explained that although not visibly noticeable, assessments and life cycle reports are a critical part of the process.

### **Action Items**

#### **Approval of Bond Project Procurement – DW Playgrounds**

Ms. Toscano provided an overview and options being considered for new playgrounds at Solano, Clarendon and Encanto. Discussion followed with Ms. Toscano sharing that the majority of the work will be scheduled over winter break.

Mrs. Ramos motioned to approve Mrs. Ford seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Ramos aye  
Mr. Hermes aye  
Mrs. Ford aye  
Mrs. Greenberg aye

#### **Approval of the 2023/24 Annual Financial Report**

Ms. Toscano shared slides that provided highlights of the report. She shared that classroom dollars represent about 67% with food service and transportation have rising to 22.3% due to inflation costs adding that 80.6% of M and O funds go to staff salaries and benefits. Mrs. Toscano said teacher salaries in the district have increased by 34% since FY 2018 noting that with minimum wage triggers support staff have seen similar increases.

The district currently has 12% of the 17% goal of M and O fund balance in reserve.

Violeta motioned to approve. Mrs. Greenberg seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Ramos aye  
Mr. Hermes aye  
Mrs. Ford aye  
Mrs. Greenberg aye

#### **FY25 Annual Bond and DAA Override Report**

Ms. Toscano provided an overview and shared that the district's previous 50 million dollar bond has been funded and the funds have been committed, 30 million of the 100 million from voter authorized funds have been issued and stayed within \$1000 of the \$175,000 budgeted for projects.

#### **FY24 Annual M&O Override Report**

Ms. Toscano shared a summary of expenditures from override funding and additional amounts supported by the district.

Mrs. Greenberg expressed thanks to the community whose support allows the district to provide the support and program offerings.

### **Board Development**

#### **ASBA-ASA Annual Conference and Pre Conference December 18-20, 2024**

Members will notify Ms. Nye of their interest in attending.

### **Reflections**

Mrs. Ford thanked teachers for hosting the family conferences and congratulated the child nutrition department on receiving recognition and expressed appreciation for the social media and opportunities for community engagement.

Mrs. Ramos stated her appreciation for the social media presence of the Child Nutrition Department and thanked Longview for introducing student council officers. Mrs. Ramos then thanked Mr. Alexander expressed appreciation for the Cafeteria Managers for the food options provided to students.

Mrs. Greenberg said she has had leaders from other districts ask how to replicate what Osborn's child Nutrition Department does adding that it would be great to partner with other districts complimenting the departments social media. Mrs. Greenberg thanked all who have taken the time to get input on the playgrounds and appreciates the time and effort to include the students.

President Hermes loved the energy Principal White brought to his presentation and stated appreciation of all being done at Longview. He said he enjoys talking about the bonds/ overrides as it is the board who chooses to put the items on the ballot. He said it is the programs supported through the measures that makes the district special.

### **Future**

#### **Mrs. Ramos**

- Discussion around the number of suspensions

#### **Mrs. Greenberg**

- Revisit cell phone policy
- Calendar dates for strategic plan with the community to determine next steps and steps to develop a plan

#### **President Hermes**

- Discuss bus routes and what neighborhoods get busses
  - Bus Zones and understanding how bussing regions work

### **Adjournment**

President Hermes declared the meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Minutes submitted by:

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Lisa Nye, Executive Assistant

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to the Superintendent and Governing Board

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Leanne Greenberg, Board Clerk