

**Oil City Area School District
Mid-Month Work Session Minutes
Monday, March 20, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

The Work Session of the Oil City Area School District Board of Directors held on Monday, March 20, 2023, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Joseph McFadden, Board President, in the cafeteria at Hasson Heights Elementary School, 833 Grandview Road, Oil City, PA.

Board Members Present: Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mr. Piercy, Mrs. Pikna, Mr. Sterner, Mr. Weaver

Board Members Absent: Ms. Shari Neely

Administrators Present: Mrs. Tracy Delmonaco, Mrs. Susan Fisher, Dr. Lynda Weller

Mr. Greg Merkel, School Solicitor, Ms. Kara O’Neil, reporter for *The Derrick*, Mr. Gavin Fish, reporter for *Explore Venango*, Mr. Richard Sayers, reporter for 8 & 322, Mrs. Robin Evans, Jodee Raybuck, from The Nutrition Group, Bobbi Hamilton-Ritts, from The Nutrition Group, as well as the following community members: Tiffany Whitmer, Bill Whitmer, Joe Klapec, Sue Klapec, Devin Aaron, Dan Aaron, Ron Shreckengost, Amanda Burns, Curtis Chase, Jerry Burns, Brandy Jackson, Gary Jackson, and 2 individuals that did not sign in.

An Executive Session of the Board was held prior to this meeting to discuss personnel, safety, and contracts.

Public Comment – Mr. Jerry Burns addressed the Board with concerns regarding “We Care Elementary” and “SAFE-T”. Mr. Dan Aaron addressed the Board with concerns regarding OCASD Transparency and Curriculum. Mrs. Devin Aaron addressed the Board with concerns regarding OCASD Transparency and Curriculum. Mr. Joe Klapec addressed the Board with concerns regarding OCASD Transparency and Curriculum.

Invited Guests – Ms. Jodee Raybuck, representative from The Nutrition Group, addressed the board regarding the food service budget, which was provided as a handout at the meeting.

Co-Curricular Activities Committee – Mr. Kerr noted that ongoing work continues regarding coaches and the pay scale, as well as information regarding current and future baseball coaches, Girls’ Soccer Head Coach position, and installation of safety netting for the baseball and softball fields.

Curriculum Committee – Mr. Kerr mentioned a committee meeting was held March 13, 2023. An Ad Hoc committee has been assembled with Mr. Tyler Johnson as head. Recommendations for the District to have request for proposals for materials pertaining to and encompassing Title IX for the 2023-2024 school year plan to open in May, with plans for a June committee meeting,

and possible vote in July. Further conversation regarding the tabled agenda item from last month's meeting ensued.

Technology Committee – None.

Personnel Committee – None.

Operations Committee – None.

Policy Committee – Mr. Kerr noted the 600 and 700 sections of board policy have been reviewed and will be presented in a policy committee meeting in the near future.

Community Input Committee – Mrs. Pikna announced the next public meeting will be held May 8, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Budget and Finance – Mrs. Fisher provided the Board with copies of the prepared Buildings and Grounds budget, providing explanation and reasoning for changes for the 2023-2024 school year. Also provided was a list of potential projects for the 2023-2024 school year.

Solicitor's Report – None.

Approval of the following items will be requested at the voting meeting on March 27, 2023:

A. APPROVAL OF RESIGNATIONS

1. Jennifer Mattocks-Newton, Title I Reading/Math Paraprofessional for the South Side Schools.
2. Christina Links, Paraprofessional at the High School and Middle School, effective March 15, 2023.

B. APPROVAL TO HIRE PROFESSIONAL STAFF

1. _____, Director of Technology for the Oil City Area School District beginning April 3, 2023, at a salary of \$_____.

Dr. Weller noted the candidate's name and salary will be listed in next week's agenda.

C. APPROVAL OF GUEST TEACHER

1. Richard Hasty

D. MOTION TO APPROVE A PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED ITEM

1. WHEREAS, the agenda for the February 27, 2023, meeting of the Board of School Directors included a Personnel Item to approve the hiring of Melissa Proper as a long-term substitute teacher for semester 2 of the 2022-2023 school year at *step 1 of the master's scale*;
WHEREAS, the said agenda item erroneously referenced the master's scale when it should have referenced the bachelor's scale.

WHEREAS, as a result of such error, the Board of School Directors erroneously adopted a resolution at its meeting on February 27, 2023, by which Melissa Proper was hired as a long-term substitute teacher for Semester 2 of the 2022-2023 school year *at step 1 of the master's scale*;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the resolution to hire Melissa Proper adopted on February 27, 2023, be amended and is hereby approved as follows: The Board of School Directors approves and authorizes the hiring of Melissa Proper, as a long-term substitute math teacher at Oil City Middle School for semester 2 of the 2022-2023 school year, effective as of January 23, 2023, at *step 1 of the bachelor's scale*.

E. APPROVAL OF BASEBALL COACHES FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR, FOLLOWING REORGANIZATION

1. Mike Highfield, Interim Head Coach
2. Dan Staub, Interim Assistant Coach
3. Mike Rybak, Interim Middle School/Elementary Coach

F. APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP REQUEST

1. The High School requests approval for 1 student and 1 advisor to travel to the Wyndam Orlando Resort in Orlando, Florida, to participate in the Nation Academic/Gifted Competition from April 20-25, 2023.

G. RETROACTIVE APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP REQUEST

1. The High School Music Department requests approval for 1 teacher and 1 student to travel to Marion Center High School to participate in PMEA Region Band from March 23-25, 2023.

Dr. Weller mentioned this will be a retroactive request, as the trip will have occurred by next week's meeting.

H. APPROVAL OF THE 2021-2022 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENT

I. APPROVAL TO RENEW THE FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT WITH THE NUTRITION GROUP FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR

J. APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR RIVERVIEW INTERMEDIATE UNIT 6 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,488,687

A copy of the budget was emailed to the Board.

K. APPROVAL OF PLANCON PART I: INTERIM REPORTING, PROJECT 3872, HASSON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ALTERNATIONS AS APPROVED BY THE PA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PER THEIR LETTER DATED MARCH 1, 2023

A copy of the letter was emailed to the Board.

Informational – Mrs. Tracy Delmonaco provided an overview regarding the District’s need for services required of Speech Language Pathologists (SLP), presenting a proactive measure to hiring another SLP, for board consideration.

An Executive Session was not called following the Work Session.

The Work Session concluded at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Anna Lehnortt", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Anna Lehnortt
Board Secretary