

**Oil City Area School District
Mid-Month Work Session Minutes
Monday, November 13, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

The Work Session of the Oil City Area School District Board of Directors held on Monday, November 13, 2023, was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Joseph McFadden, Board President, in the Board Room of the Administration Office, 825 Grandview Road, Oil City, PA.

Board Members Present:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Kelley	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Kerr
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. McFadden	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ms. Neely	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Piercy
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Pikna	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Sterner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Weaver

Administrators Present: Dr. Weller, Mrs. Fisher

Solicitor Present: Mr. Merkel

Three members of the public were in attendance.

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

- I. **Public Comment** – None.
- II. **Invited Guests** – None.
- III. **Co-Curricular Activities Committee** – None.
- IV. **Curriculum Committee** – Mr. Kerr began by giving a review of last month's voting meeting regarding the Title IX programming motion that was not passed. Mr. Kerr engaged the entire board, asking for feedback and recommendations. Extensive conversation ensued with comment from Mrs. Pikna, Mr. Piercy, Ms. Neely, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Weaver, and Mr. McFadden. Mr. Merkel also provided legal considerations and comment. It was suggested to work with Administration on possible modification of programming, in addition to receiving counsel from Attorney Gornall from Knox Law Firm.
- V. **Technology Committee** – None.
- VI. **Personnel Committee** – None.
- VII. **Operations Committee** – None.
- VIII. **Policy Committee** – Mr. Kerr invited Mr. Sterner to bring business before the Board. Mr. Sterner raised a question about Policy 203- Immunizations and Communicable Diseases. Dr. Weller provided a response from PSBA regarding exemptions.
- IX. **Community Input Committee** – None.
- X. **Budget and Finance** – None.
- XI. **Solicitor's Report** – None.

XIII. **Administrators' Report** – Approval of the following items will be requested at the voting meeting on November 20, 2023:

A. Personnel Items

1. APPROVAL OF RESIGNATIONS

- a. Cassie Beichner, Assistant Cheer Coach, effective October 26, 2023.
- b. Corrina Woods, 10-month Administrative Assistant, Seventh Street Elementary, effective November 17, 2023.
- c. Erika Smith, Middle School Technology/ELA teacher, effective November 27, 2023.
- d. Nancy Rankin, School Psychologist, retirement effective January 31, 2024.

Dr. Weller noted that with Mrs. Rankin's retirement, there will be 2 open positions for School Psychologists.

2. APPROVAL TO HIRE STAFF

- a. _____, 10-month Administrative Assistant, Seventh Street Elementary, effective _____.
- b. _____, Temporary Technology/ELA teacher, Middle School, effective _____.

Dr. Weller explained that these two positions will be filled from the vacancies from resignations.

3. APPROVAL OF WINTER COACHES

- a. Haley Bechtel, Assistant Cheer Coach (1st year)
- b. Anthony McCoy, Baseball volunteer
- c. Natalie Miller, Girls' Elementary Basketball Coach
- d. Conor Taylor, Basketball volunteer

4. APPROVAL OF ADVISORS

- a. Tracy Delmonaco, Enrichment Club
- b. Tracy Delmonaco, HS Robotics Club

Dr. Weller noted that both of these clubs require an unpaid advisor to manage their accounts, which do not have active student members at this time.

5. APPROVAL OF TENURE

- a. Chelsey Meade

Dr. Weller stated that due to receiving the 6 satisfactory evaluations, Ms. Meade is eligible for tenure.

6. APPROVAL OF THE UPDATED LIST OF BUS AND VAN DRIVERS FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR

B. Additional Items Requiring Board Approval

1. APPROVAL OF BUS MILEAGE, BOTH WITH AND WITHOUT STUDENTS
2. APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ARIN IU 28 COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR

3. APPROVAL TO ACCEPT THE BID FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE SMEDLEY SCHOOL ROOF FROM _____ AT A COST OF \$_____

Dr. Weller noted, with confirmation from Mrs. Fisher, that the bids open Tuesday, November 14, 2023, and that the vendor and amount will be completed on next week's agenda for consideration.

4. APPROVAL OF FUNDRAISERS

- a. The OCHS Art Club requests permission to sell ceramic cast projects and art projects from December 2023 through May 2024 to raise funds for educational field trips, materials, and National Art Honor Society honor cords.
- b. The OCHS Senior Class requests permission for the winter car maintenance service project from December 2023 through March 2024 to raise funds for end of year events.

Dr. Weller explained that the winter car maintenance is provided by students during winter months, cleaning off vehicles.

5. APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIP

- a. The OCHS Senior Class of 2024 requests permission to travel to New York City from May 30-June 1, 2024, for their Senior Class trip.

Dr. Weller reviewed the timeline that this trip occurs directly following the senior banquet.

XIII. **Informational-** Dr. Weller reviewed the tentative 2024 Board Calendar, which was provided via email with the other board documents. Specifically noted was the change to April and December.

The Work Session concluded at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Anna Lehnortt
Board Secretary