

**OIL CITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of Oil City Area School District was held on Monday evening, March 22, 2021, in the cafeteria at Hasson Heights Elementary School, 833 Grandview Road, Oil City, Pennsylvania, due to the need for social distancing. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Joseph McFadden, Board President, at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. McFadden opened the meeting with a moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: *Present:* Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden,
Mrs. Neely, Mr. Weaver

Absent: Mr. Piercy

Administrators

Present: Dr. Weller, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Curran

Mr. McFadden made the following changes to the agenda:

Under Item B, Additional Items for Board Approval, *Approval to Use the Oil City Senior High School Auditorium as a Rain Location for the "Oil City 150" Event on Sunday, April 11, 2021* was added.

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RECOGNITION OF VISITORS/INVITED GUESTS

Mr. Greg Merkel, School Solicitor, Ms. Kara O'Neil, reporter for *The Derrick* and Ms. Robin Echenoz were also in attendance.

Mrs. Anne Curran, Principal at Seventh Street and Smedley Elementary Schools, shared information with the Board regarding the autism support classroom at Smedley. The program was added this year after a need was recognized by Dr. Weller and Mrs. Delmonaco. Taught by teacher Kristin Musher and paraprofessionals Julia Nesbella and Lydia Moser, the class consists of four in-person students and one virtual student. Mrs. Curran reported that she has seen tremendous growth in the students since the beginning of the school year. One of the biggest changes has been seeing the four students interacting with each other, as well as others in the building. She noted the positive impact on the other students in the building, creating empathy and acceptance. She is looking forward to next year, with opportunities for even more progress.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2021 Board Meeting and the March 15, 2021 Work Session.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: *Ayes* – Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the following financial reports: Payment of Bills, Treasurer's Report, and Activity Report. (Copies of these reports will appear in the Minutes book.)

The voice vote is recorded as follows: *Ayes* – Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The following items were presented for approval by Mr. McFadden, Board President:

Personnel Items:

Approval to Accept Retirement Request

- William Schupp, Science teacher at Oil City Middle School, effective the last teacher day of the 2020-2021 school year

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to accept William Schupp's retirement request as presented.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: *Ayes* – Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval to Accept Resignation

- Jacqueline Brown, paraprofessional at Oil City Senior High School, effective February 5, 2021

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to accept Jacqueline Brown's resignation as presented.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: *Ayes* – Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval of Spring Coaches

- Bill Burkett, Assistant Track & Field Coach
- Bill Sheatz, Assistant Track & Field Coach
- Emma Davis, Volunteer Track & Field Coach
- Angella Scalise, Volunteer Middle School Volleyball Coach
- Tom Wice, Assistant Softball Coach

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the spring coaches as presented.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: *Ayes* – Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval of Stage Crew Volunteer

- Sydney Lamberton

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve Sydney Lamberton as a stage crew volunteer.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: *Ayes* – Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval of High School Musical Supplemental Contracts

- Jeff Brown, Musical Director
- Pamela Reinsel, Musical Advisor
- Dan Cartwright, Musical Advisor
- Alyssa Schiffer, Musical Choreographer
- MaryBeth Hutchinson, Musical Accompanist

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the high school musical supplemental contracts as presented.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: *Ayes* – Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval of Field Trip Request

- The Senior Class requests approval to travel to Cedar Point on Friday, June 4, 2021, for their class trip.

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the field trip request as presented.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: *Ayes* – Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval of Fundraisers

- National Honor Society requests approval to hold a Little Caesar's Pizza Kit fundraiser with proceeds split between NHS and the Sobina family
- National Honor Society requests approval to hold a Chinese auction with proceeds benefitting the Sobina family. The auction will be held March 22-26, 2021.

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Kelley, moved to approve the fundraiser requests as presented.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: *Ayes* – Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Mr. McFadden also requested approval of the following items:

Approval of the General Operating Budget for Riverview Intermediate Unit 6 for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021, and Ending June 30, 2022, in the Amount of \$1,289,547.00

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the General Operating Budget for Riverview Intermediate Unit 6 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, in the amount of \$1,289,547.00.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes – Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval of the 2019-2020 Audited Financial Statements

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mrs. Neely, moved to approve the 2019-2020 audited financial statements.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes – Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval of Bids for the 2021-2022 School Year

- Art
- Athletics
- Industrial Arts
- Office/Teacher
- Science

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the bids for the 2021-2022 school year as presented.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes – Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval of New and/or Revised Policies

- Policy 005, Organization
- Policy 150, Title I – Comparability of Services
- Policy 810.1, School Bus Drivers and School Commercial Vehicle Drivers
- Policy 810.3, School Vehicle Drivers

Mr. McFadden requested to change “Citizens Advisory Committee” in Policy 005 to “Community Input Committee.”

Mr. Kerr, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the policies with the change requested, as presented.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes – Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval to Retire Policy

- Policy 905, Citizens Advisory Committees

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the retirement of Policy 905, Citizens Advisory Committees.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes – Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval of the Request from Scenic Rivers YMCA for Exoneration of 2020 Property Taxes in the Amount of \$6,040.56

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Kelly, moved to approve the request from Scenic Rivers YMCA for exoneration of 2020 property taxes in the amount of \$6,040.56.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes – Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval for the Music Department to Hold a Sunday Presentation of the Musical, “Mamma Mia!”

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the request from the Music Department to hold a Sunday presentation of the musical, “Mamma Mia!”

The voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes – Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval to Use the Oil City Senior High School Auditorium as a Rain Location for the “Oil City 150” Event on Sunday, April 11, 2021

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the use of the Oil City Senior High auditorium as a rain location for the “Oil City 150” event on Sunday, April 11, 2021.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes – Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval for the Oil City Middle School Baseball Team to Use the High School Baseball field on Sundays (March 28 – May 16) from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the request from the Oil City Middle School Baseball Team to use the high school baseball field on Sundays (March 28 – May 16) from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.

The voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes – Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

Approval to Amend the Spectator Plan to Conform the District’s Maximum Occupancy Limits to the Maximum Occupancy Limits as May Be, from Time to Time, Ordered by the Governor or the Secretary of Health of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Disque, moved to approve the amendment of the Spectator Plan to conform the District's maximum occupancy limits to the maximum occupancy limits as may be, from time to time, ordered by the Governor or the Secretary of Health of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

The voice vote is recorded as follows: *Ayes* –Mrs. Davis, Mr. Disque, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Kerr, Mr. McFadden, Mrs. Neely, Mr. Weaver

Nays – None

INFORMATIONAL

Athletics Budget Review – Mrs. Fisher reviewed the tentative Athletics Budget. She noted that she budgeted for the same number of coaching positions at the same salaries as last year. She also explained that the overall Athletics budget shows an increase of \$5,807, which is due to insurance and retirement costs.

Federal ESSER Funds – Dr. Weller shared information about federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds. ESSER I was part of the CARES Act, and Oil City received \$785,284.00, which must be used by September 2023. ESSER II was part of the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, and Oil City will receive \$3,456,582.00, which must be used by September 2024. ESSER III, which is part of the American Rescue Plan, will give Oil City an estimated \$7,071,587.00, which also must be used by September 2024. A minimum of 20% of the ESSER III funds must be used to address learning loss during the pandemic.

Dr. Weller noted that programs under consideration include a Transition 1 and Transition 2 class at the elementary level. Another possibility is applying some of the funds toward renovations in order to reduce the amount we plan to borrow. Mrs. Fisher will continue to monitor ESSER funds and any impact they may have on our Basic Education Funding from the state.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

None.

OLD BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

None.

ADMINISTRATORS' REPORTS

Administrators' reports were sent by email to Board members prior to the meeting.

VENANGO TECHNOLOGY CENTER REPORT

None.

RIVERVIEW INTERMEDIATE UNIT 6 REPORT

Mr. Disque reported that the IU is working on its annual budget.

PSBA LIAISON REPORT

Mr. Kerr noted that he emailed pertinent information from the latest *PSBA Insider* regarding mandate relief and a school plan initiative.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Ms. McLaughlin reminded Board members they need to turn in their Statement of Financial Interests form prior to the May 1, 2021, deadline.

NEW BUSINESS OF THE BOARD

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kelly and seconded by Mr. Disque. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley D. McLaughlin
Board Secretary