

**Minutes of the Board of Education of the
Oelrichs School District 23-3
Regular Board Meeting
November 18, 2024**

Call to Order

The Board of Education of the Oelrichs School District 23-3 met in regular session on November 18, 2024, in the High School Science Room. The meeting was called to order by John Cope, Board President, at 5:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Members Present: John Cope, Katie Merdanian, Dave Osmotherly, and Lance Tlustos.

Members Absent: Marty Schommer

Administration Present: Dr. Mitchell Stone and Business Manager Sword.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Osmotherly to approve October 21, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Tlustos to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

**All actions recorded in these minutes were by unanimous vote unless otherwise noted.*

Public Participation – no participation.

Old Business

High School Construction: Dr. Stone reported that Kyle should have the drafts from the inspection by next week. Once they are finalized, he will be sending a letter to Scull and Upper Deck. The elementary school roof replacement should begin next week.

Fall River County Auditor: Attorney Hickey will be writing a letter of intent to the Fall River County Auditor and the Fall River County Commissioner regarding legal intent to collect the 2024 Special Education levy.

Board Reports: Merdanian attended Communities that Care and provided an update to the board. She attended the Peer Leadership Program hosted at Rapid City Central. She spoke highly of our students who attended.

Administration Reports: Stone informed the board of the Veterans Day Assembly. The students did an outstanding job, were respectful, and well-behaved. Red Ribbon Week was a success and included activities that involved families.

The food service review was completed last month. The food service staff had few corrective actions that have been completed, and the district is in compliance with the Federal regulations of the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Program.

The Thanksgiving Community Dinner is scheduled for Friday. Board members were invited to attend and volunteer to deliver meals as able.

Dr. Stone attended a regional superintendent dinner with six attending districts, SD Secretary of Education Dr. Graves, and SD Department of Education supporting staff members.

Sword informed the board that the Fiscal Year Ending 2024 Audit has been reviewed and accepted by the SD Department of Legislative Audit.

The senior class submitted a request for permission to plan a senior trip to Rapid City. In the proposal they provided a rationale, budget, and timeline. They plan to pay for the trip with fund raising activities and request that the board contribute funds.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Osmotherly to pay \$1,000 towards the senior trip for qualifying seniors with passing grades and 90% or better attendance rate. Motion carried.

AMENDED MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos to reduce the minimum trade or sale of the Vulcan Convection Steamer to \$3,000. (September 16, 2024, minimum was set at \$4,000) Osmotherly abstained. Motion carried.

Financials

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian to accept the unaudited financial reports and pay all invoiced claims. Motion carried.

	<u>Beginning</u> <u>Balance</u>	<u>Plus</u> <u>Receipts</u>	<u>(transfer)</u>	<u>Less</u> <u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>
General Fund	(4685.01)	89,222.67	300,000	224,693.76	159,843.90
Capital Outlay	426,500.74	7,623.05		126,216.02	307,907.77
Special Education	31,111.45	1,027.06		22,458.41	9,680.10
Impact Aid	6,985,950.69	28,024.41	(300,000)		6,713,975.10
Food Service	32,796.46	16,328.14	(3,008.96)	18,940.73	27,174.91
Custodial Balance:	19,174.71			153.54	19,021.17

Christmas Dr. Stone will pay a Christmas Bonus in the amount of \$300 (excluding deductions) per staff member and contracted administration. The checks will be available to distribute at the Christmas Party on December 13, 2024.

The board reviewed several bids from area restaurants to host the Christmas Party on December 13, 2024.

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Merdanian to approve the board paying for option 1 with Rodeo Grounds Restaurant for each staff plus one. Motion carried.

Snow Removal MOTION Tlustos, second Osmotherly to approve the bid for snow removal 2024-2025 submitted by Rocking RK Enterprises at the rate of \$125 per hour to include the use of equipment and operator; excluding sidewalks, unless requested. Merdanian abstained. Motion carried.

Contracts

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Merdanian to approve the extra duty agreements with Eric Mabin as HS Boys Head Basketball Coach (\$3,083) and HS Girls Head Basketball Coach (\$3,083) for school year 2024-2025. Motion carried.

Personnel

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian to approve the extra duty agreement with Shelby Davis as Assistant High School Girls Basketball Coach (\$1,733) for school year 2024-2025. Motion carried.

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Merdanian to approve the extra duty agreement with Shelby Davis as Middle School Girls Basketball Coach (\$1,733) for school year 2024-2025. Motion carried.

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Tlustos to consider Latoya Gonzalas employment behavior as job abandonment, her last day of work as custodian was October 4, 2024. Motion carried.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos to approve Courtney Malone hiring agreement as custodian at the rate of \$16.00 per hour. Motion carried.

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Merdanian to approve Russell Hines hiring agreement as custodian at the rate of \$16.00 per hour. Motion carried.

Adjournment

MOTION by Tlustos, second Osmotherly to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 PM. Motion carried.

Attested to by CEO/Superintendent Stone.

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