

**Minutes of the Board of Education of the
Oelrichs School District 23-3
Regular Board Meeting
September 16, 2024**

Call to Order

The Board of Education of the Oelrichs School District 23-3 met in regular session on September 16, 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, Marty Schommer, and Lance Tlustos.

Administration Present: Dr. Mitchell Stone, Principal Peterson, Attorney Hickey, and Business Manager Sword.

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Merdanian to approve August 19, 2024, meeting minutes with the correction. Motion carried.

MOTION by Schommer, 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: Stone distributed a contract from Diehl Group Architects with options for services for inspecting the high school.

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Schommer to accept the total cost estimate for all 5 phases of work plus travel-related expenses with Diehl Group Architects, not to exceed \$34,080. Plus, the additional costs for a contractor to perform intrusive testing. Motion carried.

Cope received quotes for possible storage options for the high school. There was discussion regarding the pros and cons of temporary storage options.

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Schommer to approve the purchase of a shipping container at \$7,500 and additional expense to prepare the area. Merdanian opposed; the motion passed.

Modular: No action

Board Reports: Merdanian attended Communities that Care and BHSSC board meetings, she provided an update to the board.

Administration Reports: Stone informed the board that the retention and signing bonus was paid out in the September payroll and was greatly appreciated. FY24 onsite financial audit started in August. The child count is 124; elementary 55, middle school 25, high school 44.

ESSER III's modifications have been approved by the state and the funds allocated.

On October 1st the school will have onsite reviews with the SD Department of Education staff to review ADA and non-discrimination policies and the five-year SPED review.

Three students have applied to serve as SD Legislative pages through the sponsorship of Representative Trish Ladner.

LNI Volleyball will be in October.

Attorney Hickey has been in contact with the Fall River County Auditor regarding SPED property tax collection. He recommends that if there is no progress towards recovery by November 1st, the district will need to make decisions on how to proceed to collect the lost revenue. The Fall River County State's Attorney has not responded to Hickey's request for communication.

Peterson reported that Parent Teachers Conferences will be held October 4. The school had a float in the parade, with several students riding.

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The Backpack Program will be implemented again this school year.
A hearing screening is scheduled for students.

Financials

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Tlustos 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>(adjust)</u>	<u>Less</u> <u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Ending</u> <u>Balance</u>
General Fund	260,586.62	70,131.38	79,129.65	180,604.06	229,243.59
Capital Outlay	451,685.37	3,043.64		3,884.85	450,844.16
Special Education	51,195.17	1,005.63		2,481.53	49,719.27
Impact Aid	6,906,945.41	27,719.37	24,138.22		6,958,803
Food Service	42,238.48		(3,181)	1,172.81	37,884.67
Custodial Balance:	18,316.96				18,316

Special Education Comprehensive Plan

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Schommer to approve the Special Education Comprehensive Plan as prepared by Heather Hunsaker. Motion carried.

Open Enrollment

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Merdanian to approve students 12 through 24 as presented by Principal Peterson. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Osmotherly to approve students 25 through 29 as presented by Principal Peterson. Motion carried.

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Merdanian to approve students 30 through 48 as presented by Principal Peterson. Motion carried.

Surplus

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Tlustos to declare the Vulcan Convection Steamer surplus for trade or sale at a minimum of \$4,000. Motion carried.

Contracts

MOTION by Merdanian, second Tlustos to approve the proposal from Weathercraft Co for \$63,346 to complete the elementary school roof. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian to approve the engagement agreement with ELO CPA's & Advisors for \$22,000 plus out-of-pocket costs for financial auditing services for FY24. Motion carried.

MOTION by Osmotherly, second Tlustos to purchase 15,000 gallons of propane (Winer Pre-Buy) from CBH at \$2.35 per gallon. Motion carried.

MOTION by Merdanian, second Schommer to approve paying Terri Corney \$25 per hour to assist with the food service review and provide continued support to the program. Motion carried.

Personnel

MOTION by Schommer, second Osmotherly to approve the employment of Malachiah Fleming as head custodian/maintenance for \$18.00 an hour. Motion carried.

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian to approve the extra duty contract to Buff Tewahade as Yearbook Advisor for \$1,419 for school year 2024-2025. Motion carried.

MOTION by Schommer, second Merdanian to approve the extra duty contract to Buff Tewahade to supervise 'Buff Time' after school program for \$3,500. Motion carried.

Adjournment

MOTION by Tlustos, second Merdanian to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 PM. Motion carried.

Attested to by CEO/Superintendent Stone.

Pursuant to SDCL 17-2-28 the approximate cost of publishing this legal notice is \$

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