

November 18, 2009

Regular Board Meeting

The Oglesby School Board met in a regular session with the following members present: Mike Walter, Laura Wright, Mike Gomez, Randy McClinton, Anthony Ross, and Rebecca Schultz. Mark Luckie was not in attendance. Toni Kocian, Stephanie James, Edna Davis, and Kendall Smith were also present.

President Mike Walter called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and determined that a quorum was present. He led the invocation. There was no public comment.

Mrs. Schultz made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented to include the Minutes from October 14, 2009, Current Bills, Payroll, and the Investment Report. Mrs. Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There were no Personnel Issues discussed.

The 2008-2009 Audit was not completed and will be presented at the Regular Board Meeting in December. Ms. Davis will pursue other available options for future Audits.

Mr. Ross made a motion to adopt Update 86 as presented. Mr. Gomez seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Gomez made a motion to close the following Activity Accounts: FFA, FCA, Class of 2010, and Cheerleading. Mr. McClinton seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. McClinton made a motion to cast 45 entitled votes for Jack Wall to be presented in a Resolution for Coryell Central Appraisal District Board of Directors. Mrs. Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Under the Principal's Report, Mr. Smith discussed student progress and ongoing activities. Mr. Smith, counselors, and teachers are working with students and parents to address grade/progress concerns. He recommended that students with unexcused absences may not receive a grade higher than a 70 for completing make-up assignments. Mr. Smith is studying implementation of a ZAP (Zeros aren't permitted) program to address student failures.

Ms. Davis reported that current student enrollment is at 164. She discussed approval for student transfers involving students already attending that have moved and their continued enrollment in Oglesby. Ms. Davis reported that parents may now go on-line to access their child's food service records and pay for meals. She gave an update on staff/student injuries from the automobile accident and status of insurance claims. Ms. Davis suggested the possibility of purchasing an Ag Truck as an additional school vehicle. Ms. Davis discussed the Gold Performance Acknowledgment Standards for 2009. Oglesby met the indicators for Class of 2008 College-Ready Graduates and Recommended High School Program/Distinguished Achievement Program. Also, for Spring 2009 Oglesby met TSI-Higher Education Readiness Component: English Language Arts. Ms. Davis distributed the Superintendent Evaluation Instrument to be completed and returned by the December Board Meeting.

Mrs. Kocian discussed the English/Language Arts Program. She indicated that CSCOPE and Compass Learning are being utilized to extend the curriculum and enhance learning. Mrs. Kocian encouraged more reading, writing, and exposure to vocabulary opportunities at the Elementary grades, offering incentives to increase student interest and a desire to make learning more innovative, and regular attendance. She stressed responsibility and organization as part of student success and achievement, along with regular attendance. Students have a routine in her classroom with guidelines that are specific. She has consistent rules and expectations for student performance. Mrs. Kocian stated that longer class periods would allow her to accomplish more with her students.

Board member items included a discussion of Electronic Textbooks, which Ms. Davis will look into. She will also research the possibility of offering Vocational and Technical Preparation Programs and opportunities for students at risk of not completing their high school education. There was discussion of reporting and publicizing student activities and participation, checking on pest management control, examining the back side of the bleachers for excess room between the fencing and seating for safety concerns, and getting information about handicap accessibility to the football bleachers. Athletics and PE concerns were discussed in that there is a lack of practice time for Junior High and that both Elementary and Junior High need to be working more on basic fundamentals and skills of the sports that Oglesby participates in. The possibility of purchasing another school trailer was presented. Ms. Davis will consider these items and report back to the board.

Future Business included a motion made by Mr. McClinton to move the next regular board meeting to Wednesday, 12/16 at 6:30 p.m. rather than Thursday, 12/17 to allow board members to attend the Christmas Program. Mrs. Wright seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Wright made the motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Ross and it carried unanimously.

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Mike Walter, President

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Laura Wright, Secretary