BOARD OF EDUCATION

ORCHARD VIEW SCHOOLS Muskegon, Michigan 49442

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Orchard View High School Community Room 16 N. Quarterline, Muskegon, MI 49442 September 18, 2023 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS:

a. Call to Order

Meeting called to Order @ 6:30 p.m. by J. Taylor

b. Roll Call

Members Present: J. Taylor, C. Bankhead, L. Nelson, S. Horsly, A. Brown, J. Eggeman Members Absent: T. Joppie

- c. Pledge of Allegiance
- d. Consent Agenda Items
 - i. Modification/Approval of Agenda
 - September 18, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
 - ii. Approval of the Minutes
 - August 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
 - iii. Report & Payment of Bills
 - District Financials August, 2023
 - Head Start Financials August, 2023

Motion to modify/approve all August 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Consent Agenda items, as presented:

Motion: J. Eggeman Support: C. Bankhead Carried: 6-0

e. Public Comment-none

II. CARDINAL PRIDE

- a. Student Artwork Recognition Brandy Carey/Jim Nielsen Superintendent Nielsen and Community Education Director Carey recognized student artists whose works had been chosen from submissions for our community calendar. Each student received his/her original artwork framed and ready to hang at home.
- b. Distinguished Lakeshore Educator Award Sara Sherwood, United Way of the Lakeshore JJ Lewis, United Way of the Lakeshore, presented Kevin Holm, first grade teacher at OVEE, with a Distinguished Lakeshore Educator Award. United Way hosted their annual Stuff the Bus collection drive this summer and solicited teacher nominations at the same time. Kevin was chosen to be recognized and he also received extra supplies for himself and his class. Congratulations Kevin!!
- c. One Good Thing Jim Nielsen
 - *Beth Ackley, principal at OVEE, has a fantastic staff who is here to support each other all the time!
 - *Samantha Wilson, principal at OVHS, shared that Marv Bolthouse is taking a group of students to the Tri Cities Historical Museum to participate in a program where they will create exhibits that will be on display for others to visit.
 - *Joshua Smith, principal at OVMS, would like to highlight his custodial staff-Larry, Jackie, and Randy. The cafeteria, secured vestibule, e-gaming room are coming right along!
 - * Elyse Benson, assistant principal at Cardinal Elementary reports that Gabby is working on the sense of belonging. Our Color Run is coming up this Friday.
 - \$5,000 will get the two pygmy goats to hang out in the courtyard.
 - * Cathy Cantu, director of virtual programming, stated that one of their virtual teachers, Michelle Vink, is sitting in GR with one of our virtual students who is going through some pretty heavy stuff. Michelle goes above and beyond and makes great connections with kids.

- *Brandy Carey, director of Community Education, shared that the numbers coming into ILC are incredible, but even better, many of them are returning students.
- * Cynthia Bankhead, Board secretary, said that a community member came up and complimented her on all of the building progress throughout the district.
- * Tom Hamilton, curriculum director/assistant superintendent, reported that we had an awesome turnout for the Safe Routes to School grant meeting. There was a lot of energy and a lot of excitement about this. Jennifer Hodges (Township) and Paul Bowman (County) came and supported also. Later this week, we'll connect with the grant coordinator. We have to get a 20% response from the families. The engineers will come back with some options of plans and we'll talk about what makes the most sense.

III. PRESENTATIONS:

a. Cognia Accreditation – Jim Nielsen

For many years OV has had Advanced Ed accreditation. Probably 7-8 years ago, we did it district wide. It has been through a few name changes, but it is currently Cognia. Not many districts (if any) are still accredited anymore. We are considering abandoning it. This is something to think about and we will revisit it in October.

b. A-91T for Network Switches – Heather Lorenz-Babcock

We need to upgrade the network switches to allow for the speed of the cameras. The cost of this project will come half from ESSER III and half from Tech and Security.

III. ACTION ITEMS:

a. September Personnel Change Form

Motion to approve the staff changes per the August Personnel change spreadsheet as presented:

Motion: L. Nelson Support: J. Eggeman Carried: 6-0

b. A-91T for Network Switches

Motion to approve the A-91T to Vector for Network Switches in the amount of \$139,000 as presented:

Motion: J. Eggeman Support: L. Nelson Carried: 6-0

IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS:

a. Student Enrollment

We tend to fluctuate for the first 3-4 weeks generally. We are 15-20 students down right now compared to last year.

b. Homecoming – October 13, 2023

There will be activities throughout the district that week. Board members can walk in the parade that evening prior to the football game.

c. OVEF Yeti Raffle

Jim and Brandy are selling tickets for the cooler. Proceeds go to the Orchard View Community Foundation, which provides teacher mini grants. The drawing for the winner will take place at the Homecoming Game.

d. Audit report presentation by Paul Gilbert date to be determined *We anticipate this being scheduled within the next 2-3 meetings.*

V. BOARD PRESIDENT'S ITEMS:

VI. BOARD MEMBERS' ITEMS:

J. Eggeman asked why we removed the times from the signs. We are not sure, but think it's related to making some changes to the signs.

S. Horsly noticed the lights on the path from the football stadium to Cardinal. So nice.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn

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Motion: L. Nelson Support: J. Eggeman Carried: 6-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m. by J. Taylor.