



Omak School District #19
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 27, 2024
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 5:30 p.m.
619 West Bartlett Ave.
Omak, Washington 98841

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dennis Carlton called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

1.01 Roll Call

Board Members:

Dennis Carlton, Chairman	Present
Darrel Diebel, Vice-Chairman	Present
Jerry Day	Present
Mandy Holz	Not Present
Pete Sirois	Present

Michael Porter, Superintendent	Present
Estelle McCormack, Recording Secretary	Present

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting opened with Chairman Dennis Carlton leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.03 Approval of Agenda

Action

Motion by Jerry Day and seconded by Pete Sirois to approve the agenda, as presented.

Motion Approved

1.04 Welcome to Visitors not on Agenda

Superintendent Michael Porter welcomed all visitors.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action

2.01 Approval of Minutes – Regular Board Minutes 01/23/2024, Special Board Minutes 02/20/2024, and Special Board Minutes 02/22/2024

Motion by Darrel Diebel and seconded by Pete Sirois to approve Regular Board Minutes 01/23/2024, Special Board Minutes 02/20/2024, and Special Board Minutes 02/22/2024, as presented.

Motion Approved

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Action

3.01 The purpose of the consent agenda is to reduce the time going through motion, second, and voting on issues of common consent. Any board director can ask for any item to be removed from the consent agenda. There is no discussion of items on the consent agenda. By motion of the board, the remaining items are approved without discussion as part of the consent agenda.

3.02 Warrant and Voucher Expenditures

Vouchers audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090 have been recorded on a voucher register, which has been made available to the board. Pete Sirois reviewed them and found them to be in order.

- Payroll checks #473136 through 473148 and 473149 through 473169 in the amount of \$3,901,965.32
- General Fund check #472960 in the amount of \$126,203.03
- General Fund checks #473122 through 473127 in the amount of \$13,205.81
- General Fund checks #473130 through 473133 in the amount of \$17,994.03
- General Fund checks #473170 through 473308 in the amount of \$2,580,949.03
- ASB Fund check #473129 in the amount of \$246.08
- ASB Fund checks #473134 through 473135 in the amount of \$3,069.96
- ASB Fund checks #473309 through 473327 in the amount of \$22,447.38
- Capital Projects Fund check #473128 in the amount of \$62,481.96
- Private Purpose Fund check #473328 in the amount of \$76.93

3.03 Contracts

- Omak School District / Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation – Contract to Provide Special Education Services to Eligible Indian Children Pursuant to the Johnson O'Malley Act
- Omak School District / Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Interagency Agreement – June – September 2024

3.04 Omak School District Calendar 2024-25

3.05 WAVA School Calendar 2024-25

3.06 Fiscal Reports

- Cash & Investment Comparison for Board
- Okanogan County Treasurer's Monthly Report
- Treasurer's Report History
- Budget Status Report

3.07 Personnel Report

Motion by Pete Sirois and seconded by Darrel Diebel to approve the consent agenda, as presented.

Motion Approved

4. STUDENT REPORTS

6.01 Student Report – Jonathan Kirk and Angelica Rodriguez

Information

Board representative Jonathan Kirk shared club and sports information with the board. Chairman Dennis Carlton thanked him for his report.

5. GOOD NEWS

Information

The following individuals shared the good news that is happening within the school district:

- WAVA-Stride Executive Director Susan Boyer was excited to share that one of their WAVA students has been featured in the “*One Leg Up on Adapting*” podcast, where they discuss the impact WAVA online has had on his education with his challenges as a student with dyslexia and his athletic career as a pro disc golfer.
- East Elementary Principal Lee Ann Schrock shared that their goal for student growth this year was a 10% improvement, and they are excited to share that with January STAR testing, students have made significantly larger growth in reading and math. Both staff and student dedication to learning is paying off, and everyone feels very successful. The teamwork of North Elementary and East Elementary for student learning is beginning to show great student improvement. The fifth-grade Math is Cool team will compete this Friday in Wenatchee, and our third and fourth-grade teams will compete in Wenatchee on March 23rd. The recent partnership with NCESD and the Department of Transportation for bike safety not only provided training on bike riding skills and safety for our students but due to extra dollars available in the grant, ALL fifth-grade students will be receiving a one-time award of a new mountain bike & helmet to take home. The program also donated six trikes for our life skills classroom.
- Secondary Dean of Students Audrey Hunt shared that the Middle School Math is Cool team placed sixth in Wenatchee on February 2nd and was invited to the Math is Cool Masters, which is a competition that typically presents more challenging problems than the regional competition. March Madness, an on-time/attendance student competition bracket, is in full swing. Club Shred has made five trips to the Loup Loup Ski Bowl, with an increase of ten student participants this year. Our local 2 Scoops business continues to support our students through the Principal 100 Club, which recognizes good student behavior. Administrative Intern Leilani Beck shared data after the third set of STAR testing. They have seen a significant increase in reading and math scores in students at or above grade level. They are seeing significant growth, which is very exciting for our staff and students.
- High School Principal David Kirk shared that our boy and girl wrestlers represented Omak well at the State Tournament, with two state champions and several finishing in the top three. Our Theatre students are presenting “*Seussical*” on March 1, 2, 8, and 9 at 7:00 p.m. Omak is again partnering with the Okanogan School District for Junior Business Week next Monday through Thursday at the Agriplex. On Friday, March 8th, students interested in the medical field are invited to participate in “*Scrubs Camp*” at Wenatchee Valley College. We are beginning to register students for 2024-25 courses. Spring Sports started on Monday and thanks to good weather, all teams can practice outside. Students will participate in WIDA testing for English Language Learners and NAEP testing, in which random students are selected nationally every two years.
- Assistant Principal Chris Miller shared that their building is also testing students and should have testing data available next month. North hosted a NED (Never give up, Encourage others, Do your best) assembly motivating and engaging students with yo-yos. Students are cracking the books enthusiastically, preparing for the Mason’s reading challenge-bike giveaway. North Elementary’s book fair is scheduled for March 11th – 15th, with a family night on March 14th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. focusing on literacy. First graders will have their first concert on March 19th at 1:00 p.m. We currently have six students who have not missed any school days this year.

For our salmon update, 73 eggs have hatched, and the students are looking forward to the release celebration tentatively scheduled for April 10th.

- Executive Director of Finance Scott Haeberle shared that the district received a \$172,000 grant to upgrade the high school's fire and security system. The district will work with the State Auditor for approximately two months, and he will be scheduling appointments with Program Directors.
- Executive Director of Teaching and Learning Jill Timm shared that the WaKIDS Assessment shows that overall, students entering kindergarten are more prepared than ever before, with a state percentage of 52%. Omak kindergartners are significantly higher, with 61.3% showing readiness in all six categories. This shows that our preschool and early learning partnerships are working.
- Superintendent Michael Porter thanked everyone for supporting our schools. It is a great feeling to pass our EP&O Levy at 61.98%. Washington State recognizes two significant groups of employees who bring support and value to our community and students. We celebrate Washington State Retirees March 18th—24th and Education Support Professionals March 11th—15th. Thank you for being so dedicated to our students.

6. REPORTS

6.01 Monthly Fiscal/Enrollment – Scott Haeberle

Information

- BEA FTE Enrollment Counts – Brick & Mortar
- BEA FTE Enrollment Counts – WAVA-Stride

Chairman Dennis Carlton thanked Mr. Haeberle for his reports.

7. OLD BUSINESS

7.01 Board Policy Update – Second Reading

Action

- Board Policy 2190 – Highly Capable Programs
- Board Policy 2415 – Performance-Based Pathway for High School Graduation

Superintendent Michael Porter reviewed the proposed Policy and Procedure updates with the board. Motion by Pete Sirois and seconded by Jerry Day to approve the Policies and Procedures for a second reading and adoption, as presented. Jerry Day requested data on Policy 2415 be presented to the board at a future date.

Motion Approved

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.01 Board Policy Update – First Reading

Action

- Board Policy 2413 – Equivalency Credit Opportunities

Superintendent Michael Porter reviewed the proposed Policy update with the board. Motion by Darrel Diebel and seconded by Pete Sirois to table the first reading of Board Policy 2413 for further discussion.

Motion Approved

9. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Information

Superintendent Michael Porter and High School Principal David Kirk recently attended a community meeting that included business leaders, school administrators, and leaders from Wenatchee Valley College. This was an opportunity to discuss and build relationships connecting schools and discussing future course offerings. The Resolution the Board of Directors signed at our January Regular Board Meeting was provided to our legislative representatives but is still moving forward to the Governor's desk. A WSSDA Regional meeting for Board Directors is scheduled for May 1, 2024, in Ephrata.

10. BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

Information

Upcoming Calendar Items

- March 8 End of 2nd Trimester (P-5)
- March 19 Special Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m.
- March 26 Regular Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m. – Darrel Diebel Exp Review
- March 27 End of 3rd Qtr – Records – Early Release – Records/Staff Dvlp
- March 28-29 P.T.S. Conferences
- April 1-5 Spring Break – No School
- April 15 Annual CTE Special Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m. – High School
- April 23 Regular School Board Meeting – 5:30 p.m. – Mandy Holz Exp Review

At 6:30 p.m., Chairman Dennis Carlton called for an approximate ten-minute recess.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION – RCW 42.30.110(1)(g)

The board went into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. for approximately 15 minutes to discuss the performance of a public employee, with no action to be taken.


The board exited the Executive Session and re-entered the open session at 6:55 p.m.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dennis Carlton adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m. by consensus.

ATTEST:


Board Secretary


Board Chairman