



Onion Creek School District #30 School Board Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 17, 2022

OCSD [Board of Directors Operating Principles](#) January 2022

Agenda

I. Call To Order

- A. Welcome

Elissa Dyson called the 2.17.22 regular board meeting to order at 5:03 pm. School Board Members present were: Elissa Dyson, Andy James, Joel Anderson, Melody Bowlby, and Lukas Miller. Staff members present were: Aaron Kombol, Liz Wolf, Shannon Kearney, and Alyson Clendenen. Multiple community members were also present.

II. Flag salute

_____ Board Chair Elissa Dyson led the flag salute.

III. Minutes Approval

- A. Approve [1.20.22 Minutes](#)

Andy James made the motion to approve minutes from the 1.20.22 Regular Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Lukas Miller. Board approved the Minutes from 1.20.22 Regular Meeting with a 5-0 vote.

IV. Additions or Deletions

- A. [M Bowlby Resignation Letter effective 2.18.22](#)

Elissa,

I am writing to officially inform you that I will be resigning my position on Onion Creek School Board as of Friday, February 18th, 2022. It is my intention to serve the Onion Creek Community and School in the best way possible and continuing my service on the board is not the best way to do this.

I encourage the remaining board members to reach out to the community for guidance on how to best serve as their representatives. I would also like to remind the board that putting students first, should always be the priority, above all else. The best way to do this is to work as partners with parents, not to dictate to them.

Thank you
-Melody Bowby

It was agreed upon to follow Elissa Dyson's suggestion to review the letter during section, VII. Board Member Reports.

V. **Consent Agenda Review**

A. 2.17.22 [Consent Agenda](#)

Lukas Miller made the motion to approve the 2.17.22 Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Joel Anderson. Board approved the Consent agenda with a 5-0 vote.

VI. **Reports**

A. Superintendent's Report

1. Current [Enrollment](#)
2. Statewide February Levy/Bond [Election Results](#)
3. Board Policy Organization Update
 - a. [OCSD Board Policies](#)
 - b. [Policies by Series](#)
 - c. [1000 Series](#)
4. Playground Grant Update
5. Curriculum [Update](#)
6. [OCSD Operations Update](#) (Maintenance, Transportation, Technology)

Aaron Kombol reviewed OCSD's current enrollment which is holding steady and shared the positive news of the recent school ballot measures near Onion Creek had all been successful. Aaron also update the Board with his work to update and organize OCSD's Board Policies and Board meetings sharing several folders from the District's Google Drive.

Aaron also updated the Board on our playground grant and the progress moving forward. In addition to updates on curriculum adoption and district operations which can be seen attached to the agenda.

- B. Financial Report
 - 1. [2.2022 Cash Flow\(Detailed\)](#)
 - 2. [2.2022 Cash Flow Summary](#)
 - 3. [1.2022 Budget Status Report](#)

- C. Audit of Payroll and Vouchers
 - 1. [2.2022 AP Check Board Certification](#)
 - 2. [2.2022 Payroll Board Certification](#)

Joel Anderson asked about several negative transfers etc Aaron stated he would ask John Rumelhart to attend an upcoming meeting to provide the Board with an update and to availability for questions and answers.

VII. Board Member Reports

- A. Board Chair Report Elissa Dyson to report.

Elissa Dyson shared that she and Aaron will be attending the WASA Small Schools Conference in March and encouraged other Board members to attend if possible. She also requested that the Board set up a Special Meeting to discuss Aaron's evaluation. After Board member discussion, Thursdays March 3 or 10 were identified as possible for the Special Meeting.

- [Legislative Report](#) Andy James to report.

Andy James reviewed his attached report with the Board. Board member discussion was held. Board Members and Aaron thanked Andy for his detailed legislative report. All agreed it was very helpful and informative.

- B. Additional Board member reports

Melody Bowlby shared her letter of resignation, effective 2.18.22, with the Board. She appreciated her time on the Board and the dedication of her fellow Board members. Due to a combination of factors she was resigning as of 2.18.22. She encouraged the Board to consider community input in their deliberations. Andy James made the motion to accept Melody Bowlby's resignation from the Onion Creek School Board of Directors effective 2.18.22. The motion was seconded by Lukas Miller. Board accepted Melody Bowlby's resignation from the Onion Creek School Board of Directors effective 2.18.22 with a 4-0 vote; with Melody Bowlby abstained.

Lukas Miller noted that there were some repairs that needed to be done on the school's reader board. Aaron Kombol stated that he would complete a work order for Hugh Humes to review and repair as needed.

VIII. Action Items

A [Stevens/Clay E-cigarette Lawsuit 2.2022](#)

Aaron Kombol shared information regarding joining this lawsuit against the e-cigarette manufacturer Juul for targeting youth with this product. Lawsuit is nationwide and at no financial risk to the district. The firm of Stevens/Clay is providing their services pro-bono. This is a “mass action” lawsuit and not a “class action: lawsuit. Board asked Aaron to continue to pursue and bring to Board at March meeting for vote

B. Board Policy Review, 1000's: 1st Reading(s) Date of last Revision

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|------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Policy 1000 | (6.20.05) |
| 2. Policy 1000(WSSDA Update) | |
| 3. Policy 1005 | (7.20.05) |
| 4. Policy 1005 (WSSDA Update) | |
| 5. Policy 1111 | (2.21.07) |
| 6. Policy 1111(WSSDA Update) | |
| 7. Policy 1112 | (7.20.05) |
| 8. Policy 1112 (WSSDA Update) | |
| 9. Policy 1113 | (2.21.07) |
| 10. Policy 1113 (WSSDA Update) | |
| 11. Policy 1114 | (7.20.05) |
| 12. Policy 1114 (WSSDA Update) | |
| 13. Policy 1210 (WSSDA Update) | (NA) |
| 14. Policy 1220 | (7.20.05) |
| 15. Policy 1220 (WSSDA Update) | |
| 16. Policy 1225 (WSSDA Update) | (NA) |
| 17. Policy 1240 | (2.21.07) |
| 18. Policy 1240 (WSSDA Update) | |
| 19. Policy 1310 | (7.20.05) |
| 20. Policy 1310 (WSSDA Update) | |

- 21. [Policy 1320](#) (7.20.05)
- 22. [Policy 1320 \(WSSDA Update\)](#)

- 23. [Policy 1330](#) (7.20.05)
- 24. [Policy 1330 \(WSSDA Update\)](#)

- 25. [Policy 1340 \(WSSDA Update\)](#) (NA)

- 26. [Policy 1400](#) (NA)
- 27. [Policy 1400 \(WSSDA Update\)](#)

- 28. [Policy 1410](#) (7.20.05)
- 29. [Policy 1410 \(WSSDA Update\)](#)

- 30. [Policy 1420](#) (7.20.05)
- 31. [Policy 1420 \(WSSDA Update\)](#)

- 32. [Policy 1440](#) (NA)
- 33. [Policy 1440 \(WSSDA Update\)](#)

- 34. [Policy 1450](#) (7.20.05)
- 35. [Policy 1450 \(WSSDA Update\)](#)

- 36. [Policy 1610](#) (7.20.05)
- 37. [Policy 1610 \(WSSDA Update\)](#)

- 38. [Policy 1620](#) (7.20.05)
- 39. [Policy 1620 \(WSSDA Update\)](#)

- 40. [Policy 1630 \(WSSDA Update\)](#) (NA)

- 41. [Policy 1731](#) (7.20.05)
- 42. [Policy 1731 \(WSSDA Update\)](#)

- 43. [Policy 1732](#) (2.21.07)
- 44. [Policy 1732 \(WSSDA Update\)](#)

- 45. [Policy 1733 \(WSSDA Update\)](#) (NA)

- 46. [Policy 1805 \(WSSDA Update\)](#) (NA)

- 47. [Policy 1810](#) (7.20.11)
- 48. [Policy 1810 \(WSSDA Update\)](#)

- 49. [Policy 1815 \(WSSDA Update\)](#) (NA)
- 50. [Policy 1820](#) (NA)
- 51. [Policy 1822](#) (7.20.05)
- 52. [Policy 1822 \(WSSDA Update\)](#)
- 53. [Policy 1825 \(WSSDA Update\)](#) (NA)
- 54. [Policy 1830](#) (7.20.05)
- 55. [Policy 1830 \(WSSDA Update\)](#)

Aaron Kombol stated as part of his work organizing the OCSD Board policies that the Board will begin to review all policies over the next several months. This month is the 1000 series with a first reading. Board policies are grouped by current OCSD version and current WSSDA update. Policies with “NA” indicates that Aaron was unable to locate any adopted OCSD policy electronically or hard copy.

VIII. Discussion Items

A. [1220 Procedure](#)

Aaron Kombol indicated that 1220P now matches the language in the OCSD [Board of Directors Operating Principles](#) adopted in January 2022. Policy 1220 will be adopted during March 2022 Board meeting

B. Student Masking “Optional” Discussion

[News Link 1](#)
[News Link 2](#)
[Clear Risk Response 2.14.22](#)
[OSPI Letter to KFSD 2.15.22](#)
[Labor & Industries Memo 9.15.21](#)

Aaron Kombol reviewed the links and information shared above with the Board and noted that Kettle Falls SD had voted to not follow the current Executive Order requiring indoor masking in Washington scheduled to end on March 21. This placed the Kettle Falls SD in jeopardy of withholding of state funding and increased liability.

Board Chair, Elissa Dyson asked if there were members of the public or staff members that wanted to comment to the Board. Numerous community members spoke regarding their frustration and anger with the current Executive Order requiring students to continue to wear masks while inside at school.

In addition, commenters stated that both Kettle Falls and Colville School Boards had voted to make masks optional immediately for students indoors. Several commenters also expressed their anger and frustration with the Board for not taking action or being part of a recent letter submitted by ESD 101. Many comments were also made in the Zoom chat feature. These comments too expressed frustration regarding the ongoing mask mandate. Board members expressed their empathy and understanding while also describing the “No win” situation that the board was in and the rationale behind their decision making. After much discussion, a non-binding “straw poll” was taken; four members of the Board indicated they would support continuing to follow the current Executive Order requiring indoor masking until March 21, 2022, one member indicated a willingness to defy the current order.

C. For the Good of the School

Aaron Kombol described the fun the students are having sledding down the hill near the slab.

IX. Public Comment

Board Chair Elissa Dyson will recognize audience members who have comments to present to the Board. Members of the public who have pre-notified the Board and are residents of Onion Creek School District will be called upon first. Each commenter will be asked to provide their name and address to be included in the meeting minutes. Each commenter will be allowed 3 minutes to express his or her thoughts. Commenters will not be allowed to yield their time to others. Board Chair Dyson will limit the total amount of time for public comment to 30 minutes to allow sufficient time for the Board to conduct its other business.

See section VIII

X. Executive Session

Executive session(s) may be held to consider the appointment, employment, charges against or dismissal of a public officer or employee; to consider the acquisition or disposition of real estate; to consider professional negotiations, grievances, or mediation; to review the performance of a public employee; to receive and evaluate complaints, or to consult with legal counsel.

None at this time.

XI. Adjournment

Andy James made the motion to adjourn the 2.17.22 OCSD Board Meeting. The motion was seconded by Lukas Miller. Board adjourned the 2.17.22 OCSD Board Meeting at 6:57 pm with a 5-0 vote.

Elissa Dyson, Board Chair