

St. Joseph-Ogden CHSD 305 Board of Education Regular Meeting	Monday, October 22, 2018 6:00 PM Board Room, Superintendent's Office St. Joseph-Ogden High School
Minutes Recording Secretary: Suzanne Jean	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President James Rein.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Rein, Vogelsang, Taylor, McDermott, McLain
 Absent: McCormick, Schluter
 Also Present: Brian Brooks, Superintendent and Gary Page, Principal

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Brooks recommended approval of the agenda as presented.

Motion: Vogelsang
 Second: Taylor

To: approve the agenda as presented

Voting Yes: 5
 Voting No: 0
 MOTION CARRIED

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Brooks discussed the consent agenda items and recommended approval as presented except for the payment to Barber & DeAtley. Greenhouse punch list items still need to be completed. Mr. Brooks has communicated with Jeff Bridgewater regarding those items and has asked for a timeline. Mr. Brooks recommended that we withhold paying \$35,887.50 of the bill to Barber & DeAtley this month since that is the amount tied to the labor of Greenhouse Megastore. He has already made Ed DeAtley and Justin Placek aware that this is what he planned to recommend to the Board.

Motion: McDermott
 Second: Vogelsang

To: approve the consent agenda as presented and amended to withhold \$35,887.50 from the payment to Barber & DeAtley

Voting Yes: McDermott, Rein, McLain, Vogelsang, Taylor
 Voting No:
 MOTION CARRIED

- * Approval of September Minutes (budget hearing and regular meeting)
- * Approval of October Bills as presented and amended to withhold \$35,887.50 from the payment to Barber & DeAtley
- * Approval of Maternity Leave Request from Katie Duitsman as presented
- * Approval of Employment Recommendations
 - Michael Pfundstein as Substitute Teacher for Duitsman maternity leave
 - Kyle Johnson as Assistant Wrestling Coach
 - Olivia Wilson as FFA 2nd Semester Substitute Sponsor for Duitsman maternity leave
 - Resignation of Dave Richmond as Assistant Softball Coach

6. COMMUNICATION FROM STA

Mr. Sutton was present.

7. COMMUNICATION FROM VISITORS

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DATES

- November 1 – Early Dismissal at 2:00 p.m. ~ Parent-Teacher Conferences
- November 2 – No School ~ Parent-Teacher Conferences
- November 18 – Talent Show at 2:00 p.m.
- November 16 through 18 – Triple I Conference in Chicago
- November 20 – Early Dismissal at 2:00 p.m.
- November 21 through 23 – Thanksgiving Break
- November 26 – Regular Board of Education Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

9. BUSINESS

A. Unfinished Business

1. Village Steering Committee Update
Mr. Brooks reported that no meeting is set yet. Mr. Brooks is meeting with Mayor Voges and Todd Pence from St. Joseph Grade School on Tuesday.
2. Greenhouse Update
The students are in and have had a significant amount of donations in plants. Mr. Brooks would like to hold an open house but does not want to do so until everything is complete.
3. Consolidation Study
There is nothing new to report. We are still waiting on information from the state.
4. Health Insurance
Mr. Brooks discussed our renewal options and recommended that the board approve moving to the POS 2500 plan and restructure the HRA to pay the first \$500 and the last \$250 of the \$2500 deductible. Mr. Brooks reported that the cooperative has not had a good year in terms of the amount of claims paid and this is creating a cash flow problem. As a result, double digit premium increases were needed. The cooperative board is working on making sure that the tiers are set up correctly and on member withdrawal procedures and costs.

Motion: McDermott
Second: Taylor

To: approve the 2019 health insurance rates as presented in the board packet for the POS 2500 plan and to restructure the HRA to pay the first \$500 and the last \$250 of the \$2500 deductible

Voting Yes: Vogelsang, McLain, McDermott, Taylor

Voting No:

Abstain: Rein

MOTION CARRIED

5. Music Room HVAC
Proposals were received from E.L. Pruitt Company in the amount of \$20,515 and from A & R Mechanical Contractors in the amount of \$9,771 to fix the temperature control issues in the music room. Mr. Brooks recommended accepting the proposal from A & R Mechanical.

Motion: McDermott
Second: Rein

To: accept the proposal from A & R Mechanical Contractors in the amount of \$9,771 as presented for music room HVAC work

Voting Yes: Taylor, McLain, Rein, Vogelsang, McDermott
Voting No:
MOTION CARRIED

6. Board Policy Updates
Mr. Brooks recommended approval of the policies as presented.

Motion: Taylor
Second: Vogelsang

To: approve board policy updates 4:80, 6:20, and 7:270 as presented

Voting Yes: 5
Voting No: 0
MOTION CARRIED

B. New Business

1. Spanish Curriculum Review
Spanish teachers Sutton, Harbaugh, and Dizonno were in attendance to present a Spanish curriculum review. Teacher information, enrollment figures, classes offered, resources used and offered, and strengths and weaknesses of the program were discussed. Recommendations/needs cited are:
- Maintain 14-15 sections of Spanish to decrease class sizes
 - Potentially change IV Adv into AP
 - Continue working as a department outside of school to review resources and alignment
 - Give the AAPPL test halfway through III and IV
2. 1st Quarter Financial Report and Three Year Projection
Mr. Brooks presented revenue and expenditure amounts posted for the first quarter of this fiscal year as compared to the amounts budgeted. He explained why various numbers are where they are and thinks that things look like he would expect for this point in the year.
3. Tentative Tax Levy
Mr. Brooks discussed the tentative tax levy proposal. Because the proposed increase is greater than 5%, in order to ensure that we receive all of the money that we are entitled to receive once EAV is determined, a hearing is required. He recommended that a Truth in Taxation hearing be set for November 26, 2018 at 5:50 p.m. Mr. Brooks is anticipating a tax rate of \$1.9947 which is almost a 1 cent decrease from last year's rate of 2.0013. He recommended approval of the tentative tax levy as presented.

Motion: Rein
Second: Taylor

To: approve the 2018 tentative tax levy as presented and to set a Truth in Taxation Hearing on November 26, 2018 at 5:50 p.m.

Voting Yes: Rein, McDermott, Taylor, Vogelsang, McLain,
Voting No:
MOTION CARRIED

4. Risk Management Plan
Mr. Brooks reviewed the Risk Management Plan as has been requested schools do each year. Mr. Brooks did not change much except making the Superintendent percentage consistent at 25%.

5. Track Project
The facilities committee met just before this meeting to discuss potential projects. Mr. Brooks had asked Byrne & Jones Construction to prepare a list of approximate amounts to renovate the track and football field area just to give him a place to start the discussion. Track removal and replacement is the one current need and is estimated to cost \$175,000 – \$200,000. All other work would be optional but some of it would make sense to do along with the needed work if deemed feasible. A flat curb would be needed if turf is ever desired and that cost is an additional \$95,000. Alternatively, the curb could be cut completely. Field turf is estimated at \$720,000. That is not being recommended at this time by the Facilities Committee. Concrete and fencing around the perimeter is listed at \$135,000. The Facilities Committee would like to do that as soon as possible if the money is available. The approximate amount of county sales tax money being received is roughly \$350,000-\$360,000 per year and that would be the funding source for the work. We can borrow from working cash too as we have in the past. New lighting is also something to consider that is not a part of the proposal. That would probably be an additional \$200,000. Due to the scope and cost of all work this would be a project that will require bids.

10. GOOD OF THE CAUSE

Mr. Brooks will send out information for the school board conference within the next few days.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: McDermott
Second: Rein

To: adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

Voting Yes: 5
Voting No: 0

MOTION CARRIED

President

Secretary