

**Odessa School District #105
Odessa, Washington**

**Minutes
Regular Board Meeting
January 25, 2023**

BOARD WORKSHOP	The board held a workshop in the library at 4:00 p.m. The board held discussions regarding the selection of an interim superintendent.
OPEN MEETING	The Board of Directors of Odessa School District #105 met in the library on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 6:00 pm. This meeting was publicized by posted notice and notices presented to administration, union presidents, board members and the newspaper.
PRESENT	Ed Deife; Heather Valverde; Janie Steward; Chris Crossley; Carmen Weishaar; John Bruce, Superintendent; Jamie Nelson, Principal; Staci Claassen, Business Manager; Justin Parr, Operations Supervisor; and Larry Weber, Athletic Director and Juli Weishaar. Also present were Kelly Shea, Ashley Parkinson, Nick Sebesta and Kit Watson.
FLAG SALUTE	The flag salute was led by Chairman Deife.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Action: Carmen Weishaar moved and Janie Steward seconded a motion to add an executive session to the agenda. Motion carried. 5 – 0
BOARD REORGANIZATION	<p>Superintendent Bruce called for nominations for board chairman. Janie Steward nominated Ed Deife. Carmen Weishaar seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. A roll call vote was taken and Ed Deife was elected Board Chairman by a vote of 5 - 0.</p> <p>Nominations for Vice Chairman were opened. Heather Valverde nominated Chris Crossley. Janie Steward seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. A roll call vote was taken and Chris Crossley was elected Vice Chairman by a vote of 5 – 0.</p> <p>Nominations for Legislative Representative were opened. Chris Crossley nominated Heather Valverde. Janie Steward seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. A roll call vote was taken and Heather Valverde was elected Legislative Representative by a vote of 5 – 0.</p> <p>Nominations for WIAA Representative were opened. Carmen Weishaar nominated Ed Deife. Heather Valverde seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. A roll call vote was taken and Ed Deife was elected WIAA Representative by a vote of 5 – 0.</p> <p>Chairman Deife appointed board members to serve on the following committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilities – Ed Deife and Carmen Weishaar• Curriculum – Janie Steward and Heather Valverde• Negotiations – Carmen Weishaar and Chris Crossley <p>Heather Valverde moved and Janie Steward seconded a motion to approve the appointed committee positions. A roll call vote was taken and all committee positions were approved by a vote of 5 - 0.</p>
STAFF/PUBLIC INPUT	Community member Nick Sebesta shared Mrs. Leitz is doing an excellent job keeping the music program going, and encouraged the district to continue efforts to fill the open band position.
CONSENT AGENDA	<p>The board approved the consent agenda which included:</p> <p>Minutes: December 14, 2022 regular board meeting January 11, 2023 special board meeting</p> <p>Bills & Payroll: General Fund A/P warrant #615109, \$2,498.09; Payroll warrants #615110-615129 and Direct deposit warrants #900009515-900009571, \$316,672.03; General Fund A/P warrants #615130-615179, \$80,095.92; ASB Fund A/P warrants #615180-615191, \$7,821.48.</p>

Personnel Resignations:

Ellen Holman – 4th Grade Teacher

Holli Eden - Paraeducator

Jeff Nelson – HS Head Football Coach

Matt Gorman – HS Assistant Baseball Coach

Cade Weber – JH Head Baseball Coach

Action: Chris Crossley moved and Heather Valverde seconded a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Motion carried. 5 – 0

REPORTS**Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Bruce reported 13 students will undergo highly capable testing in February. Bruce shared he has received inquiries for both music and special education open teaching positions, and discussed possible grants the district could consider for the school nutrition program.

Principal's Report

Principal Nelson reported January has been a highly educational time. The online credit recovery program will begin second semester and highly capable testing has been postponed until February. Math teachers began working with the ESD to improve math scores.

Nelson reported FBLA will attend their winter conference on January 30th and FFA will attend the Ag Show on February 9th.

Board Report

The board thanked John Bruce for coming down to the lower 48 and being the district's Superintendent for the last several months. The board also thanked Ellen Holman, Hollie Eden, Jeff Nelson, Matt Gorman, and Cade Weber for their service to the district.

AD Report

Athletic Director Larry Weber reported the high school basketball teams will be seeded for districts after Saturday's game. Weber shared additional junior varsity games are scheduled against Warden on the 26th. A fundraiser for a student with cancer will be held during the game against Wilbur/Creston/Keller on Saturday. Weber reported schedules for high school volleyball and football are complete for Fall 2023.

The junior high boys basketball team has 13 participants and the junior high baseball season has been canceled due to lack of players.

Weber shared the following open coaching positions: JH Head Track Coach, HS Head Baseball Coach, HS Assistant Baseball Coach, HS Head Football Coach, 2 Assistant Football Coaches.

Legislative Report

Superintendent Bruce shared current legislative discussions about fully funding special education and student transportation.

Facilities Report

Justin Parr shared about two legislative house bills currently on the table concerning fully funding transportation and requiring outside cameras on school buses that would issue automatic tickets for stop paddle traffic violations. Parr also shared he is working through details with the HVAC

project, the new bus has arrived and the facilities committee will meet next month.

Financial Report

Superintendent Bruce presented the ASB balance sheet for December. He further presented the Financial Activity reports for General Fund for December showing an unassigned fund balance of \$807,532.25. He presented computer printouts for all funds.

NEW BUSINESS

Date of Next Regular Meeting

The next regular board meeting will be held Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library. The board scheduled a workshop at 5:15 p.m. before the regular meeting.

Action: Heather Valverde moved and Janie Steward seconded a motion to schedule the next regular board meeting on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school library, preceded by a board workshop at 5:15 p.m.

Motion carried. 5 – 0

Superintendent Resignation – John Bruce

Action: Heather Valverde moved and Chris Crossley seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Superintendent John Bruce effective January 31, 2023.

Motion carried. 5 – 0

Agreement with ESD to Conduct Superintendent Search

Action: Chris Crossley moved and Janie Steward seconded a motion to agree to have the ESD conduct the superintendent search.

Motion carried. 5 – 0

Selection of Interim Superintendent

The board tabled the selection of interim superintendent and scheduled a special board meeting on Monday, January 30, 2023 at 5:00 pm for the purpose of interviewing and selecting an interim superintendent.

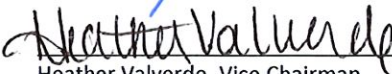
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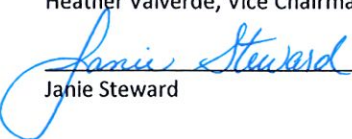
Chairman Deife announced the board would go into an executive session to discuss qualifications of an applicant for employment for approximately one hour at 7:04 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

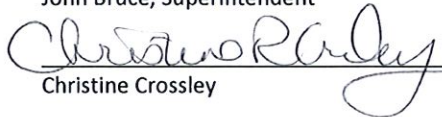
The board came out of executive session at 8:04 pm. No action was taken. Chairman Deife adjourned the meeting.


Ed Deife, Chairman


Heather Valverde, Vice Chairman


Janie Steward

John Bruce, Superintendent


Christine Crossley


Carmen Weishaar