

ODEBOLT-ARTHUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
JOINT BOARD MEETING  
WITH  
BCIG COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MONDAY, February 8, 2010  
6:30 PM  
CONFERENCE ROOM-ODEBOLT

The Odebolt-Arthur (OA) Community School Board of Education met in joint session with the Battle Creek Ida Grove (BCIG) Community School Board of Education on the above date and time. The following members were present: Deb Bengford, Paul Neumann, Traci Bengford, Naomi Lozier, Scott Cranston, Dani Trimble, and Jann Murphy.

President Paul Neumann called the meeting to order on behalf of the OA School Board.

The OA Mission statement was read by President Neumann.

A motion was made by D. Bengford, seconded by T. Bengford, to approve the agenda with the addition of \$1,759.19 to the February Payables. All Ayes. Motion Carried. (5-0).

President Neumann welcomed all visitors.

Michael Hedden from OA/BCIG High School and Dee Boger of the OA/BCIG Middle School gave curriculum presentations to the board on the districts' Social Studies programs. Mr. Hedden informed the Board of the different courses he teaches at the High School. Mrs. Boger informed the Board of the upcoming Middle School interdisciplinary unit. A brochure for the BCIG 5<sup>th</sup> grade wax museum on February 11<sup>th</sup> was shared. Susan Maass was present to explain the upcoming NASA trip to the boards.

A motion was made by Cranston, seconded by D. Bengford, to approve the consent agenda, items, which included the following:

- 1) Minutes; January 11, 2009 Regular Board Meeting
  - 2) Current Payables;
  - 3) Financial Reports;
  - 4) Resignations;
  - 5) Contract Approvals; Chris Bender, Substitute Bus Driver; Rochelle Maynard, Spanish Teacher.
  - 6) Out of State / Overnight Trips; NASA Space Settlement Design Competition, Houston, TX, March 11-15, 2010. Bob Saunders and 7 High School Students; FCCLA State Conference, March 22-23.
- All Ayes. Motion Carried. (5-0)

Superintendent Trimble reported on Professional Development with Margaret Heritage. She reviewed her professional growth plan and long-range projections for our district. Sup't Trimble updated the Board on Legislative action and the impact it has on budget scenario projections. She also reviewed the potential General Fund savings related to Early Retirement applications and provided an overview of tax asking history/projections. She concluded with a Thank You to Jason Fineran and Josh Burns for removal of the many branches brought down in the recent ice storm.

Pat Miller, OA/BCIG High School Principal and Alan Henderson, BCIG Elementary principal, gave administration reports highlighting the activities in their buildings.

Under Dialog and action items:

A motion was made by D. Bengford, seconded by T. Bengford to approve the following Certified Staff applications for Early Retirement: Marilyn Buehler, 30 years; Ann Youngquist 28 ½ years; and Irene Thayer, 25 years. All Ayes. Motion Carried. (5-0)

A motion was made by Lozier, seconded by Cranston to approve the following Non-Certified employee application for Early Retirement: Roby Larson, 20 years. All Ayes. Motion Carried. (5-0)

A motion was made by Lozier, seconded by D. Bengford to approve the resignations as follow: Certified Staff – Marilyn Buehler, Ann Youngquist, and Irene Thayer. Non-Certified Staff- Roby Larson. All Ayes. Motion Carried. (5-0)

At this time President Neumann took a moment to read the following: On behalf of the Odebolt-Arthur School District and the board of directors and as a parent I would like to thank you Marilyn, Ann and Irene for your years of dedication toward the education of our students. So many lives have been built, formed and enhanced due to the spirit in which you have accomplished your work here at Odebolt-Arthur. As you leave your positions at O-A life will stop for just a moment as your wisdom, knowledge and experience will be greatly missed. We wish you the very best for your future plans.

On behalf of the Odebolt-Arthur School District and board of directors I would like to thank Roby Larson for the years of dedication for the work you have accomplished at Odebolt-Arthur. We appreciate the efficiencies you have brought to our district and the pleasant manner in which you have addressed our students, staff, and patrons over the years.

The board of directors on behalf of the Odebolt-Arthur School District would also like to express our gratitude to the retiring BC-IG staff. Although we have had the experience of knowing you for just a short time we would like to express our gratitude for the educational values you have shared with our O-A students. Your dedication is greatly appreciated.

A motion was made by T. Bengford, seconded by Lozier to approve February 15, 2010 and April 6, 2010 as makeup days and revisit the remainder of the makeup days at the next meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried. (5-0)

A motion was made by Cranston, seconded by D. Bengford to approve the second reading of Board Policy Series 800 revisions. All Ayes. Motion Carried. (5-0).

#### Discussion/Correspondence Items:

The Board read letters from Maribeth Ericksen (H1N1 Clinic), Rachel Hansen (Scholarship Recipient), and Jerry Reynolds.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board will be a Joint Regular Meeting on March 8, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Early Childhood Center.

A Motion was made by D. Bengford, seconded by Cranston to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. All Ayes. Motion Carried. (5-0).

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Jann Murphy, Bd. Secretary

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Paul Neumann, Bd. President