

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Oak Hill Union Local Board of Education Meeting

Held APRIL 15, 2020

Aaron Michael, President, called the meeting to order on April 15, 2020 at 5:38 p.m. The meeting was held Via Zoom with board members and local media.

Upon call of the roll the following members answered as present: Aaron Michael, Regina Boggs, Joe Elcess, Mike French, and Paula Stewart.

033-20 Approve Minutes and Financial Reports

Mr. French made the motion to approve minutes and financial reports, investment report and bills paid for March 2020. Mrs. Boggs made a second to the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 yea

French yea Boggs yea Elcess yea Stewart yea Michael yea

034-20 Approve Participation Suspension

Mr. Michael made a motion to approve the following:

- A. Approve the suspension of public participation at Board Meetings while being held via technology during Ohio's State of Emergency. (COVID-19 pandemic)

Mrs. Stewart made a second to the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 yea

Michael yea Stewart yea Boggs yea French yea Elcess yea

Recognition Only: *Oak Hill Union Local Schools has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from the NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. Oak Hill joins 754 districts across the country in receiving the prestigious award in 2020. This is the fifth consecutive year Oak Hill has been recognized for demonstrating outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.*

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Shepard discussed/informed the board of the following:

- *Preschool/Early Childhood Center Update – Attached Document.*
- *Academic Calendar MOU.*
- *Supplemental Contract MOU.*
- *Facebook page has over 1,000 following #OakHillTogether*
- *Telegram article regarding the Marching Oaks tribute to Joseph Sharp.*

035-20 Approve Under One Motion

Mr. French made a motion to approve the following items under one motion:

Distance Learning

WHEREAS, Governor Mike DeWine has declared a state of emergency in Ohio, and the Governor and the Director of the Ohio Department of Health have closed all Ohio schools to students from March 16, 2020, until at least May 1, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Education have stated that schools should work to provide education through alternative means during the period of extended school closure; and

WHEREAS, Section 15 of Ohio House Bill 197, signed into law by Governor DeWine on March 27, 2020, permits a board of education to adopt a plan for distance learning for students during the school shutdown, even if it had not adopted one previously pursuant to Revised Code § 3313.482; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Department of Education guidance indicates that schools may use “blizzard bags” during this extended school closure, beyond the normal three days;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Ohio House Bill 197, Section 15, the Board hereby approves the provision of distance learning retroactive to March 16, 2020, and continuing through the period of extended school closure due to COVID-19.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board ratifies and authorizes the Superintendent’s development and implementation of a plan of distance learning to enable and require students of the district to access and complete classroom lessons in order to make up hours because of the closing of schools in compliance with orders of the Governor, Director of the Ohio Department of Health, a local board of health, and/or an extension of such an order due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Superintendent and Treasurer Authority

Whereas, on March 9, 2020, Governor DeWine declared a State of Emergency in Executive Order 2020-01D; and

Whereas, on March 11, 2020, the head of the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic; and

Whereas, on March 22, 2020, the Director of Public Health issued a “Stay at Home” Order; and

WHEREAS, Governor Mike DeWine closed all Ohio schools from March 16, 2020, until at least May 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as a result of these events, and the transition to distance learning, the Superintendent and Treasurer have been required, and may be required in the near term, to take swift action in response to the pandemic, in order to continue providing instruction and nutrition to students; and

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted Policy 6320, [re: purchasing authority] which authorizes approval of certain contracts and purchases using specific procedures and within certain limits.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Oak Hill Union Local School Board of Education declares an emergency; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the actions of the Superintendent and Treasurer, and their designees, with respect to the continuation of instruction and nutrition, to date, are ratified [as follows: may want to delineate actions]; and

BE IT FUTURE RESOLVED that the Superintendent and Treasurer, and their designees, are authorized to take emergency measures, make decisions using their best judgment in these unique circumstances, and to expend funds for products and services needed to respond to this emergency.

Evaluations of Teachers and Administrators

WHEREAS, Section 17(M) of Am. Sub. H.B. 197 of the Ohio General Assembly permits a board of education to elect not to conduct evaluations of teachers and administrators under Chapter 3319 of the Ohio Revised Code for the 2019-20 school year based on a determination that it would be impossible or impracticable to do so; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to make such an election for the 2019-20 school year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board finds that it would be impossible or impracticable to conduct evaluations of teachers and administrators pursuant to Chapter 3319 of the Ohio Revised Code for the 2019-20 school year if said evaluations were not completed prior to the Ohio Director of Health's Order on March 14, 2020, ordering the closure of K-12 schools in Ohio;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board elects not to conduct evaluations under Chapter 3319 of the Ohio Revised Code for teachers and administrators during the 2019-20 school year, to the extent that such evaluations were not completed prior to March 14, 2020.

Mrs. Boggs made a second to the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 yea

French yea Boggs yea Elcess yea Stewart yea Michael yea

036-20 Approve Personnel

Mr. Michael made the motion to approve the following personnel:

- A. Approved/Accepted the resignation of Michael McCoy as Unpaid ESC Educational Consultant for the District effective March 31, 2020.
- B. Approved the Continuing Contract of Laurie Willis who has met all criteria of more than three years continued service, in a current 3-year contract and has a Master's Degree of Education.
- C. Approved the following teachers' contracts per negotiated contract:

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Current Contract</u>	<u>Eligible for:</u>
Paul Carver	3-Year	5-Year
Tamar Fulkerson	1-Year (1 st)	1-Year (2 nd)

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Brittany Ruth	1-Year (2 nd)	2-Year
Timothy Sowers	1-Year (2 nd)	2-Year
Jessica Swackhammer	1-Year (2 nd)	2-Year
Rylee Bates	1-Year (2 nd)	2-Year
Parker Davis	1-Year (1 st)	1 Year (2 nd)
Tori Duncan	2-Year	3-Year
Crystal Middleton	3-Year	5-Year
Tara Saylor	2-Year	3-Year
Taylor Williams	1-Year (1 st)	1-Year (2 nd)

Mrs. Stewart made a second to the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 yea

Michael yea Stewart yea Boggs yea Elcess yea French yea

037-20 Approve Professional Meeting/Field Trip

Mr. French made the motion to approve the following professional meeting/field trip:

- A. Approve the Marching Oaks to attend Ohio Valley Christian Assembly Band Camp Sunday, July 26th through Friday, July 31, 2020. Staff of Mr. Werntz, Mrs. Spohn, Mr. Noel, Ms. Ruth, Tucker Rhodes, and Sara Friddle. (**Pending Covid-2019**)

Mr. Michael made a second to the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 yea

French yea Michael yea Boggs yea Elcess yea Stewart yea

Communication:

Mrs. Boggs thanked Dr. Shepard for her hard work during this difficult time and asked about Kindergarten Registration.

Mr. Elcess also thanked Dr. Shepard.

Mr. French thanked staff and everyone for working together.

Mr. Michael thanked all for working together.

Mrs. Stewart thanked everyone for all of their work! She was very appreciative. She thanked Dr. Shepard for working on making something special for the Seniors.

Dr. Shepard wanted to thank everyone for their support. Also, Mr. Bill Dodson and Mr. Ron Johnson for their help, etc.

038-20 Adjournment 6:14 p.m.

Mr. Elcess made the motion to adjourn. Mrs. Boggs made a second to the motion.

Roll Call Vote: 5 yea

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Elcess yea Boggs yea French yea Stewart yea Michael yea

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 20, 2020.

President

Attest:

Treasurer