

OAKES PUBLIC SCHOOLS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MARCH 27, 2024, 7 PM

Call to Order

Sonia Meehl called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Those present were President Sonia Meehl, Vice President Monica Heimbuch, Board Members Brian Seyer, Sheila Nagel and joining via zoom was Rhonda Day. Superintendent Anna Sell, Business Manager Shannon Jepson, Principals Greg Dobitz and Jordan Lynch and Maintenance Supervisor Dave Ehrlin were also present. Also joining us was Lori Christenson from ICS.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Visitors were welcomed.

Items for Discussion

Ballot Canvassing

M Heimbuch moved to accept a properly posted envelope with secrecy ballot on outside. S Nagel second. Roll call taken. Vote passed 4-1 with B Seyer voting no.

S Jepson opened secrecy ballot and matched the absentee application. Board members compared the signature on envelope to the application. Heimbuch moved to accept the ballot as a qualifying ballot. Nagel second. Roll call taken. Motion passed 4-0 with Day abstaining.

Poll workers found one absentee ballot envelope that did not have a corresponding signature. Ballot was completed by elector in the school and never left. The board reviewed the application and envelope and determined that the writing matched. B Seyer moved to not accept ballot, M Heimbuch second. Roll call vote taken. Seyer-yes, Day-no, Nagel-no, Heimbuch-no, Meehl-yes. Motion failed. 2-3. S Nagel moved to accept the ballot, M Heimbuch second. Roll call taken. Seyer-no, Nagel-yes, Heimbuch-yes, Day-yes, Meehl-no. Motion passed 3-2.

There were 5 ballots that were received after the election day that were timely posted. Board members compared signatures on the envelopes to applications. M Heimbuch moved to accept the ballots. B Seyer second. Roll call taken. Motion passed 4-0 with Day abstaining.

There were 4 ballots that were handed to S Jepson on the day of the election and 3 ballots that were brought to the school via USPS that were posted late. B Seyer moved to disqualify those 7 ballots. R Day second. Roll call taken. Motion passed 5-0.

There was 1 set aside ballot on election day. Elector did not come into the school to show proof as a qualified elector. S Nagel moved to disqualify ballot, B Seyer second. Roll call taken. Motion passed 5-0.

S Jepson opened all 7 envelopes, removed the secrecy envelopes and mixed them up. S Meehl opened all secrecy envelopes and ballots were recorded. These were yes-2, no-5. S Nagel moved to accept the final canvassing amount of Yes-411, No-563. B Seyer second. Roll call vote taken. Motion passed 5-0.

Approve 2024-2025 Teacher Contracts

M Heimbuch moved to approve Toriana Berg contract for \$44,750 and S Neer contract for \$47,940. S Nagel second. Roll call taken. Motion passed 5-0.

Long Term Facilities Plan

The Facilities Committee made a recommendation to send out a survey. Gauge the public concerns and plan a meeting in the future for recommendations and invite legislators.

Lori Christenson presented a 10-year facilities plan.

Future Meetings

Be Legendary Training April 2, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

Regular School Board Meeting, Friday, April 19, 2024, at 7 am

Regular School Board Meeting, Friday, May 17, 2024, at 7 am

Sonia Meehl, President

Shannon Jepson, Business Manager