

**Oakes Public School District #41 Regular Meeting Minutes  
February 9, 2021**

President Sonia Meehl called the regular meeting of the Oakes Public School Board District #41 to order at 7:00 a.m. at the Southeast Regional Career and Technology Center Community Room. President Sonia Meehl was present, and Directors Bill Schmitz, Ryan Rosendahl, Robert Thorpe, and Sheila Nagel were present. Attending Nick Friedt, Dan Spellerberg, Dan Rood-SRCTC, Randall Brockman-SRCTC and via Zoom Video Call Brennan Hack, Vicky Kelly, Kathy Warren, Jordan Lynch, Tara Steiner, and Greg Dobitz. Also attending Dave Ehrlin, Anna Sell, Brandon Bata, Superintendent Kraig Steinhoff, and Business Manager April Haring.

The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Schmitz motioned, Nagel seconded to approve the agenda with the amendment to move LED Lighting Grant to item d under Action Items, motion carried.

President Meehl recognized the visitors present.

Public Communications

A thank you was read from Kelli Gebhardt for the appreciation gift.

*SRCTC Presentation* was given by Director Dan Rood Jr and Assistant Director Randal Brockman. An update was provided on current enrollment and growth, plus additional information on scholarship recipients, projects, and recently purchased equipment. A thank you was given for the approved funding for new windows.

Action Items

*School Board Election Date*, Rosendahl motioned, Thorpe seconded to set June 1, 2021, as the 2021 election date, motion carried.

*Negotiating Unit*, Nagel motioned, Schmitz seconded pursuant to NDCC 15.1-16-10, the Board of Oakes School District recognizes Oakes Education Association as the appropriate negotiating unit all employees licensed to teach by the ESPB or approved to teach by the ESPB and employed primarily as classroom teachers, motion carried.

*Katherine Heimbuch Grievance*, Schmitz motioned, Thorpe seconded to approve the Full, Final, Absolute Release of all Claims signed by Katherine Heimbuch, motion carried. The school denies any liability, but this compromise will allow both parties to move on, and the school can focus its energy on the students and current staff.

*LED Lighting Grant*, Nagel motioned, Rosendahl seconded to accept Energy Conservation Grant of \$39,314.34 and approve estimate from Chad's Electric for \$78,628.68 to retrofit lighting with LED fixtures, motion carried.

School Policy Review

*First Reading*, Nagel motioned, Schmitz seconded to approve first reading, waive second reading, and approve amendments of FDH-BR-Foster Care Student Transportation Procedure, FFK-BR- Suspension and Expulsion Regulations, FG-Student Rights and Responsibilities, motion carried.

*First Reading*, Rosendahl motioned, Thorpe seconded to approve first reading of FDD-Education of Pregnant and Parenting Students, FDE-Education of Special Education/Disabled Students, FDH-Students in Foster Care, and FFC-Bus Conduct, motion carried.

*Second Reading*, Nagel motioned, Schmitz seconded to approve second reading and amendment of DDBE-Families First Coronavirus Leave, ACDB-Video Surveillance; DKBB-Contracted Staff Resignations & Request for Release from Contract; DGAA-Teacher Grievance Procedure; DBAC-Recruiting and Hiring Teachers; DBD-Classified Staff Intent to Rehire; DCB-Definition of Workweek and Overtime and Compensatory Time, motion carried.

*Existing Policy Review*, ACE-Violent and Threatening Behavior and ACEA-Bullying Policy to

bring attention to them. A parent has brought concern on the content and administration of these policies after a recent incident. No formal complaint has been filed. President Meehl has requested the Superintendent review the policies with growth and continuous improvement in mind, including notification and sharing of information with law enforcement. Communication and collaboration have already been made with law enforcement, additional follow-up will continue, and future work will be completed on these policies and procedures.

### Reports

*Brennan Hack, Activities Director*, provided a report of current and upcoming activities. Speech and Music Contests have Restart Plans approved and seasons allowed to begin. Archery has started with virtual tournaments being held this year. Postseason activities for wrestling and basketball are beginning.

*Anna Sell, Elementary Principal*, reported expected Kindergarten enrollment for fall and provided updates on current testing, activities, and quarantine absences.

*Brandon Bata, High School Principal*, submitted information regarding assessment and current student achievements. A discussion was held on the student engagement survey and college credits earned by current seniors.

*Kraig Steinhoff, Superintendent*, read 212 Shoutouts: Huge shout out to Cari and Maureen for being so great. They're caring, understanding, supportive, and they genuinely care about the well-being of the students. Mental Health isn't an easy topic to talk about, but the support and understanding of the two of these ladies has made it much more bearable. Thank you both for doing all you can to make a difficult time easier for not only your students but their families also! Side note, Covid should become a swearword when this nightmare is over. Thanks again! I appreciate you both! Thank you, Mrs. Bata, for providing high-level education to our students. You are not just an educator but a role model to all. In addition to your role as a teacher, you also take time to help kids form healthy social relationships, which becomes more challenging every year due to social stress on kids. Thanks for you open communication and forward-thinking! We are lucky to have one of the best in Oakes

TLA-Teacher Leadership Academy started January 13, 2021, with 9 participants from Oakes and 4 from Ellendale; the class meets every Wednesday.

Logo Refresh Task Force will be formed to assist in adopting a new logo for the district and developing a plan to refresh logo placement throughout the school property.

### Minutes and Financial Reports

Schmitz motioned, Thorpe seconded to approve the minutes, January 12, 2021, regular meeting; and, January 8, 2021, special meeting and January 18, 2021, special meeting, as presented, motion carried. Rosendahl motioned, Nagel seconded to approve the reconciliation, balance sheet, and revenue/expense reports as presented, motion carried.

### Bills

Nagel motioned, Schmitz seconded, to approve the schedule of bills totaling \$144,358.20, motion carried.

A & B BUSINESS \$4,687.71, AGTEGRA COOPERATIVE \$25.00, ALLARD TROPHY \$152.00, AMERIPRIDE SERVICES \$311.28, APPLE COMPUTER \$2,661.93, AVI SYSTEMS \$525.51, BITTNER, JAMIE \$220.52, BOBCAT OF GWINNER \$4,307.48, BORDER STATES ELECTRIC SUPPLY \$198.40, BOUND TO STAY BOUND BOOKS \$673.44, BSN SPORTS \$495.99, CARLBLOM, SCOTT \$555.26 CARTER, JARRETT \$314.80, CASEYS BUSINESS \$2,021.22, CASH-WAS \$13,265.50, CENTRAL CASS PUBLIC SCHOOL \$349.00, CIRCLE R \$458.50, COCA COLA \$1,152.00, COMPUTER EXPRESS \$150.00, CRANE MERCHANDISING SYSTEMS \$110.88, DAKOTA IMPROVEMENT \$557.50, DAKOTA WATER SOLUTIONS \$186.00, DAKTRONICS \$815.00, DELTA DENTAL \$1,729.21, DPI \$395.49, DICKEY RURAL NETWORKS \$3,226.34, DISCOVERY BENEFITS \$581.04, DOLLAR GENERAL \$35.45, ECONOMY PROPANE \$372.00, ENTZI, DONALD \$324.13, ESJD-BISMARCK \$3,625.50, FIKE, BRIAN \$128.30, 502 FLAIR \$354.00, FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS \$567.66 GACKLE, JOSH \$565.07, GELINSKE, SHELBY \$120.00, GIRARD, DAN \$125.53, HACK, BRENNAN \$150.00 HAMRE, JORUN

\$189.78, HANKEL, JOLYNN \$187.50, HARTLEYS SCHOOL BUSES \$43.46 HAUGEN, CARI \$50.00, HOFF, JARED \$169.13, HOISINGTON, TONY \$196.40, I-STATE TRUCK CENTER \$1,837.42, IPSWICH SCHOOL DISTRICT \$40.00, JAMES THORNTON LLC \$447.00, JOHNSON CONTROLS FIRE PROTECTION \$130.00, KNOLL, ROSS \$129.77, KRIEGER, MARCHEL \$221.45, LUKES, LANCE \$256.60, LUNA, SHAYDEN \$128.30, MEHRING, ALEX \$442.85, MEHRING, GRANT \$442.85, MERTZ LUMBER AND SUPPLY \$424.57, MILLER, ROXANE \$468.00, MILLERS FRESH FOODS \$15.35, MOSER, BRETT \$352.48, MOSER, LARRY \$131.03, NAPOLEON PUBLIC SCHOOL \$200.00, ND DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION \$11.50, NEILSON, BRANDON \$196.63, NETWORK SERVICES \$73.22, NITSCHKE, JARED \$321.48, NDUC \$610.05, ONEILL, SHAWN \$131.03, OAKES CITY \$1,254.50, OAKES TIMES \$339.53, OAKES TRUCK AND TRAILER CENTER \$1,052.16, OTTER TAIL POWER \$14,778.76, PARTS SUPPLY \$437.60, PEPSIAMERICAS \$227.81, PIEHL, DEVIN \$254.64, POPPLERS MUSIC STORE \$589.65, PRASKAS HARDWARE \$398.62, RALLY ATHLETIC \$720.00, RIDDELL ALL AMERICAN SPORTS \$164.63, RYAN BROTHERS INC \$11,415.00, SCHAEFER, LUKE \$500.00, SCHALL, KERI \$50.00, SCHIELER, ELIZABETH \$50.00, SCHMITT MUSIC COMPANY \$370.74, SELL, KALEB \$192.40, SELL, RANDY \$50.00, SEYER APPLIANCE \$1,995.00, SVSEU \$13,036.74, SMITH & STREGE \$1,500.00, SORLIE, MICHAEL \$372.80, STARION BANK \$52.35, THIELGES, BRETT \$254.04, TORNADO STOP \$2,593.91, US FOODS \$9,781.02, WARREN, KATHRYN \$87.12, WESTERN AGENCY \$3,254.00, WORTHINGTON AND SCHULTZ \$305.00, ZAHN, WADE \$810.11, COMMERCIAL CARD \$23,127.58

The next regularly scheduled board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 2021, at 7:00 a.m., at Oakes Public Schools Conference Room.

Meehl declared the meeting adjourned at 8:21 a.m.

President \_\_\_\_\_

Business Manager \_\_\_\_\_