

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

**Minutes  
Regular Board Meeting  
November 22, 2022**

BOARD WORKSHOP	The board held a workshop in the district office at 5:15 p.m. The board held discussions regarding the 2023 levy resolutions.
OPEN MEETING	The Board of Directors of Odessa School District #105 met in the library on Tuesday, November 22, 2022 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; John Bruce, Superintendent; Jamie Nelson, Principal; Staci Claassen, Business Manager; Justin Parr, Operations Supervisor; and Larry Weber, Athletic Director. Also present were Juli Weishaar, Zach Schafer, Kit Watson and Nick Sebesta. Board member Carmen Weishaar was absent.
FLAG SALUTE	The flag salute was led by Chairman Deife.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	<b>Action:</b> Heather Valverde moved and Janie Steward seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried. 4 – 0
STAFF/PUBLIC INPUT	Zach Schafer shared details regarding the FFA donation this summer from Northwest Farm Credit Services that went towards the purchase of the new school van.
CONSENT AGENDA	<p>The board approved the consent agenda which included:</p> <p><b>Minutes:</b> October 26, 2022 regular board meeting</p> <p><b>Bills &amp; Payroll:</b> General Fund A/P warrant: #614972, \$4,377.23;</p> <p>Payroll warrants #614973-614991 and</p> <p>Direct deposit warrants #900009396-900009454, \$318,638.97;</p> <p>Void/Reissue warrants #614992-614995, \$0.00;</p> <p>General Fund A/P warrants #614996-615027, \$50,992.51;</p> <p>ASB Fund A/P warrants #615028-615040, \$10,556.12;</p> <p>Transportation Fund A/P warrants #615041, \$10,910.00.</p> <p><b>Personnel Resignations:</b></p> <p>Laura Caler – Sophomore Class Advisor</p> <p><b>Policy:</b></p> <p>Policy/Proc #2022 – Electronic Resources and Internet Safety</p> <p>Policy/Proc #2161 – Special Education &amp; Related Services for Eligible Students</p> <p>Policy/Proc #4220 – Complaints Concerning Staff or Programs</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Janie Steward moved and Heather Valverde seconded a motion to approve all items on the consent agenda. Motion carried. 4 – 0</p>
REPORTS	<p><b>Superintendent's Report</b></p> <p>Superintendent Bruce reported he met with Connie Kliever from the ESD about changing the testing format for highly capable. Bruce reported the Ag Advisory committee met last Tuesday with seven in attendance. Superintendent Bruce shared the district is proposing to run an educational programs and operation levy, a capital levy, and a one-year transportation vehicle fund levy after the loss of two buses due to a transmission failure and a recent bus incident. Bruce finished by informing the school board that no one responded to the advertisements for the For/Against Committee for the upcoming levies.</p>

### **Principal's Report**

Principal Nelson reported a head count of 220 students.

Nelson shared National Honor Society Inducted the following students: Collin Martin, Jacob Scrupps, Hayden Schuh, Melloney Deife, Lily Starkel, Mackenzie Lutz, Reagan Carstensen, Casen Watson and Holden Iverson. NHS packed and delivered over thirty Thanksgiving baskets to members of the community.

Nelson also reported elementary parent/teacher conferences were well attended while secondary had a low turnout. Students who received the Tiger Pride award in October and November celebrated their STAR behavior with a pizza lunch. A Veterans Day assembly was held to honor our local veterans on November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Principal Nelson shared staff members are discussing future training opportunities to strengthen intervention programs for math and ELA. Other areas of focus are leadership opportunities for middle school students and a credit recovery plan to support students who have not passed state required graduation courses.

### **Board Report**

None

### **AD Report**

Athletic Director Larry Weber shared the high school football team will play in the semi-finals against Liberty Bell on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup> in Moses Lake. The high school volleyball team finished 4<sup>th</sup> in Districts and placed 6<sup>th</sup> in state competitions. Melloney Deife and Hayden Schuh made the all-opponent team.

Weber reported the junior high basketball girls have started playing games with 16 participants and are coached by Abby Lindberg and Sidney Sheer. The junior high boys have 15 participants signed up with Deric Schmlerer and Mike Carlquist as coaches pending board approval.

High school basketball practice started November 14<sup>th</sup> with 16 girl participants and 23 boy participants. Mike Carlquist will fill the high school assistant boys coaching position pending board approval. The new uniforms for the girls have arrived. Next on the rotation list to received new uniforms is high school boys basketball in 2023 followed by high school football jerseys in 2024.

Weber shared the high school head baseball and junior high head baseball coaching positions are available.

### **Legislative Report**

Superintendent Bruce shared items considered on the legislative agenda this year involve fully funding special education, school meals, and transportation. A heavy focus will be on equity in education experiences and opportunities.

### **Facilities Report**

Justin Parr reported Kysar Mechanical is evaluating and creating a plan to solve the pipe leak in the elementary wing. The sprinklers have been blown out and the water has been turned off for winter. Parr also discussed bus driver and custodian staffing issues.

Parr shared the insurance money from the recent bus incident will be used to purchase a used bus pending board approval. The wrecked bus will be donated to the Odessa Fire Department by the insurance company.

## **Financial Report**

Superintendent Bruce presented the ASB balance sheet for October. He further presented the Financial Activity reports for General Fund for October showing an unassigned fund balance of \$799,366.09. He presented computer printouts for all funds.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Athletic Director Contract Extension**

**Action:** Chris Crossley and Janie Steward seconded a motion to extend the Athletic Director Contract for Larry Weber for the remainder of the year as recommended by Superintendent Bruce. Motion carried. 4 – 0

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Date of Next Regular Meeting**

The next regular board meeting will be held Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the high school library.

**Action:** Heather Valverde moved and Chris Crossley seconded a motion to schedule the next regular board meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. in the high school library. Motion carried. 4 – 0

### **Resolution #1-2022-23 Educational Programs & Operation Levy**

**Action:** Janie Steward moved and Heather Valverde seconded a motion to approve Resolution #1-2022-23 presented by Superintendent Bruce;

“Whereas, the funds available for Odessa School District #105-157-166J through presently scheduled programs are insufficient to meet the needs of the district, and - - - - Now, therefore, be it here by resolved - - - that a special levy be held in the aforesaid district on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023, - - - - - Which shall be submitted to the electors of said district for their approval or rejection in the form of the following ballot title: “Shall a replacement excess levy of \$600,000 be collected in the year 2024, requiring approximately \$1.86 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation - - to be placed in the General Fund and used for Educational Programs and Operation” - - - - The aforesaid resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the aforesaid district on the 22nd day of November, 2022 –“ Motion carried. 4 – 0

### **Resolution #2-2022-23 Capital Levy for School Improvement**

**Action:** Chris Crossley moved and Janie Steward seconded a motion to approve Resolution #2-2022-23 presented by Superintendent Bruce;

“Whereas, the funds available for Odessa School District #105-157-166J through presently scheduled programs are insufficient to meet the needs of the district, and - - - - Now, therefore, be it here by resolved - - - that a special levy be held in the aforesaid district on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023, - - - - - Which shall be submitted to the electors of said district for their approval or rejection in the form of the following ballot title: “be authorized to levy a one-year replacement tax levy be collected in the year 2024, the sum of \$125,000, requiring approximately \$0.37 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation - - - to be placed in the Capital Projects Fund to be used to support the modernization of school facilities - - - of Odessa School District #105, Lincoln County, joint with #157, Adams County and #166J Grant County?” - - The aforesaid resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the aforesaid district on the 22nd day of November, 2022 –“ Motion carried. 4 – 0

### **Resolution #3-2022-23 Transportation Vehicle Fund Levy**

**Action:** Heather Valverde moved and Janie Steward seconded a motion to approve Resolution #3-2022-23 presented by Superintendent Bruce;

“Whereas, the funds available for Odessa School District #105-157-166J through presently scheduled programs are insufficient to meet the needs of the district, and - - - - Now, therefore, be it here by resolved - - - that a special levy be held in the aforesaid district on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023, - - - - - Which shall be submitted to the electors of said district for their approval or rejection in the form of the following ballot

title: "be authorized to levy a one-year replacement tax levy be collected in the year 2024, the sum of \$150,000, requiring approximately \$0.47 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation - - - to be placed in the Transportation Vehicle Fund to be used to improve safety and operational efficiency by purchasing a new school bus to begin replacing the district's aging bus fleet - - - of Odessa School District #105, Lincoln County, joint with #157, Adams County and #166J Grant County?" - - The aforesaid resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the aforesaid district on the 22nd day of November, 2022 --"

Motion carried. 4 – 0

**Mike Carlquist – HS Assistant Boys Basketball Coach & JH Boys Basketball Coach**

**Action:** Heather Valverde and Janie Steward seconded a motion to approve Mike Carlquist as the high school assistant boys basketball coach and the junior high boys basketball coach as recommended by Superintendent Bruce.

Motion carried. 4 – 0

**Athletic Sports Post Season Overnight Stays**

**Action:** Chris Crossley moved and Heather Valverde seconded a motion to approve overnight stays for 2022-2023 post season sports competitions for volleyball, football, basketball, track, golf and baseball as recommended by Superintendent Bruce.

Motion carried. 4 – 0

**Booster Club Donation – Backpacks for Basketball and Spring Sports**

**Action:** Janie Steward moved and Heather Valverde seconded a motion to accept the donation of backpacks for basketball and spring sports as recommended by Superintendent Bruce.

Motion carried. 4 – 0

**Booster Club Donation – JH Football Jerseys**

**Action:** Chris Crossley moved and Heather Valverde seconded a motion to accept the donation of junior high football jerseys as recommended by Superintendent Bruce.

Motion carried. 4 – 0

**Used Bus Purchase/Trade-in**

**Action:** Heather Valverde moved and Janie Steward seconded a motion to approve the purchase of a used bus with the trade-in of bus #8 from RWC as recommended by Superintendent Bruce.

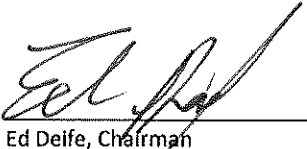
Motion carried. 4 – 0

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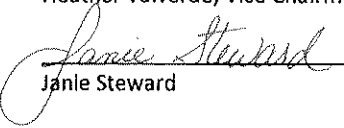
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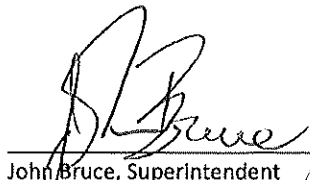
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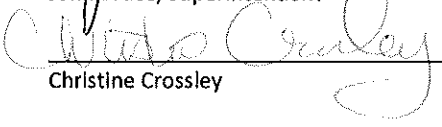
Chairman Deife adjourned the meeting at 6:51 pm.


  
Ed Deife, Chairman

  
Heather Valverde, Vice Chairman

  
Janie Steward

  
John Bruce, Superintendent

  
Christine Crossley

  
Carmen Weishaar