OXFORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 358
OXFORD, KANSAS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016
7:00 P.M.
ROOM 104
JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

MEMBERS PRESENT Alfred Neises, Dorinda Neises, Phillip Rush, Justin Shepherd, Don Shimkus, Derek Totten and Byron White.

OTHERS PRESENT Mark Whitener, Superintendent; Jane Hamilton, Board Clerk; Terri Wiseman, Elementary Principal; Brad Schneider, Wade Metz, Sheryl Metz, Kristina Houser, Cindi Wacker, Sherry White and Hilary Catlin.

CALL TO ORDER Don Shimkus, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ADOPT THE AGENDA Don Shimkus amended the agenda by adding 2.2 Accept Gift. Derek Totten made a **motion** to adopt the amended agenda and Alfred Neises **seconded** this motion. **Motion approved 7-0.**

CONSENT AGENDA Derek Totten made a **motion** to approve the consent agenda as presented which included minutes from the regular meeting on December 14, 2015; January payroll and warrants; High School Activity report; Elementary petty cash report; Old Mill report; budget reports; accept resignation from Judy Wittenborn. Phillip Rush **seconded** the motion. **Motion approved 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS Alfred Neises **motioned** to approve the additional warrants. Byron White **seconded** this motion. **Motion approved 7-0.**

Motion by Justin Shepherd to approve a gift of $2000 from Wild Plains Wind Project to be used for Athletics. This **motion** was **seconded** by Derek Totten. **Motion approved 7-0.**

DISCUSSION/REPORT ITEMS The board heard a report from Wade Metz regarding the condition of district buses and vehicles. He mentioned that Kansas Truck has some nice used buses for sale. After some discussion, it was a consensus to trade the 2004 bus for something better and rebuild the 2000 bus.

With the resignation of Judy Wittenborn in the elementary office and less clerical staff in the high school, it was a consensus to have an interim work and help with the workload until the

position could be filled in the elementary and possibly create a part-time position in the high school.

There was a discussion on where to put the new greenhouse. It was decided the best place would be just north of the elementary library due to water, gas and electric lines being near by.

In the Elementary report, Ms. Wiseman mentioned the success of the homemade salsa made and sold by the STEAM class, the possibility of planting trees, a new reading program, I Station, and the upcoming elementary music programs.

Dr. Whitener discussed the donation of a storage building that would be demolished and the used lumber be used for district projects, an invitation to attend an informative meeting regarding the forming of a new Interlocal and provided information when doors open each morning at the Elementary and Jr/Sr High School. Dr. Whitener also handed out Board Appreciation certificates.

COMMITTEES

Derek Totten, USD 358's representative for the Interlocal 619 board, gave a reported more about the new Interlocal wanting to be formed and also the current sick leave bank. Alfred Neises, USD 358 representative for South Central Kansas Education Service Center provided information on the number of E-rate districts and the diploma completion programs.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Byron White had been approached by a patron wanting to know if the planers in the wood shop were for sale. He advised them that they were not for sale. Alfred Neises mentioned that the State had lowered the mileage reimbursement rate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

8:33 p.m. Motion by Don Shimkus, **seconded** by Justin Shepherd, to go into executive session with Dr. Whitener for matters relating to employer-employee negotiations whether or not in consultation with the representative(s) of the body or agency to protect the district's right to the confidentiality of its negotiating position and the public interest and return to open meeting in 5 minutes. **Motion approved 7-0.**

8:40 p.m. The board and Dr. Whitener returned to open session.

No action was taken

8:40 p.m. Motion by Don Shimkus, **seconded** by Phillip Rush, to go into executive session with Dr. Whitener for personnel matters for non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interests of an identifiable individual and return to open meeting in 25 minutes. **Motion approved 7-0.**

9:09 p.m. The board and Dr. Whitener returned to open session.

No action was taken

ADJOURN Don Shimkus adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m.

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President Clerk