OXFORD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 358
OXFORD, KANSAS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, April 11, 2016
7:00 P.M.
ROOM 222
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 and Terri Wiseman, Elementary Principal; Nick Ruyle, David Hutchins, Betty Hutchins, Melissa Shelton, Jordan Shelton, Cody Dykes, Lakin Cook, Nate Cook, Trisha Cook, Brandi Looney and Shelly Graves.

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 Item 2.3.3. Accept gift from Colter Silhan. Dorinda Neises made a **motion** to adopt the agenda as amended and Phillip Rush **seconded** this motion. **Motion approved 7-0.**

RECOGNIZE GUESTS Don Shimkus welcomed the guests in attendance. Lakin Cook, a Senior at OHS, wished to address the board concerning graduation. She asked the board's approval in letting the class recognize a fallen classmate by placing a decorated empty chair, have his name in the program and be part of the slideshow that is presented at graduation. Mr. Shimkus thanked Ms. Cook for her request and let her know and the others present for this issue, that the board would discuss the issue later during executive session.

Nick Ruyle, along with David and Betty Hutchins, addressed the board, as well, to ask permission to use the school's auditorium and entry-way into the old gym for services on Sunday mornings for a non-denominational church that is in the planning stages. Securing a meeting place is part of their planning process. Mr. Shimkus thanked them and also advised that the request would be discussed at a later date.

CONSENT AGENDA Dorinda Neises made a **motion** to approve the consent agenda as presented which included minutes from the regular meeting on March 14, 2016 and the Special Meeting on March 23, 2016; April payroll and warrants; High School Activity report; Elementary petty cash report; Old Mill report; and budget

reports; Byron White **seconded** the motion. **Motion approved 7-0.**

ACTION ITEMS

Derek Totten **motioned** to approve the additional warrants. Alfred Neises **seconded** this motion. **Motion approved 7-0.**

Motion by Alfred Neises to approve the 2016-17 school calendar was **seconded** by Justin Shepherd.
Motion approved 6-1 (Dorinda Neises)**.**

Motion by Byron White to accept with gratitude monetary gifts of $2000 from the Oxford Lions Club to be used towards the concession stand at Champeny Fields; the Oxford Chamber of Commerce in the amount of $140 for the library and $300 from Colter Silhan to be used at Champeny Fields. This motion was **seconded** by Phillip Rush.
Motion approved 7-0.

Motion by Derek Totten to approve the Jr/Sr High School, Oxford Elementary and Oxford Online handbooks for the 2016-17 school year as presented was **seconded** by Byron White. **Motion approved 7-0.** The discipline plan for the Elementary will be updated and presented at a later date.

DISCUSSION/REPORT ITEMS

Shelly Graves gave a power-point report on the virtual school concerning the challenges they have faced, the continued development of the program and upcoming activities planned. She also mentioned the STEAM program and the many things they have done this year and a planning session to outline next years' activities.

Dr. Whitener gave a State of the District report comparing 2014-15 revenue and expenditures to this year; staffing comparisons from 2011 to 2016 and the future needs the district will face in the coming years.

A discussion concerning the teacher-student ratio in the Elementary grades followed. Don Shimkus made a **motion** to offer to the part-time para that was hired in November up to a full-time position(depending on her schedule) until the end of the school year and Derek Totten **seconded** this. **Motion approved 7-0.**

Every 5 years, a Professional Development Plan must be submitted to the State. An updated Professional Development

Plan, effective until the year 2021, was presented for approval. A **motion** by Derek Totten to approve the Professional Development Plan as presented was **seconded** by Phillip Rush. **Motion approved 7-0.**

In the Elementary report, Ms. Wiseman highlighted on Ag Venture Day, the submission of a plan to present to KSDE, a planning day for Discover Oxford, students participating in a wind challenge project, a reflection day for the new teachers this past year and state assessments. She also thanked Phillip Rush for fixing the bridge at the Old Mill.

Dr. Whitener mentioned that he had met with the President of Cowley College regarding the placement of a campus in Sumner County. The Cowley College President was seeking support from local school boards. Graduation is May 7 for the Oxford graduating seniors.

COMMITTEES

Interlocal #619: Derek Totten's report consisted of staffing, preliminary budget figures, assessments and the continued 3rd party study of the Interlocal.

Service Center: Alfred Neises reported that Pratt had discontinued the DCP program with the Service Center and will continue with their own program. The Service Center had signed an agreement with Career Cruising.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Don Shimkus reminded the board of the special board meeting on Wednesday April 13.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

8:55 p.m. Motion by Don Shimkus, **seconded** by Justin Shepherd, to go into executive session with Dr. Whitener for matters relating to actions adversely or favorably affecting a person as a student, except that any such person shall have the right to a public hearing if requested by that person, to protect the privacy rights of a student who is identifiable. We will return to open meeting in this room in 15 minutes. **Motion approved 7-0.**

9:10 p.m. The Board and Dr. Whitener returned to open meeting.

9:10 p.m. Motion by Don Shimkus, **seconded** by Justin Shepherd, to go into executive session with Dr. Whitener for personnel matters for non-elected personnel to protect the privacy interest of an identifiable individual and return to open session in 15 minutes. **Motion approved 7-0.**

9:25 p.m. The board and Dr. Whitener returned to open meeting.

Motion by Don Shimkus, **seconded** by Derek Totten, to hire Shelly Graves for 4 weeks of extra duty work this summer at her regular rate of pay. **Motion approved 7-0.**

It was a consensus of the board to allow the 2016 graduating seniors at the graduation exercises to remember a deceased class member by having his name appear in the program, his pictures be part of the slide show and to place an empty, undecorated chair in his remembrance.

ADJOURN Don Shimkus adjourned the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

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President Clerk