ONALASKA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

P.O. BOX 2289

ONALASKA, TEXAS 77360

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

ONALASKA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

January 16, 2025

6:00 P.M.

**M I N U T E S**

The Board of Trustees of the Onalaska Independent School District met for a Regular Board meeting on **Monday,** **January 16, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**, at the OISD Administration Office located at 134 N FM 356 Onalaska Texas 77360. Roll was called and the following were present:

# Board Members

Candice Davies, President

Karina Roberts, Vice President

Kimber Stolley, Secretary

Ted Wiggins, Member

Dennis Hodge, Member

Jake Ard, Member

Chris Topkins, Member

Staff Members Guests

Dr. Kenneth Fraga, Superintendent OES Spotlight Students

Angela Foster, Business Manager JSHS Spotlight Students

Cheryl Bertsch, Junior Senior High School Principal OISD Robotics Team

Geoffry Bowdon, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Ronny Knox, ESC 6

Charles Boyce, Technology Director

Crystal Byrd, Elementary Intermediate Principal

James Ard, Auxillary Director

Jo Wheeler, Robotics Coach

Angela C Kennedy, Robotics Coach

Heather Barry, SRO

Ashley Maichetti, Executive Assistant to Superintendent

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Candice Davies, President

The invocation was given by Dennis Hodge.

The pledge was given in unison by everyone.

1. Motion was made by Kimber Stolley, seconded by Karina Roberts to adopt the Agenda, as presented. Motion carried 7 for, 0 against.

2. Motion was made by Dennis Hodge, seconded by Jake Ard, to approve the minutes of the previous Regular Meeting November 18, 2024. Motion carried 7 for, 0 against.

3. Robotics Students spoke to the board about an opportunity to compete in out of state competitions.

1. a. Crystal Byrd, Princpal at the Onalaska Elemetary/Intermediate School, reported on campus specific events.

b. Cheryl Bertsch, Principal at the Onalaska Junior-Senior High School, reported on campus specific events

c. Geoffery Bowdoin, Assistant Superintendent introduced himself.

d. Dr. Kenneth Fraga, Superintendet, reported on enrollment and attendance, provided an election calendar and shared an update on the ground breaking at the High School Campus, included a student interest survey detailing current and possible extracurricular and UIL activities for the 2025-2026 school year. The board was also provided a detailed list of personnel and their roles and responsibilities

No report from the Board.

5. Motion was made by Karina Roberts, seconded by Chris Topkins to approve the consent items as presented:

a. Tax Report

b. Budget Amendments (Increase to Federal SpEd)

c. Quarterly Investment Report

d. E-RATE Contracts

Motion carried 7 for, 0 against.

6. Motion was made by Ted Wiggins, seconded by Kimber Stolley to authorize Angela Foster, Business Manager, to act as superintendent alternative for approving staff requests(also referred to as “submitting requests to TEA”) for access to one or more TEA web applications accessed through the Texas Education Agency Secure Environment TEA Login (TEAL). This authorization is valid for the calendar year starting January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026. Motion carried 7 for, 0 against.

# 7. Motion was made by Chris Topkins, seconded by Ted Wiggins to approve a DOI Committee to explore the current and future exemptions included in the District of Innovation Plan. Motion carried 7 for, 0 against.

8. Motion was made by Dennis Hodge, seconded by Chris Topkins to approve travel plans for the OISD Robotics Team to travel to an out of state VEX Invitational Tournament. Motion carried 7 for, 0 against.

9. Motion was made by Chris Topkins, seconded by Dennis Hodge to approve the exploration of implementation for an in district police department, authorizing Dr. Kenneth Fraga the opportunity to bring futher information to the board. Motion carried 7 for, 0 against.

# 10. Motion was made by Ted Wiggins, seconded by Karina Roberts to approve a Notice and Order of Election for a Regular Election for position number one, currently held by Chris Topkins, position two, currently held by Dennis Hodge and position number five, currently held by Ted Wiggins to be conducted on May 3, 2025. Motion carried 7 for, 0 against.

# 11. Motion was made by Dennis Hodge, seconded by Karina Roberts to approve an interlocal agreement between Onalaska ISD and the City of Onalaska to conduct a Joint Election for May 3, 2025 in the event that both parties hold an election. Motion carried 7 for, 0 against.

# 12. The Board entered into Closed Session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act at 7:11 p.m.

A. Discussion of new hires

B. Discussion of resignations.

C. Discussion of the annual evaluation and contract extension of the Superintendent of Schools.

D. Discussion on Guardian Program

13. The Board Reconvened for motions, voting or official actions at 7:58 p.m.

A. Motion was made by Kimber Stolley, seconded by Dennis Hodge to approve the hiring of Diagnostician Eleni Kokonezi-Martin. Motion carried 7 for, 0 against.

B. Motion made by Kimber Stolley, seconded by Ted Wiggins to approve the resignation of Lisa Smith, Angela C Kennedy and Patricia Woodum effective at the end of the 24/25 school year. Motion carried 7 for, 0 against.

C. No Action

D. Motion was made by Dennis Hodge, seconded by Ted Wiggins to update information on the guardian program. Motion carried 7 for, 0 against.

14. Motion to adjourn was made by Chris Topkisn, seconded by James Ard at 8:00 p.m. Motion carried 7 for, 0 against.

15. Informational Item : Check Register

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Candice Davies, President Kimber Stolley, Secretary

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