

Owens Whitney Elementary District No. 6  
Minutes of School Board of Trustees Meeting  
April 11, 2017

1. Routine Opening of Meeting

- 1.1 Clay Tyree called the Board to order at 7:00 a.m.
- 1.2 Roll Call was taken: Clay Tyree-Board Chair, Frank Dazzo-Vice Chair, Carol Moreno-Board Member, Mikaela Gist-Administrator, Phyllis Eaton-Business Manager, and Lee Gurney-Secretary
- 1.3 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Clay Tyree
- 1.4 Moment of Silence
- 1.5 Call to the Public –no one present
- 1.6 Board members reviewed the minutes from March 7, 2017, board meeting. Motion to approve minutes with change noting that the Board decided to vote on employees paying the increase in insurance cost for the 2017-2018 year was made by Clay Tyree, seconded by Carol Moreno - motion passed.

2. Information and Discussion Items

- 2.1 -Bryan Bullington, Superintendent from Bagdad, discussed that the IGA, Intergovernmental Agreement, which lists the shared services of the two schools; the issue of the 9-12 could be a piece of that. Suggested a conversation with the parents regarding finishing up high school in Kingman and having all future students go to Bagdad High. We now tuition all students to Kingman and count them in our ADM (weighted student count) for the school. Per Clay Tyree's question, the amount of money out of the budget would remain the same no matter which school the students attend. Per Phyllis Eaton's question, Freeport McMoran would provide the transportation so neither Owens nor Bagdad would incur additional costs. The Bagdad high school starts at 7:45 a.m. and gets out at 3:10 a.m., with an hour bus ride each way, so it takes at least two hours off the students' school day. Carol Moreno mentioned possibly sending eighth grader to Bagdad at some point.  
-Mikaela Gist will schedule a meeting to present information to the parents.
- 2.2 Lee Gurney informed the Board that employee evaluations had been completed so discussion of raises and dismissals could be scheduled.
- 2.3 Mikaela Gist wants to get teacher contracts out even if the raises can't be calculated yet, because of the budget calculation changes, that raises can be added at a later. We need a commitment to know what positions we need to fill. An ad has been posted on the ADE website for a 3-5 teacher. With the employees

we have now, the increase in the budget would be \$21,000. Then, if we add an aide, it increase about \$42,000 more, a teacher about \$79,000 (this includes benefits). Teachers start around \$40,000. She has spoken to a reading specialist about working two days per week. Bagdad has a full-time Title 1 aide in the classroom for reading. Carol Moreno mentioned Sue Burdsal may stay one more year if we can't find a full-time teacher and that a part-time teacher would be our next option. Clay Tyree made a motion for Mikaela Gist to get the teachers' contracts out without raises (to be added later), Frank Dazzo seconded – motion passed.

-Discussion as to using the balance carryforward to fund new teacher. It hasn't been used because the tax rate would go up. Taxes were raised approximately twenty cents last year.

2.4 Mikaela Gist presented a school calendar. Frank Dazzo made a motion to accept the school calendar as presented, Carol Moreno seconded – motion passed.

2.5 Discussion of teacherages was put off until the Board knows about teacher needs for next year.

2.6 Frank Dazzo reported that Mohave Electric has around \$180,000 to donate to community impact projects; the money cannot be used for day-to-day operations. Organization doesn't need to be nonprofit; deadline is 4/21/17. Suggestions were the basketball court, the field and a new sound system in the auditorium. The Board feels these would qualify because residents use the grounds and buildings, as Wikieup has no town park or community center. Mikaela Gist will work on getting estimates and grant submitted.

### 3. Action Items

3.1 Voucher were received, reviewed and signed. Motion made by Clay Tyree, seconded by Carol Moreno to pay vouchers- motion passed.

3.2 No action at this time

### 4. Information Items

4.1 -Phyllis Eaton is having a telephone conference today to get help in reconciling the previous budget. Some issues of money being coded nontax but the Treasurer moved it to taxable fund, checks not sent in or voided and still not able to balance.

- Mikaela Gist, Lee Gurney and Asstrid Baca will all work on the budget with Phyllis, which has to be approved by July 10, 2017. Phyllis is leaving June 20 so wants to have it done by then.

- 4.2 -Phyllis reported that she worked with Beth Ferry on the reimbursements for Title I and Title II.  
-The school is still not in compliance with the state – they are working on that also.
- 4.3 STEM Night will be on Tuesday, May 9, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.. The whole community is invited to attend. Freeport McMoran will be bring over engineers, environmentalists, and metallurgists to explain the physics of carnival rides, rock climbing and other activities.

5. Requests for future meetings -None

6. Next meeting date – Tuesday, May 9, 2017

7. Adjournment at 7:59 a.m. – Clay Tyree