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OC School District News for September

By Lisa Robinson, Booneville Sentinel

The Owsley County Board of Education met in Special Session on Tuesday, September 1, 2026. The meeting was called to order by Board Chairperson Joyce Campbell. Board Secretary Betty Jo Neeley took the roll of all in attendance. A motion was made and carried to Review/Approve the Agenda as it was presented. A motion was made and carried to Review/Approve the Board Meeting Minutes from the August 11, 2026 Regular Board Meeting. There was a reminder for the Board Members about the KSBA Regional Fall Conference scheduled for September 14, 2026. It is being hosted by Breathitt County and will be held at the Breathitt County Area Technical Center at 1140 Lakeside Drive, Jackson, Kentucky. Dinner starts at 6:00 pm and the meeting starts at 6:45 pm. At this time, Board Members Kim Campbell and Deron Mays along with Superintendent Gary Cornett are planning to attend the meeting.

Autumn Herald, Finance Director/Treasurer, did not have the Finance Report due to the Board Meeting being earlier than usual. She informed the board that would be sending them a Finance Report to review as soon as she receives all the documents needed for the report. A motion was made and carried to approve the Payrolls and Claims. Charlie Davidson, DPP/Director of Alternative Education, was unable to attend the meeting. Superintendent Gary Cornett gave a quick update on the Attendance/Enrollment Report.

A motion was made and carried to Approve/Adopt the Working Budget that was presented by Autumn Herald, Finance Director. At the last board meeting the board proposed going with the compensating rate. A motion was made and carried to Approve the 2026-2027 Tax Rates be kept at the compensating rate: Real Estate 48.00, Tangible 48.60 and Motor Vehicle 57.8. A motion was made and carried to set the Utility Tax at 3.0.

A motion was made and carried to Approve the Superintendent’s Travel for August & September, 2026 (which is none at this time). A motion was made and carried to Approve to Adopt the Local Indicators of Quality and Timeline that was presented by Megan Bowling, Director of Teaching & Learning/District Assessment Coordinator/Chief Academic Officer. A motion was made and carried to Approve the 2026-2027 Lau Plan for the ELL Students which was presented by Tonya Spicer, Special Education Director/Facilitator of Student Achievement/Instructional Supervisor/Title I Coordinator.

A motion was made and carried to approve the following Consent Items: Review SBDM Reports (OCES & OCHS); Approve/Award Bid (tabled from last month) – the Removal of two Mobile Units (award bid to Charles Perry - \$10,000); Approve Updated Wellness Policy; Approve Draft Procedure 09.36 AP.1 School-Related Student Trips; Approve Driver List to Transport Students in District Owned Vehicles; Approve Change of Scope Request for Owsley County Head Start; Approve to Create a District-Level Itinerant Health/P.E. Teacher for 2026-2027 School Year Only (to serve part-time at OCES & part-time at OCHS); Approve Facility Use Request (Owsley County Farm Bureau – Farmers Market September 10, 2026 Customer Appreciation; Owsley County Clerk Austin Bowling – OCHS Gymnasium for Election Polling Place November 3, 2026); Approve Overnight/Out of State Trips (Owsley County Lady Owls Basketball Team – Sunshine Classic Daytona Beach, Florida December 27-31, 2026 (pending paperwork travel tracker); Annual Home Base Conference – Gatlinburg, Tennessee September 22-24, 2026 – Brittany Norris, Natasha Sizemore, Linda Turner & Shelia Thomas); Approve to Terminate Previous RFP-050-0739 Proposal Cafeteria Furniture; Approve RFP-050-0739b Request for Proposal Cafeteria Furniture and the Reports from each department.

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