

**MINUTES OF
ORANGE BEACH CITY SCHOOL BOARD
WORK SESSION
MAY 18, 2022 – 10:38 A.M.
CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The Orange Beach City School Board met on May 18, 2022, at 10:38 A.M. with Robert Stuart presiding.

The following members were present:

Robert Stuart, President
Nelson Bauer, Vice President
Shannon Robinson
Tracie Stark, Secretary

The following members were absent:

Randy McKinney

The following items were discussed:

1. CNP update.
2. Discuss Isurus Graphics – Dr. Robbie Smith, Interim Superintendent, and Board members discussed giving supplements to staff for extra duties rather than issuing extended contracts.
3. Request for copy of plans of Orange Beach Elementary School expansion and copies of current contracts – Nash Campbell, School Board Attorney, is working on review.
4. FACS position and thoughts on Pre-K – Dr. Smith will look into engaging student teachers. She informed the Board that Coastal Alabama Community College has a training program for Pre-K aides.
5. Update on out-of-state applications – Dr. Smith shared that she has not received any pushback on out-of-state tuition, which includes the \$1,000 out-of-district tuition plus the ADM state funding amount. She explained that she is holding off on accepting any applicants until she knows what space is available.
6. Generator maintenance and possible replacement – Dr. Smith is getting quotes from vendors.
7. Junior Leadership Program completion/graduation – Dr. Smith stated that the current program is split with Gulf Shores and led by Penny Hughey with the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber. Student participants performed volunteer work at the zoo and city hall. Graduation is tonight.
8. Timeline for technology pickup – Dr. Smith stated that teachers are asking about their Macbooks. Mr. Campbell responded that a list of equipment that the School Board wishes to keep can be submitted to the Baldwin County Board of Education and those items can be deducted from the equipment payout. Lance Alexander, IT Consultant, is working on procuring 60-70 new Macbooks.
9. New hires/personnel actions – Dr. Smith passed on the recommendation from the Orange Beach Elementary School Principal to hire for posted positions. Dr. Smith stated that she has recommendations for CNP and Special Ed Coordinator if the Board agrees with moving forward prior to hiring the Superintendent. Board members agreed with moving forward.
10. Update on phones – Mr. Alexander and Dr. Smith summarized the proposals received from Uniti Fiber and CSpire. Board members were in favor of moving forward with CSpire. Mr. Alexander informed the Board about the E-Rate program, which provides funding for schools through

CSpire. He explained that the application deadline for 2022 has passed, but that he plans on applying in October for 2023 funding.

11. Sourcewell Membership – Dr. Smith stated that she will be seeking memberships with a number of purchasing cooperatives to help comply with the State of Alabama Competitive Bid Law.
12. Orange Beach Elementary School Expansion – Mr. Bauer said that some color choices need to be made. City staff suggested that the color options be presented to the Mayor.
13. Makos Academics, Arts, and Athletics Club (MAAAC) – Board members discussed the role of MAAAC moving forward. Mr. Stuart stated that MAAAC will function more like a typical booster club. Board members discussed bringing the PTOs and MAAAC in for a group discussion.

There being no further business, motion made (Stark/Bauer) to adjourn. Motion carried (4-0).

Time: 11:38 A.M.

APPROVED this 23rd day of May, 2022.

Robert Stuart
President