

**Oregon International School
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday , October 18, 2022 – 4:30 p.m.
Zoom, Baker City**

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4:30 p.m. Board Meeting (*District Office, North Conference Room, and via Zoom*)

PRESENT

- **Board** **Press:** No members of the press were present
 - Claire Hobson, Chairperson
 - Katie Lamb Treasurer/Secretary
 - Jessica Dougherty - Ex-Officio Member
 - Andrew Bryan - Ex-Officio Member

- **Staff** **Public:** No members of the public were present
 - Erin Lair, Baker School District 5J Superintendent
 - Thomas Joseph, Ed.D., OIS Principal
 - Lindsey Bennington-McDowell, Communications
 - Greg Mitchell, Federal Programs

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance (4:42)**.....
Secretary Lamb motioned to have another member lead the agenda while Chairperson Hobson joined. Member Bryan seconded and nominated Member Jessica Dougherty. The motion was unanimously approved, and Member Dougherty led the Pledge of Allegiance and the meeting was called to order.

- 2. Approve, Modify Meeting Agenda (4:45 p.m.)**.....Chair Claire Hobson
Member Dougherty motioned to approve of the agenda, and Member Bryan seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Consent Agenda (4:47 p.m.)**
 - A. Approve Minutes from July 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting
Member Dougherty motioned for approval of minutes. Bryan seconded, and motion passed unanimously.

- 4. Reports (4:48 p.m.)**
 - A. 2022-23 Inbound Exchange.....Principal Tom Joseph
Principal Joseph updated the Board on the current roster, activities, student progress and grades. Joseph stated that the Hautlieu staff and students from the Isle of Jersey reported having had a great time while here, and their collective response was quite positive. Their school wishes to continue the exchange program and partnership, each side having both aspects we wish to retain and improve as we build the experience over time.

Principal Joseph next described the culminating activity the Jersey students prepared, to both share a bit with our students about their home, and to thank our students and staff for the great month they enjoyed. Joseph shared that multiple students and staff commented specifically on how great it was to have the students here, and how impressed they were by demonstrations of appreciation the Hautlieu students gave on their last day.

Joseph next stated that Assistant Principal Jaime Barton was on vacation following her return from Europe, and the two will debrief the entire outbound event. However, a quick chat with half of the Baker students who went reported having had a great overall experience and hope to do more traveling in the future. Joseph concluded this report by stating that he has crafted a survey for host families, parents who sent students abroad, and the students themselves to get formative data as he seeks to improve the project moving forward.

Joseph next reported that the current inbound roster sits at 28 students. He stated that the average GPA going into the final week of the marking period is 3.2. Despite this impressive mark, Joseph indicated a few students had made the D/F list and they are working to provide extra support for those students, as well.

B. Fall 2022 Outbound Hautlieu Exchange.....Assistant Principal Jaime Barton
Next, Principal Joseph explained that Assistant Principal Barton is currently on vacation, so more information on the outbound Jersey experience will be forthcoming. However, his brief chat with Ms. Barton revealed a positive trip in general, noting a few issues that are easily resolved moving forward. Further, Ms. Barton went on to OIS developmental meetings in Germany after the Jersey experience ended, and reports a great reception in Germany with schools that are very interested in developing a similar short-term exchange for BHS students. Joseph indicated that they are still gathering information and will update the Board in coming weeks.

5. Public Comment - Agenda-Related Items (5:00 p.m.)

Chair Hobson joined the meeting and assumed direction of the agenda. She called for public comment, and having none, moved the agenda forward.

6. Information and Discussion (5:03 p.m.)

A. Superintendent Update.....Superintendent Erin Lair

Chair Hobson asked for the Superintendent's update. Superintendent Lair reported having generally positive feedback from staff at high school about the exchange thus far. She also updated the Board about a walk-through of the Washington Street House with Greg Mitchell and Mr. Joseph to assess the renovations and repair status. The team noted several priorities and discussed the necessary grounds and maintenance work orders.

Next, Superintendent Lair discussed the changes we would like to make regarding the charter model vs. a more traditional exchange program model. Mrs. Lair explained to the Board that Mr. Joseph presented a flow chart that painted the goals and staffing needs for each model, and the benefits of tabling the Charter model for the time being while we work to perfect the more redacted version over the next few years.

Superintendent Lair next explained that we would not hire for the Executive Director, and that Mr. Joseph and Greg Mitchell would assume that role moving forward. Lair asked for further comment, and Member Bryan explained that Mr. Joseph, Mrs. Lair, Member Dougherty, and he had met for 2.5 hours to discuss next steps, that he agreed the positive momentum should be maintained, and that we need to keep working on projects that get our students traveling the world if they so desire.

The open discussion continued, as Member Dougherty asked about creating a PTO support group to provide things the students might need around holidays. [Greg Mitchell](#) indicated that the Marie Lamfrom Charitable Foundation has sent \$300 dollar gift cards to help support our Ukrainian students for winter clothes, and Member Bryan asked about tying in more foreign language options, which might create more Baker student/international student interactions.

7. Action Items (5:20 p.m.)

A. Bylaws and Baker 5J Service Agreement

Chair Hobson lost connection, so Secretary Lamb moved the agenda to action items. She recognized Superintendent Lair, who recommended we have our attorney modify the bylaws to allow for a designee as assigned by the 5J Superintendent allowing to fill the executive director/board member position.

Member Bryan stated he thought the brand OIS still had value, placed it among the other enterprising platforms of the District, and commented upon the positive OPB article that captured the voices of the Hautlieu students and staff about their time at BHS. Member Byan stated 3 voting members kept us inline with those other platforms moving forward, and suggested we amend the bylaws as the Superintendent or designee could fill the role.

Chairperson Hobson moved to have Superintendent Lair work with Attorney Deborah Dyson to propose new bylaw language to capture our proposed changes to the OIS leadership structure. Member Lamb seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Hobson asked for anything further for the good of the order, stating that she liked the idea of creating a booster like club and that it would be beneficial. Member Bryan asked for routine updates on developments as we build next year's program and suggested we include Skye Flanagan at some point to bring him up to speed on any changes.

Chairperson Hobson called for a motion to adjourn; Member Bryan motioned and it was seconded by Member Lamb, and the Motion passed.

8. Adjournment (5:36 p.m.)

Board Chair's Signature

Date

Executive Director's Signature

Date

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