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**Oswego Community Unit School District 308**  
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**Community Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**School District 308**  
**Wednesday, November 16, 2022**  
**Oswego East High School – Community Room**  
**1525 Harvey Road, Door 1 - Oswego, Illinois 60543**  
**6:00 pm - 7:30 pm**

**MEETING MINUTES**

- I. Roll Call / Attendance - Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm by Superintendent, Dr. John Sparlin. Sign in Sheet was used for Attendance.

Members in Attendance:

Charles Barr, Benjamin Breslau, Margaret Darnell, Scott DeMatteis, Jamie Diaz, Anne Elwood, Tina Gonzalez, Craig Gunty, Julianna, Karvelius, Michael Lamonica, Dr. Patti Marcinko, Michelle McBrady, Stan Natonek, Donna Sawicki, Lauren Shoemaker, Erika Sieh, Megan Tommer

Board Members: Eugene Gatewood, Alison Swanson

Administrators: Dr. John Sparlin, Faith Dahlquist, Dr. John Petzke

Members Absent: Kirsten Coulman, Dr. Tonya Davis, Judy Hansen, Saima Hussain-Shah, Marcus Lewis, Bill Mueller, Kaila Mugford, Robyn Vickers

Guests in Attendance: None

Recording Secretary: Ursula Studer

- II. Approval of Minutes from the October 19, 2022 Meeting  
A motion was made by Dr. Sparlin, second by Mr. Eugene Gatewood, to approve the Minutes from the October 19, 2022 meeting; all were in favor.
- III. [Welcome](#) – Dr. Sparlin went over the trivia question that were asked at the last meeting and added some new ones. Today's new trivia question revolved around the SD308 history. The complete presentation is linked above.
- IV. Review of Items from Previous Meeting – Items discussed and questions asked will be addressed in the next presentation by Dr. Petzke.



- V. [3-2-1 Finance; VI. Levy; VII. 5-Year Projections](#) – Dr. Petzke reviewed what we learned; what we want others to know and the questions that were asked. EBF (Evidence Based Funding) was explained as well as the local sources of our Revenue. Dr. Petzke explained what factors are used to calculate a Tax Levy and reviewed an itemized tax bill. Our tax rate is high because we are still paying off bonds & interest. Also shown were the 5-year projections with and without new levy. The complete presentation is linked above.

*At this time, Margaret Darnell, Dr. Marcinko and Michelle McBrady left the meeting for a previous commitment.*

- VIII. [Presentation](#) – What are we doing to increase Academic Achievement  
Ms. Dahlquist discussed student skills needed in this new age and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning skills. The committee was then able to use a QR code to create a wordle on what skills they thought students needed for the future. Our Climate for Learning Framework was shown and the five core Social-Emotional Competencies. Ms. Dahlquist shared research-based practices; Math Framework; K-8 Literacy Framework and the importance of a safe and inclusive environment.

Also discussed:

- Amplifying Student Voice
- How we have supported improvements
- How we monitor improvements

The committee also received information on where they can learn more:

- Review Envision 308 plans and dashboard on our website
- Review the Illinois Report Card
- Review our Math and Literacy frameworks
- Have a conversation with some of our leaders

The complete presentation is linked above.

- IX. [Mission Statement Activity](#) -

Dr. Sparlin shared that the current mission statement was created in 2015. The Board of Education decided at their retreat during the summer, that we should take a look to see if there were any changes to be made, that would align with our new Envision 308 Strategic Plan. Administrators, one of our Student Ambassadors and a member of the Student Advisory Committee came together and created a draft mission statement. The Board members asked for this committee's input as well.

Current Mission Statement:

*In partnerships with our families and communities, Community Unit School District 308 will educate all students to reach their highest potential*



New Draft Mission Statement:

*Together, we empower, support, and inspire, challenge, motivate, encourage (choose one or none) all students to thrive along their unique educational journey*

The Envision 308 plan is made up of four different quadrants:

- Student Learning
- Support for Student Learning
- Finance & Facilities
- Community Partnerships

The mission Statement will be included with this and we are asking for input of the highlighted words. Which ones should be included, all or none.

Ms. Dahlquist asked the committee members to stand at each of their tables and discuss which word(s) or new word they would like to see included in the statement. When done, please take a seat.

*Michael Lamonica left the meeting at 7:14 p.m.*

After discussion, they members asked to remove inspire, challenge and motivate.

Now we have guide, encourage, educational foundation, readying, embolden, empower. Some members liked our mission statement we have now.

We will now bring these suggestions and get input from our student ambassadors as well. Following, we will bring it back to the Board of Education.

- X. Topics for Future Meetings – Dr. Sparlin asked the committee members to send requested agenda items to Ursula between now and November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- XI. Public Comment (3 minutes) – *there was no public comment*
- XII. Adjourn at 7:27 p.m. – *A motion was made by Dr. Sparlin, second by Mr. Gatewood, to adjourn; all in favor*