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Regular Board Meeting
Zoom Link

Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020
6:00 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Board Chair-Josh Thompson, Board Vice-Chair-Carol Mitchell, Rob Miles, Howard Fetz, Melissa Huntley, and Joan Stark

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Tamarra Ferguson,

ADMIN PRESENT: Ryan Wrought and Aimee Hovis

OTHERS PRESENT: Jim Hull, Jamie Sowell, Yancy Wells, Josh Kurtz, Don Jacklyn, Courtney Dausz, Maureen Hinman, Shelley Iverson, Bob (no last name given).

1. CALL TO ORDER at 6:03 PM.

2. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA BY BOARD MEMBERS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: By Joan Stark to approve the agenda.

SECOND: By Rob Miles.

VOTING: Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Regular Board Minutes for Oct. 14, 2020 approval

B. Acknowledge Payment of Bills*

C. Personnel Report

MOTION: By Carol Mitchell to approve the consent agenda.

SECOND: By Rob Miles.

VOTING: Motion passed unanimously.

5. RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

None.

6. INFORMATIONAL

A. Technology Director's ReportJamie Sowell

No report this month.

B. Athletic Director's and Dean of Students Report.....Jim Hull

Athletics:

OSAA had a meeting on Dec 2nd. They decided to shorten each athletic season. The first season was supposed to start Dec 28th but due to stipulation and COVID numbers it has been delayed. Season 2 will start on February 8th with football and volleyball. The first game for season 2 will be March 1st. Track and baseball season will start April 5th. They will have a 6-week season, ending May 15th. Then May 10th to June 19th will be basketball season.

If any county is in the "extreme" category for COVID, the school cannot do any sports.

Dean of Students:

Mrs. Larlee organized a K-6th grade Reindeer run. Students ran for 10 minutes around the track. Then the High School ASB helped cheer them on and serve hot chocolate afterwards.

HD cameras have been installed in the gym. Community members will be able to login to the NFHS website and pay a fee to watch the school's events from home. The HD cameras will follow motions on the gym so volleyball, basketball, and other events, like the Powwow can be streamed.

Attendance for grades 7th-12th is at 80%. The district are busing students in for two hours of tutoring and help. Thirteen percent of the 7th-12th grade students are failing all of their classes. Forty-four percent are failing 3 or more classes. This is not unique to just our district. Doing some research, Forty-eight percent of students in Salem have all F's. Salt Lake schools' failing rate has tripled. It is a national problem. Our district is trying to reach struggling students by calling kids and parents. We have tutors and run a couple different bus routes to pick up students that want and need extra help. Our teachers and staff are here every day to do what they can. The simple fix is kids need to be in school but we can't do that. This show how important in person school is.

C. Superintendent/Principal's Report.....Ryan Wraught

Last month the district approved Homes Structures to do the seismic assessment and Alpha Environmental to do the radon and hazardous material testing. Homes will be doing their assessment on January 14th and 15th. Alpha Environmental will be doing their testing on December 18th.

Using Safe Harbor if a school was operating/planning operations under the previous metrics they could use Safe Harbor to remain open – regardless of local county COVID numbers. Safe Harbor – scheduled to Sunset on Jan. 4th – all schools then would be functioning under new county metrics. The Governor said yesterday that Safe Harbor will be extended infinitely. K-6 can remain open until we have two cases of COVID with students and/or staff. If there is a case in the school, then school would be closed for two weeks. We are the only school in session in the area because we have not had any COVID cases in the school. Moving 7th-12th for in class instruction will probably be based on the new metrics that will keep them on CDL. There is not a lot of hope of bringing in the 7th to 12th grades. Schools have been discussing on having CDL for K-12th grade for the week of January 4th and going back on site on January 11th. This would provide a 10 day gap after New Year's Eve. No decisions have been made on delaying a return date. Ryan has a regional Supts meeting with North Central Public Health on Dec. 28th and will have more information/guidance at that time.

Citing the current research that schools are not super-spreaders of COVID. If schools follow the safety/cleaning protocols they may be the safest places to be.

Governor Proposed Budget Highlights:

- General Fund \$9.1 billion – COSA's goal is 9.5 – which will maintain current service level
 - (last biennium was \$9.07 – PERS \$100m paydown \$8.97b – was a \$300m increase) – local factor will be enrollment.
- Student Investment Account - \$778 million
 - 2.5 times what we received last year (\$277K to \$88k) biennium. (Dean of Students/Electives/EAs in Classrooms – Math/Lang Arts/Staff Trainings for Electives)
- High School Success \$314.5 million up from \$303 last biennium
 - Counseling/Dean of Students
 - On Track to Graduate Programs
- K-12 Facilities – Seismic Retrofit refunded for \$120 million – next step to Seismic Assessment. Up to \$2.5 million per project – most likely will help Old District building.

Question was asked, "What is being done for failing kids for grades?" Dean of Student Hull said that, "We have after the first quarter. The teachers were able to extend incompletes for two extra weeks so kids can make up those incompletes. There is also a level of depression in students."

7. BOARD DISCUSSION

A. DRAC UpdateRob Miles

December 9th DRAC had a virtual fund raiser. This raised \$250k for track project. Currently the foundation is gathering construction bids and bidding period closes on December 22nd. There will be more information at the beginning of next year on the project.

B. School-Based Health Clinic Update/ReviewMaureen Hinman and Don Jacklyn

Maureen Hinman from the ESD – She works in Oregon Health allegiance to pick up this grant work. She shared a timeline with the board. ESD received a grant.

Time Line:

First Phase-

- Needs assessment.
- Stakeholder interviews.

Second Phase- to be completed by end of December 2020

- Restarting planning committee.
- Develop advisory committee.
- Get parents and students to meet a few times for residence check. To make sure things make sense on a community aspect.
- Surveys for parents of the district.
- Talking to focus groups from Juntos, The Next Door, and Indian Education groups.

Third Phase-In Feb/March 2020

- Identify medical partners' criteria.
- Identify school site leads.
- Planning committee meetings.
- Action plan developed.

Fourth Phase-April and May 2020

- Planning Committee meetings.
- Develop terms for partnerships.
- Firm up budgetary needs, clarify scope and timeline, and begin implementation.

Fifth Phase-June 2020

- Continue implementation.
- Report to the state and confirm state funds.
- Grant would provide \$60k per year to support the model for 5 years.

Ms. Hinman has a migrant parent focus group scheduled before the winter break and have a couple other focus groups scheduled after the break.

Don Jacklyn- Maupin has the Rim clinic operating. They have already done a health survey. Due to pandemic and other reasons, Dr. Laplante was let go and things have changed. Community members have gotten together to look at a different medical clinic and model. Don was asked to be a chairman of this group that is different from the Rim. This group looked into renting a space in downtown Maupin but found space downtown would not be able to adequately house a school based health clinic. In Don's research, he has seen that there are several different school based health clinics and they are doing very well. This group thinks this is a great idea to start a school based health clinic to serve student and adults in the community. The group is in the process in working with Maureen Hinman to set up a school based health clinic. Tomorrow, December 18th at 9 am, Don will sit with Dr. Pendleton at Rim clinic, Dennis Beechler chairman of the Rim, and Commissioner Scott Hagge. The goal is to have the Rim clinic and this new group to work together to put in a school based health clinic. Don shared

that the benefits of having a school based health clinic are increase school attendance, helps kids, and health insurance supports it. Currently there are 72 clinics in Oregon. The

group does not have legal paperwork done but in the process of completing it. This new group will be called the South Wasco School Based Health Clinic.

Carol Rager asked, "Are you saying that this group is not competing with the Rim Clinic?" Don replied, "We were on our own until, the last week or two. They [Rim clinic] were the original ones that were talking about having a school based health clinic. There has been conversation that they will join us, but they may not join the efforts for the school based health clinic. We will know more in a few weeks. The goal is to have quality health care for South Wasco.

C. 1st Reading Policies: GBEB, JHCC

OHA added COVID as a communicable disease. Board Member Huntly asked if there are any exemptions in this policy. Superintendent Wrought will get more information on this from OSBA and Wasco County Health department.

8. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

A. District Negotiation Teams

We need to have three people on classified and three people on certified team or three board members representing both groups. The union has until February to let district know if they would like go into negotiation.

Joan, Carol, Josh to cover both

MOTION: By Rob Miles motioned to assign Joan Stark, Carol Mitchell and Josh Thompson to the District Negotiation Team.

SECOND: By Melissa Huntley

VOTING: Motion passed unanimously.

B. Resolution 2021-12-01 Certify Election Results

Resolution to Certify the Nov. 3, 2020 General Election results; and the passing of the General Obligation Bond for South Wasco County School District #.

WHEREAS, South Wasco County School District placed a \$4 million General Obligation Bond, (Measure 33-103) before the district voters during the Nov. 3, 2020 General Election,

WHEREAS, votes in favor of Measure 33-103 totaled 55.49% or 763 votes, WHEREAS, votes not in favor of Measure 33-103 totaled 45.51% or 612 votes.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the South Wasco County School Board of Education certifies the results of the Nov. 3, 2020 election, confirming that Measure 33-103 was successfully approved by the voters of the South Wasco County School District.

Adopted this 17th Day of December 2020.

MOTION: By Carol Mitchell to accept the accept Resolution 2021-12-01.

SECOND: By Rob Miles.

VOTING: Motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution 2021-12-02 – Bond Authorizing Resolution

A resolution of South Wasco County School District No. 1, Wasco County, Oregon Authorizing the issuance and sale of one or more series of general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$4,000,000; designating an authorized representative, bond counsel, underwriter or placement agent; authorizing appointment of a paying agent and bond purchase agreement; and related matters.

MOTION: By Carol Mitchell to accept Resolution 2021-12-02.

SECOND: By Rob Miles.

VOTING: Motion passed unanimously.

D. 2nd Reading Policies: GNB/JBA, JBA/GBN, JHH, ACB

MOTION: By Howard Fetz to accept Policies: GNB/JBA, JBA/GBN, JHH, ACB.

SECOND: By Joan Stark.

VOTING: Motion passed unanimously.

E. Straightline Continuation of Services

MOTION: By Joan Stark to approve the continuation of services for Straightline Architect.

SECOND: By Rob Miles.

VOTING: Motion passed unanimously.

F. 2019-20 Audit Approval

MOTION: By Rob Miles to approve the 2019-2020 Audit.

SECOND: By Melissa Huntley

VOTING: Motion passed unanimously.

9. **BOARD GOALS** are posted on www.swasco.net.

10. **COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE ABOUT AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**
None.

11. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**
None.

12. **ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING** at 7:02 PM.