

DUFUR SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 1, 2021

Chairman Robert Wallace called the virtual meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Members present; Stan Ashbrook, Monica Byers, and Anne Kelly. Cynthia Kortge was absent. Staff present; Jack Henderson, Virginia Albrecht, and Kristin Whitley. Guest: Michele Glover.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items on the Consent Agenda:

- Board Minutes – January 4, 2021

Monica moved to approve the consent agenda. Stan seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Columbia Gorge ESD Local Service Plan – Pat Sublet reviewed the service plan for 2021-22, in which Dufur would receive a total of \$181,278 worth of services. Board members also asked Pat about the completion of the Ether Net Fiber line. Pat stated the line has not been switched over, and another \$600.00 piece of equipment is still needed. She will also check to find out who's responsible for maintaining the line into the future. Anne moved to approve the 2021-22 Columbia Gorge ESD Local Service Plan resolution. Stan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Financial Report – Virginia reviewed cash balances for all District, ASB, JWD, and Foundation accounts.

Dean of Students Report – Kristin reported enrollment is 362 students, plus 30 Preschool students. She is spending a lot of time planning summer school schedules in coordination with the after-school program. The program will be open in June to all students, with a bus running from Celilo and the Inlue Site.

Superintendents/A.D. Report – Jack reported the Covid cases were finally down this last week in Wasco County. School Staff began getting shots January 20th. The federal government is providing a second ESSER grant through ODE, which will be \$241,385 for Dufur. The funds will be used to offset increased costs incurred this year in custodial, transportation and administration to meet the Covid guidelines. Two upcoming staff changes are 1. Jerry Pishion is leaving February 12 for other employment and at this time we are not filling the position. 2. Kevin Farrell will not be the Head Track Coach, so we will seek someone else to fill his position. Football and Volleyball practice will begin February 8th.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Policy – Stan moved to adopt board policies ACB, ACB-AR, GCBDA/AR, IJ, IKAFB, GCBDA-AR, GCPC/CDPC, JB, JFCM, LBE. Monica seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Foundation Trustees – Jack recommended the following people to make up the new foundation Board of Trustees.

Foundation Executive Director: Cynthia Kortge
Dufur School Board of Directors: Anne Kelly, Stan Ashbrook
Dufur Administration Staff: Jack Henderson, Kristin Whitley, Virginia Albrecht
Certified Staff: TyLynn Wenzel
Classified Staff: Josie Turner
ASB Officer: Zoe Hester
Celilo Village Rep: Megan Begay
Petersburg Area Rep: Mary Ann Kortge
Out of District At-Large: Ellie Webb, John Dillon, Rick Weidner
In District At-Large: Keith Mobley, Holly Clausen, Penelope Schott, Jana Hage

Anne moved to approve the Foundation Board of Trustees membership. Stan Seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Re-Opening Blueprint Review – Jack reviewed our re-opening blue print moving forward.

State School Fund – Jack reviewed our current funding level. ODE plans to have updated funding projections out by the first of March that reflect current ADMw. March and May payments should reflect those changes.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Ranger Academy – Jack stated the Ranger Academy is a great success. Moving forward we need to discuss the best ways to use Ranger Academy as we return to normalcy. Discussion of a tiered approach was discussed. It would place students on a track for college in a more stringent academic program, students planning to enter the workforce would be required to meet all graduation requirements, but not quite as academically intense.

Pandemic Academic Flexibility – Jack stated that as we function during these Covid restrictions we continually identify ways for students to have success. He would like to offer students the ability to raise grades earned during the 20/21 school year during our summer school program, in June. Students that struggle with virtual learning could better their grades from previous 2020/21 grading periods. Board members agreed by consensus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went to Executive Session under ORS 192.660. The Board returned from Executive Session. Having no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Board Chairman

Board Secretary