

McKenzie School District  
School Board Meeting  
December 16, 2020

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**5:31 P.M. Meeting called to Order**

Present: Tim Halloran, James Rudisill, Patence Winningham, Alyssa Brownlee, Kent Roberts, Elaine Bryson

Absent: Melissa Norlund

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS**

Lane Tompkins reported public comments can be received from the public at each board meeting. Comments must be submitted before noon and will be presented to the board for review and submission to the meeting minutes.

No comments were submitted for this December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

*Actions that are routine or usually call for no discussion, such as approving minutes of previous meetings, acceptance of donations and similar actions, often handled together in one vote by the Board.*

1. Minutes Regular School Board Meeting November 18, 2020
2. Approval of Financial Report/Statements
3. Acceptance of Donations -None
4. Resignation –Leonard Meyer Bus Driver
5. Enrollment
6. Policies – Board reviewed policies electronically prior to this meeting

GBEB – Communicable Diseases - Staff

GBEB-AR – Communicable Diseases – Staff

GBN/JBA – Sexual Harassment, Required

GBN/JBA-AR(1) – Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure, Required

GBN/JBA-AR(2) – Federal Law (Title IX) Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure, Required

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JHCC – Communicable Diseases - Students, Required

JHCC-AR – Communicable Diseases - Students, Required

ACB- All Students Belong

ACB-AR-Bias Incident Complaint Procedure

**Tim Halloran moved** to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Kent Roberts and unanimously approved.

## **REPORTS & DISCUSSION**

### **District Report**

#### **Superintendent /Principal – Lane Tompkins**

##### **Restoring Campus**

Belfor Restoration Service will begin repair work on the bus barn January 4th.

Hazard Mitigation, the biggest hazard on campus continues to be hazard trees. Tyee Burwell has put his experience with USFS to work cataloging hazard trees for our report to FEMA. We have an Intergovernmental Agreement in place with Lane County for surveying services. Chris Lester has been working with them and we should have a full survey done in the coming days of both the main campus property and our property in Blue River.

##### **Restoring Academic Support**

Under the Emergency Wildfire Exemption, McKenzie has offered support to students accessing their Comprehensive Distance Learning coursework at two locations, our main campus and at the Holiday Inn Express in Springfield. We are supporting 37 students on campus and an additional 7 in Springfield. We are following protocols established through Ready Schools, Safe Learners and have Operational Blueprints reviewed by Lane County Public Health for both sites. Students are enjoying having this support and are doing a great job following screening, masking and spacing protocols. We expect more students to sign up after the start of the new year.

##### **Connectivity Progress**

The temporary emergency network has been expanded through work by Elevate Technology. They are now operating the backhaul from Bend supporting the community as well as Lumen/CenturyLink's restoration efforts. This expansion has greatly helped campus operations with expanded bandwidth availability. Charter is to be in our area soon, campus should be connected to a 1Gbps connection over break. There have been some struggles in the community as some of the emergency assets have been removed from the community notably the Verizon towers. Students depending on those for connections via the cellular Wi-Fi hotspots have been struggling to connect this week.

Lacey Joy and I met with Matt Sayre from Onward Eugene and Geoff Turner with Elevate Technology to discuss collaborating on a grant to expand internet offerings in the area through US Ignite.

I submitted testimony to Senator Floyd Prozanski regarding some of the solutions we discussed to restore a redundant connection to campus. We will see what comes of it during the upcoming special session. I am hopeful that the legislature will earmark funds for restoring our connectivity.

##### **Liability Protection**

We are hopeful that the legislature will pass LC 20 to provide Liability Protection for schools during the pandemic. I'm sure you've seen some of the communication from OSBA regarding this. If you haven't done so consider reaching out to our legislators.

##### **Community Resource**

We remain the host of the Blue River Relief Center and The USPS Blue River Office has moved to the Afterschool Club Building behind the High School.

##### **New Vehicles**

Thanks to Kendall Ford and the Hope Project we now have 2 new vans for transportation. The district contributed \$15,000 toward the purchase of one of the vehicles.

Lane and the board had discussion on students returning to the classroom; students and families in Eugene/Springfield; transportation and social distancing once school begins; possible housing options for displaced families through FEMA; phone and internet connects with Spectrum and Century Link.

## **Bargaining OSEA & MEA**

Both unions will be bargaining for a 2021-22 contract.

Alyssa Brownlee and Kent Roberts volunteered to be on the committee for the OSEA-Classified negotiations.

Tim Halloran and Melissa Norlund volunteered to be on the committee for the MEA-Certified negotiations.

## **Building Report**

Our buildings are open again for distance learning and we are receiving positive feedback from families. The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter is going well. We are building good relationships with parents and families. It's good to have some of the students back. There will be a two week break December 18-January 3.

## **Financial**

Wendy Whitson reported:

November revenue \$816,546

July to November this year Revenue \$1,504,242

July to November last year \$1,778,630

Difference of \$274,388

Currently to date we are receiving less property tax and more SSF

November expenditures \$281,117

July to November this year Expenditures \$1,094,510

July to November last year \$1,154,185

Difference of \$59,675

We received the donation check from BlueAir of \$200,000 in the mail today. Their donation will be used to restore connectivity of phones and internet to improve communication that was destroyed by the Holiday Farm Wildfire.

Tim Halloran and Elaine Bryson asked about next years budget. Wendy said due to the Holiday Farm Wildfire Lane County Tax estimates that property tax received will be approximately 15% less for the 2021-22 school year.

## **November 2020 Financial Obligations Summary**

### District Accounts Payable

Ck. # 18918-18958 \$51,891.22

### Payroll

Ck. # 4251-4258 \$17,281.22

V # 11678-11724 \$123,031.16

Total \$140,312.38

### High School Student Body Accts.

No report

### Elementary Student Body Accounts

No report

## **Bond Report**

Lane Tompkins reported the facility committee met. Due to COVID-19 large scale public meetings are prohibited. The committee will meet again January 11<sup>th</sup> to create a plan to move forward with the May Bond and create a schedule for public meetings. The current TAP Grants expire 12/31/20. Marlene Gillis of Soderstrom will be helping with the application for the next grant.

## **Board Goals**

Tim Halloran provided the board with three document plans (Strategic Plan 2018, SIA goals and CIP goals) to review previous to the board meeting. There were a total of 14 goals in the 3 documents. He suggested combing the 3 documents into one new document. There was discussion on the goals in

each plan. Tim Halloran, Elaine Bryson and Lane Tompkins will meet in January to look over the plans and make recommendations at the January 20<sup>th</sup> school board meeting.

### **ACTION ITEM**

#### **LESD Transit Dollar Request 2021-2022**

Lane Tompkins reviewed the Transit Dollar Request 2021-2022

James Rudisill moved to approve the LESD Transit Dollar Request 2021-2022 as presented, seconded by Kent Roberts and unanimously approved.

### **SCHOOL BOARD COMMENTS**

- Elaine Bryson reported MEF received \$25,000 from United Way, it was donated to MEF. The school asked for support from MEF to help with the distance learning centers. We will be donating \$20,000 to support the two centers and \$5,000 to help offset teacher costs with distance learning, the teachers just need to request the \$200. MEF will be accepting donations and working with the "Long Term Recovery Group" to get funds to those in need due to the wildfire. There was brief discussion on MEF calendars and a future community project telling the story of the Holiday Farm fire.
- James Rudisill said he was resigning his board position effective at the end December 2020. He is proud of the accomplishments the school and the board have made over the past 6 years. He has new responsibilities at work and won't have the flexibility to provide the board the focus and attention it needs moving forward. Patence, Tim and Kent thanked James for his service and his efforts; he will be greatly missed; he was a great asset to the board.
- Patence Winningham reported there are Hazard Mitigation Funds available; it is closing soon. A letter of intent is all that is required. Additionally in April there will be 400 million dollars available. Lane and Patence will meet to further discuss the process.
- Tim Halloran thanked Patence for providing the holiday cards for staff. The cards were very nice with the beautiful McKenzie Strong picture.

### **FUTURE AGENDA**

Regular School Board Meeting January 20, 2021

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**6:42 P.M. Tim Halloran moved** to adjourn, seconded by James Rudisill and unanimously approved.