



# January 2021

**ECHO SCHOOL DISTRICT #5R  
Regular Board Meeting**

*Minutes*

**Tuesday, January 19, 2021**

**@ 6:00**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** CHAIRPERSON: [6] Delbert Gehrke 2022 X  
[1] Brandy McCarty 2021 X [2] Emily Spike 2022 X [3] Lloyd Ferge 2022 X  
[4] Heather Madison 2021 X [5] Jennifer Cox 2021 X [7] ^Robert Rose 2021 X

**STAFF PRESENT:** Raymon Smith X Mandy Palmateer X Keith Holman X Denyce Kelly X  
Aaron Gosiak ex  
^ Vice - Chair

**WELCOME GUESTS:** Present Guest: Guests please sign in.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** 15 minutes for community testimony.

**REPORTS:** **FACULTY REPORT:** **IMESD TALKING POINTS:** Handout

**FLAG SALUTE**

**CALL TO ORDER AT: 6:17**

## **I. CONSENT AGENDA**

**a. Approval of Minutes**

December 2020

**b. Review Bills and Financial Reports**

Denyce Kelly/Aaron Gosiak IMESD

**c. Superintendent Report**

Raymon Smith

- **Enrollment Update:** We have gained a few and lost a few students this month.
- **COVID-19/Metric Update:** Umatilla County is still in the red (extreme risk). The prisons have increased the case counts in Umatilla County. ODE released new metric guidelines moving from mandatory to advisory. ODE has adjusted the language to give schools the ability to move forward towards onsite instruction, as long as schools are following all the health and safety guidelines that have been put in place. We will need to continue to show that we are prioritizing elementary and special education. We will need to move through and show a step by step process as we add more students back to onsite instruction. We will have to put in place more strict screening procedures, ensuring that all students are screened before entering the building. There are still some small things we will need to work on. Mr. Smith is confident we can work out the details of an A/B schedule and have K-12<sup>th</sup> grade student's onsite by the 1<sup>st</sup> of February.
- **Return to School Plan:** Mr. Smith is planning to have JH/HS students come in for an orientation one day of next week. The orientation will be to go over the health and safety guidelines to be followed upon their return. It will also provide them an opportunity to ask any questions they may have. The plan will be for elementary to start the A/B schedule on January 25<sup>th</sup>, and JH/HS to start on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Students will come for full days on a Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/ Thursday schedule. Breakfast will be eaten in classrooms. Middle school students will eat lunch in pioneer hall and High school students will eat in the commons. There will be no off campus lunch. Elementary students may have to eat lunch in their classrooms unless we are able to create a staggered schedule that works. All board members are onboard with students returning to onsite learning.

- **TAP Grant Opportunity:** Mr. Smith had already sent board members information about the TAP Grant to go over prior to the board meeting. The application process is really easy. As long as we complete the application process the district will receive money. With the possibility of substantial growth in Echo, Mr. Smith recommended to proceed with the TAP Grant application in the area of Long Range Facility Planning.

d. Donations:

New Hires:

e. Personnel/Contracts:

Resignations:

**MOTION: Jennifer Cox moved for approval of consent agenda items as presented. Robert Rose seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote 6-0**

## **II. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. Negotiations Team – Volunteers to be on team**

**MOTION: Brandy McCarty moved to authorize the district negotiation team to start discussions with staff bargaining groups. Jennifer Cox seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote 6-0**

### **b. TAP Grant**

**MOTION: Jennifer Cox moved for Echo School District to proceed with TAP Grant application in the area of Long Range Facility Planning. Robert Rose seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote 6-0**

## **III. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: Robert Rose moved to adjourn this board meeting at 7:38 p.m. Jennifer Cox seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote 6-0**

Next regular board meeting Monday, February 15, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

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