



April 2021

ECHO SCHOOL DISTRICT #5R
Regular Board Meeting
Minutes
Monday, April 19, 2021
 Budget Meeting will begin at 6:00, Board Meeting will be immediately following

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:** John Cox / Handout

IMESD TALKING POINTS: Handout

FLAG SALUTE

CALL TO ORDER AT: 6:14

I. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes

March 2021

b. Review Bills and Financial Reports

Denyce Kelly/Aaron Gosiak IMESD

c. Superintendent Report

Raymon Smith

- **Enrollment Update:** Enrollment has remained steady. One student did not return to onsite learning and four students are participating in the online curriculum option.
- **Summer School Design/Options:** Mr. Smith said he plans to have a lot more information gathered by the May board meeting, regarding summer school and enrichment. He announced that there would be a significant amount of money coming from the State to be used this summer for summer school and enrichment activities. Mr. Smith plans to meet with Hermiston Parks and Recreation later this week to discuss the possibility of paying for swimming lessons and park passes for Students during the summer months. He also plans to meet with the City of Echo to discuss funding a summer reading program and art classes for the students of the Echo School District. Mr. Smith plans to meet with teachers later in the week to discuss providing evening tutoring classes. There are a lot of really good options to consider. Now it comes down to getting the right staff to cover the duties.
- **Construction Update:** The new building is coming a long very quickly. Mr. Smith said the structure should be complete by the June 30th deadline. Students will be involved in some of the interior finish work. Much of the new building will be CTE instructional space. It will also offer an abundance of storage and bathrooms,
- **Preschool Enrollment & Growth:** Within six hours of opening preschool enrollment, the District received over twenty applications. Within two days Mr. Smith had received over 30 applications. The design plan has been to move to two fulltime classrooms. There would be a fulltime 3-year old and fulltime 4-year old classroom. With the funding of Preschool Promise in place and the okay to move forward from the State, the District plans to have the two fulltime classrooms up and running this fall.
- **Kindergarten Round-Up:** Kindergarten Round-Up will take place April 27th

- **Internal Staff Adjustments:** Mrs. Campbell will transition from 3rd grade to her new position as the pre-k – 5th grade Instructional Coach and the Title I Coordinator. Mr. Walker will transition from his position as the High School Math Teacher, to his new position as Success Coordinator. Mr. Smith has received applications for the 3rd grade teacher and HS Math teacher openings and will be scheduling interviews within the next few weeks.
- **Budget Update:** No further discussion
- **PERS Pension Bond Update:** Denyce Kelly announced that the PERS Pension Bond will be put on hold for one month. This resolution will be on the agenda for the May board meeting.
- **Summer Projects:** New fencing around the whole property and updating the key card system, are in the works for the summer. Mr. Smith also plans to seek estimates on the cost of lighting the parking lot.

d. Donations:

New Hires:

e. Personnel/Contracts:

Resignations: Christina VanNice (Special Education)

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. Inter-district Enrollment Class/Group Size Limit

2021-2022

MOTION: Jennifer Cox moved to set Echo School District Class/Group Size limits for 2021-2022 at 25 per grade in KG-5, 75 total in grades 6-8 capped at 28 class max, and 100 total in grades 9-12. Students who wish to enroll once class cap is reached will be placed on a waiting list by date that enrollment papers are returned to the district. Robert Rose seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote 6-0

b. 2021-2022 District Calendar

MOTION: Robert Rose moved for approval of the 2021-2022 District Calendar as presented. Jennifer Cox seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote 6-0

EXECUTIVE SESSION: IN: 8:10

OUT: 8:24

Executive Session ORS 192.660 (2)(e). Conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

Any information discussed in Executive Session is not for public release ORS 192.660 (3), 332.061 **ANY FORMAL ACTION WILL ONLY BE MADE DURING OPEN PUBLIC MEETING.**

III. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Jennifer Cox moved to adjourn this board meeting at 8:24 p.m. Brandy McCarty seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote 6-0

Next regular board meeting Monday, April 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

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