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SIUSLAW SCHOOL DISTRICT 97J

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Motivating and Preparing All Students to Reach Their Greatest Potential

Siuslaw Elementary School ♦ Siuslaw Middle School ♦ Siuslaw High School

Board of Directors Meeting April 14, 2021 – Virtual Meeting

Siuslaw School District 97J

6:00 pm – Budget Meeting

6:30 pm – Regular Board Meeting

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MINUTES – Virtual Meeting - (COVID-19 Restrictions)

Board meetings will be live streamed on the district's YouTube channel here:

<https://bit.ly/SiuslawBoardMeeting>

Due to the coronavirus/COVID-19 state-wide restrictions, and in keeping with the efforts of social distancing to reduce the spread of the coronavirus/COVID-19, the meeting of the Siuslaw School Board will be conducted online, rather than in person per ORS 192.670. If you are a member of the community and wish to provide public comment, please email your comments to vmcclellan@siuslaw.k12.or.us by 1:00PM on April 14, 2021. Comments must include full name, address and phone number to be submitted to the board and become public record. See agenda item 3.0 for additional details. Individuals who require disability-related accommodations or modifications to participate in the Board meeting should contact the [Superintendent](#) in writing prior to the meeting.

1.0 SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET MEETING-WORK SESSION — 6:00

1.1 Welcome Patrons, Staff and Press

Vice-Chair Burns welcomed all in attendance and stated that he would be filling for Chair Sneddon while he is out for a leave of absence. Budget committee members in attendance for the budget meeting were:

James Thibault, Erin Linton, Joel Marks, Megan Messmer, Cindy Spinner, Jennifer Ledbetter, Cameron Jagoe, Paul Burns, Suzanne Mann-Heintz, John Barnett, Dianna Pimlott, Dennis King, and Guy Rosinbaum. Staff members Superintendent Grzeskowiak, Business Manager Kari Blake and Secretary Vonnie McClellan were also present for the meeting.

1.2 Elect Budget Officers

Vice-Chair Burns opened nominations for budget chair. Dennis King nominated Cindy Spinner for budget chair. Suzanne Mann-Heintz nominated Joel Marks. Hearing no further nominations, Vice-Chair Burns closed nominations and called for a vote. Budget members James Thibault, Joel Marks, Cindy Spinner, Erin Linton, Dennis King, John Barnett, Dianna Pimlott, Paul Burns, and Guy Rosinbaum voted in favor of Joel Marks for budget chair. Cindy Spinner received votes from Megan Messmer, Cameron Jagoe, Jennifer Ledbetter, and Suzanne Mann-Heintz. Joel Marks received the majority vote and became the budget chair for 2021.

Vice-Chair Burns opened nominations for budget vice-chair. Joel Marks nominated Cindy Spinner for vice-chair. Suzanne Mann-Heintz nominated Megan Messmer. Hearing no further nominations, Vice-Chair Burns closed nominations and called for a vote. Budget members James Thibault, Joel Marks, Cindy Spinner, Dennis King, John Barnett, Paul Burns, Megan Messmer, Cameron Jagoe, and Jennifer Ledbetter and voted in favor of Cindy Spinner for budget vice-chair. Megan Messmer received votes from Guy Rosinbaum, Dianna Pimlott, Erin Linton, and Suzanne Mann-Heintz. Cindy Spinner received the majority vote and became the budget vice-chair for 2021.

1.3 Budget Message

Superintendent Grzeskowiak delivered his budget message for 2021-2022.

1.4 Present Budget Material

Business Manager Kari Blake reviewed the proposed budget for 2021-2022. Blake shared that Budget materials may be found on the school district website under *Financial Services*. Hard copies of materials are also available by request. Budget members asked clarifying questions.

1.5 With no further discussion Cindy Spinner motioned to recess the meeting. Dennis King seconded. Budget Chair Marks recessed the budget meeting at 7:08PM and reminded the committee of the next budget meeting date of 4/28/21.

2.0 OPENING OF PUBLIC SESSION

2.1 Public Session Call to Order, Mission Statement

Chair Burns called the meeting to order at 7:08PM and read the school district mission statement: *“Motivating and Preparing All Students to Reach Their Greatest Potential.”*

2.2 Welcome of the Public, Press, and Patrons of the District

Chair Burns welcomed all in attendance.

2.2.1 SES Student Recognition – Principal Harklerode shared a video of Ms. Lewis’ SES Class signing the flag salute.

2.2.2 SHS Student Liaison to the Board

Elijah Blankenship reported to the board on the following:

- 4th quarter starts next week and 9th through 11th grades are forecasting for classes they will take next year
- The leadership class is planning a drive-in movie
- Spring Sports started last week
- The Boy’s and Girl’s Cross Country teams won the state championships to cap off their undefeated season
- The Interact Club offered a drive through Easter basket give away at SMS

2.3 Pledge of Allegiance

2.4 Attendance:

Present Attendees

Absent Bob Sneddon, Chair

X Paul Burns, Vice-Chair

X Suzanne Mann-Heintz

X John Barnett

X Dianna Pimlott

X Dennis King

X Guy Rosinbaum

X Andrew Grzeskowiak, Superintendent

X Kari Blake, Business Manager

X Vonnie McClellan, Assistant to the Superintendent

2.5 Approval of Agenda – April 14, 2021

Recommendation: Approval of Agenda (Resolution 041421-2.6)

Superintendent Grzeskowiak recommended approval of the agenda as presented. Director King motioned for approval.

Director Pimlott seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Discussion: King stated that he would like to see the board add the pledge of allegiance back to the meetings. Superintendent Grzeskowiak shared that the administrative team will make a plan to add the student flag salute back into the virtual meetings.

Motion: King 2nd: Pimlott Ayes: Unanimous Nays: Abstain:

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4.0 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT PRESENTATIONS

None

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

***The purpose of the Consent Agenda is to expedite action on routine agenda items. These items will be acted upon with one motion, second and approval of the Board, unless a member of the board wishes to pull the item for individual discussion and action. All matters listed under Consent Agenda are those on which the board has previously deliberated or can be classified as routine items of business.*

Recommendation: Approval of Consent Agenda (Resolution 041421-5.0)

5.1 March 14, 2021 Board Minutes (Attachment)

5.2 March 2021 Financial Statement (Attachment)

5.3 Enrollment

Superintendent Grzeskowiak recommended approval of the consent agenda as presented. Grzeskowiak reminded the board that any consent agenda items which may require additional discussion may be added to the agenda as a regular item. Director Pimlott motioned for approval. Director Mann-Heitz seconded the motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Pimlott 2nd: Mann-Heitz Ayes: Unanimous Nays: Abstain:

6.0 ACTION DISCUSSION

6.1 First Reading of Policy

Presented by Superintendent Grzeskowiak

6.1.1 GCI/GDI - Assignments and Transfers (Resolution 041421-6.1.1)

OSBA and the Oregon Department of Education have reviewed and updated policies that contain language referring to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, now more commonly known as the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA). Changes to GCI/GDI have been updated to remove obsolete language.

Director Mann-Heitz motioned to approve the policy as presented. Director King seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Mann-Heitz 2nd: King Ayes: Unanimous Nays: Abstain:

6.1.2 JHC - Student Health Services and Requirements (Resolution 041421-6.1.2)

OSBA and the Oregon Department of Education have reviewed and updated policies that contain language referring to the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, now more commonly known as the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA). Changes to Policy JHC has been updated to remove obsolete language.

Director Pimlott motioned to approve the policy as presented. Director King seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Pimlott 2nd: King Ayes: Unanimous Nays: Abstain:

6.1.3 EFAA - Nutrition and Food Services (Resolution 041421-6.1.3)

EFAL - Child Nutrition - Second Meals (Delete)

The federal regulations for the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 were released July 31, 2016. The recommended changes have been drafted in collaboration with, and approved by, the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) as meeting the federal law. The district met the new requirements by the June 30, 2017 deadline and is now updating policy to match the requirements. Policy EFAL is no longer needed in the policy manual because it is now part of the annual agreement with ODE, or eligibility determination, and therefore recommended for deletion. Director Pimlott motioned to approve the policy as presented. Director Rosinbaum seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Pimlott 2nd: Rosinbaum Ayes: Unanimous Nays: Abstain:

6.1.4 IIA-AR(2) - Procedures for Reconsideration of Instructional Materials – NEW

The board reviewed the new administrative rule for Policy IIA. The administrative rule was recommended by library services to address protocols for materials reconsideration and book challenges. Administrative rules for policies do not require board approval but rather are presented for review and comment from the board.

6.2 Second Reading of Policy

None

6.3 Hyak Presentation (Resolution 041421-6.3)

Presented by Superintendent Grzeskowiak

Explanatory Statement: As part of the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Project in Western Lane County, HYAK is bringing a proposal for consideration to the School Board, similar to other private-public agreements that would bring fiber-based internet

connectivity to the most remote areas of the school district's catchment area. The formal presentation of the project details will be given by HYAK partner, Robbie Wright. After listening to and discussing the proposal by HYAK, the board planned a special meeting for April 26, 2021 to further discuss the issue and potentially take action.

6.4 Supplemental Budget Hearing (Resolution 041421-6.4)

Presented by Andrew Grzeskowiak

Explanatory Statement: Budget by fund. When the district receives additional dollars after the original budget has been adopted, a supplemental budget must be approved by the board to expend those additional funds received. Director King motioned to approve the supplemental budget as presented. Director Rosinbaum seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion: King 2nd: Rosinbaum Ayes: Unanimous Nays: Abstain:

6.5 20th Street Pedway Vacation (Resolution 041421-6.5)

Presented by Andrew Grzeskowiak

Explanatory Statement: The School District has received a request to approve the vacation of a pedestrian row on 20th Street by a property owner adjacent to the old footpath. As per ORS 271.080, when a petition is made by a property owner to vacate an alley way, street or footpath, two-thirds of the adjacent property owners must also submit approvals. The property owner to the west of the footpath supports the petition for the vacation of the pedway and are claiming no interest in the property. The district is the property owner to the north of this previously mapped footpath. Another City of Florence Public Hearing will be held at a date to be determined for final action on the vacation of the right-of-way. Please see attached documentation for City of Florence Planning Commission item CC 21 01 VAC 01 20th Street Pedway.

Director Mann-Heintz motioned to approve the 20th Street Pedway Vacation as presented. Director King seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion: 2nd: Ayes: Nays: Abstain:

6.6 Interagency Agreements - Bus Driver Testing (Resolution 041421-6.6)

Presented by Andrew Grzeskowiak

Explanatory Statement: The board will consider an interagency agreement between Blachly School District and Siuslaw School District for bus driver training and/or testing services to be provided by the Siuslaw School District Bus Driver Trainer and/or Third Party Examiner, employees of the Siuslaw School District, for the 2020-21 school year.

Director King motioned to approve the IGA with Blachly School District as presented. Director Pimlott seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion: 2nd: Ayes: Nays: Abstain:

6.7 Approve Superintendent Contract (Resolution 041421-6.7)

Presented by Vice-Chair Burns

Explanatory Statement: Superintendent Grzeskowiak's contract stipulates under item #4, The salary amount for the 2021-2022 school year and 2022-2023 school year will be negotiated by April 30th of each school year. Following a salary freeze for the 2020-21 school year, the proposed changes for 2021-2022 are as follows:

Item #1 – Term – increase from a 3-year to a 4-year term

Item #4 – Salary – 2% increase - \$121,330.

Item #6.3 – HSA contribution - \$300 per month

Vice-chair Burns highlighted portions of the contract for clarity and noted dates the board must adhere to throughout the contract. Director Barnett motioned that the Siuslaw School District Board of Directors approve the salary of \$121,330 and the contract changes as noted in the contract between Siuslaw School District and Andrew Grzeskowiak. Director King seconded. Dianna Pimlott clarified that other staff receive the HSA contributions. Board Director Mann-Heintz noted that this was a modest increase and his salary is still low compared to same size districts. Both Director Mann-Heintz and Rosinbaum expressed their appreciation for Grzeskowiak's many hours, hard work and efforts over the last year. Director King noted that Superintendent Grzeskowiak does a lot of things very well, but that he would still be voting no because he believes the district should head in a different direction. The motion carried with a 5-1 vote.

Motion: Barnett 2nd: King Ayes: Burns, Mann-Heintz, Barnett, Pimlott, Rosinbaum Nays: King Abstain:

7.0 REPORTS & INFORMATION

7.1 Superintendent Communications

Superintendent Grzeskowiak provided a written report to the board and highlighted the following items:
New Employees – as per Board contract approval of position.

New Hires:

- Christine Seitsinger, Special Education Teacher – Resource Room, Siuslaw Middle School
- Sadie Cervantes, Special Education Life Skills Aide, Siuslaw Elementary School
- Aaron McNeill, MS Girls Basketball Coach, Siuslaw Middle School

Retirements / Resignations:

- Steve Moser, Counselor, Siuslaw High School
- Stephanie Rogers, Alternative Education/Health Sciences Teacher, Siuslaw High School/Siuslaw West
- Rachel Foster, Special Education Teacher, Siuslaw Elementary (Retirement)
- Marty Zdunich, Director of Technology, Siuslaw School District
- Heather Costa, 1st Grade Teacher, Siuslaw Elementary School
- Monica Butler, Kindergarten Teacher, Siuslaw Elementary

7.2 Business Manager Communications

Business manager Kari Blake shared a new proposal from American Tower regarding the cell tower located at the football/track stadium. The proposal offers a rent reduction, and two lump sum options in exchange for a perpetual easement. The board had previously declined a similar offer dated December 2019. The board shared their thoughts and views:

- Concern regarding the the health effects of the tower on school property
- Some board members mentioned it doesn't belong on school property
- When the tower first went up the radio waves were tested and monitored
- A few board members noted that they would vote no again

The board decided to discuss it at a future meeting.

7.3 Administrator Reports

Administrators provided written reports.

7.4 Board Chair Communications

- The Board Self-Evaluation was discussed. The board discussed doing a survey at no cost. The other option was to have a facilitated process in the form of a work session with an analysis provided by OSBA for a cost of \$500. Director Mann-Heintz noted that the board is required to do a self-evaluation each year and expressed that the board has had minimal expenses for professional development over the last year. Board members ultimately decided to have the formal board self-evaluation facilitated by OSBA.
- Future Meeting Dates:
 - Special Meeting - April 26, 2021 – Discussion on HYAK Proposal
 - Budget Meeting – Public Input – April 28, 2021
 - Board Meeting – May 12, 2021

7.5 Board Member Acknowledgements/Communications

Board members took a moment to acknowledge the efforts of district staff and programs.

8.0 ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion Director King motioned to adjourn. Director Barnett seconded the motion and Vice-Chair Burns adjourned the meeting at 9:06PM.

Motion: King 2nd: Barnett Ayes: Nays: Abstain:

Paul Burns, Board Vice-Chair

Vonnie McClellan, Board Secretary