

DUFUR SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 7, 2021

Chairman Robert Wallace called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Members present; Stan Ashbrook, Monica Byers, Anne Kelly, and Cynthia Kortge. Staff present; Jack Henderson, Virginia Albrecht, and Kristin Whitley. Guests: Chris & Kelsey Schanno

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went to Executive Session under ORS 192.660. The Board returned from Executive Session.

BUDGET HEARING

Robert opened the budget hearing and requested any public comment on the approved budget for 2021/22. Hearing no comment, the budget hearing was closed.

REGULAR SESSION

Chairman Robert Wallace called the regular session to order at 6:30 PM. Members present; Stan Ashbrook, Monica Byers, Anne Kelly, and Cynthia Kortge. Staff present; Jack Henderson, Virginia Albrecht, and Kristin Whitley. Guests: Michael Glover, Fannie Nelson, and Foreign Exchange students Alejandra Blazquez Gaitero and Aline Laura Sanchez.

GUESTS & PUBLIC COMMENT – Frannie asked about the lights in the new bus barn, and if they would be on all night. She was concerned they would shine into her house and be a disturbance. Board members assured her the lights would only be on when someone was at the bus barn, and not all night.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items on the Consent Agenda:

- Board Minutes – May 3, 2021
- Bond Minutes – May 3, 2021
- Budget Committee Minutes – May 17, 2021

Cynthia moved to approve the consent agenda. Anne seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Exchange Student Report - Alejandra Blazquez Gaitero from Spain and Aline Laura Sanchez from France shared some of their experiences as exchange students at Dufur during the 2020/21 school year. The girls arrived in the United States in September 2020, spending the school year with hosts Peggy Beal and family. Both girls were returning to their home countries in early June 2021.

Financial Report – Virginia shared changes made to the 2021/22 approved budget. 1. The 2.5-million-dollar seismic grant will not be received, so the 2.5 million was dropped from the budget. 2. Payroll expense should not be made in the Foundation, per our auditor, but rather as a contract reimbursement to the district. The Foundation approved budget has been amended to reflect the payroll accounts in general fund and contract services in the foundation. 3. Total Budgeted Funds for 2021/22 was amended to \$10,816,682.00. Board members expressed concern that Cynthia being a school board member and receiving payroll may be a conflict. Virginia will obtain clarification on the issue from our auditor. Virginia also informed the board the district is completing the 4th year of eligibility for the CEP (Community Eligibility Provision) program that enables all enrolled children to receive free breakfast and lunch. We reapplied for another 4 years, but have been denied due to our SNAP, Foster, Migrant, and Homeless population not being high enough. The SSO (Seamless Summer Option) program has been extended through June 2022, and we can operate under that program for one more year, then will have to revert back to taking applications to determine if children receive full pay, reduced pay, or free meals.

Dean of Students Report – Kristin reported student enrollment is 358 plus 36 preschool students in Dufur and Celilo. Twenty eight out of 30 Seniors graduated. Summer School began June 7th with 110 students attending. Students range from elementary through high school with 4 elementary classes and 3 middle / high school classes. Kolbe Bales was hired as a P.E. Teacher for summer school and will be doing other sports camps and activities in July-August.

Superintendents/A.D. Report – Jack stated interviews will be held for an additional SPED/Counseling position and Middle-High School Language Arts Teacher. The SSF for 2021-23 is currently funded at 9.3 million but there is a lot of momentum in Salem to reach 9.6 million to adequately fund schools. Graduation was held June 29th on the football field and turned out amazing. Weather, seating, the sound system, stage area and decorations all contributed to a beautiful event.

Foundation Report – Cynthia reported meeting with a lot of local trades people and contractors, who are all very excited about the new Ranger Technical / Careers Program. Starting in the fall 2021 students may receive training in plumbing, iron works, electrical, OVH, CNA or food services, just to name a few. Cynthia said the foundation website is still a work in progress but should be completed soon.

OLD BUSINESS

Certified Negotiations Ratification – Monica moved to approve the 2021-2024 Certified Contract. Cynthia seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Foundation Human Resources / Financial Development – Jack recommended the Foundation Executive Director position be a full-time position, at \$25,000.00 dollars per year, to maximize program developing. In addition, he recommended investing some resources in a part time person to coordinate with trades people and others to help programs get started in September. The board also discussed the district contributing \$100,000.00 or more to the Foundation in 2021/22 and moving forward.

Transportation Maintenance – Board members discussed the continuing problem of finding adequate bus maintenance. They discussed the concept of paying for a person to become a certified diesel mechanic, who would become the district mechanic at the end of their training. The cost would be approximately \$21,000. Per year which would be reimbursable through the ODE transportation grant. The need for a written contract with the individual to complete 'X' amount of years working for the district or paying the district back if they left early was also discussed.

Classified Negotiations – Cynthia moved to approve the 2021-2024 Classified Contract. Anne seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Reduce 2021/22 Approved Budget – Anne moved to approve Resolution 20-10 Reducing the 2021/22 Approved Budget. Stan seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

21st Century After School Grant – Monica moved to approve Resolution 20-09 increasing the 2020/21 21st Century Grant to \$97,156.00. Cynthia seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

ODE State Summer School Grants – Anne moved to approve Resolution 20-11 increasing and appropriating \$149,734.71 in the ODE Grant Fund to cover the additional ODE Summer School revenue. Stan seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Certify Election Results – Cynthia moved to certify the May 18, 2021 school board elections. Stan seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Sixth Street Traffic Safety – Jack reported, after further review and consideration, creating a one-way street on 6th street from Jean Underhill’s driveway around to 7th street would improve the student safety. The plan would require signage to reach the goal and maybe some enforcement from local law enforcement at the beginning of the 2021/22 school year.

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Board Chairman

Board Secretary