

Preliminary Business

Call to Order

Board Chair Pam Glenn called the Regular March Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She welcomed visitors Nate Bingaman, Mike Campbell, Kathryn Creeh and parent Peter Benjamin.

Agenda Changes

Board Chair Glenn added a letter from the FBLA officers to the agenda under Correspondence.

Correspondence

Mike Mills read a letter from the FBLA officers apologizing for an inappropriate photo that was published in the school newsletter.

Consent Agenda

Following a brief question regarding the payment to LS Networks, Kaiger Braseth moved to approve the minutes and bills paid as presented. Wade Bingaman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Reports

InterMountain ESD Talking Points

Superintendent L.C. reported that the IMESD is gearing up to assist districts with on-site COVID testing. An updated state economic forecast was recently released and came in a bit higher than expected which will most likely result in the kicker being implemented. There is still a “hole” in the 21-23 biennium, but the legislature has means to adequately fund K-12 programs, including the CAT tax and reserves. There is also hope that Oregon will receive additional federal support from the stimulus package.

Transportation/Maintenance Report

Mike Campbell reported that ODE conducted an inspection of the transportation department. There will be some repairs and adjustments that will need to be made, but overall the inspection went well.

Principal/Activity Report

Mr. Mills provided the principal/activity report. It was reported that the FFA State Convention was taking place this week. All events will be held virtually with daily sessions at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm. The State Business Leadership Conference is scheduled for April 15-17. All finalist for competitive events will be announced at the via Zoom. Mr. Mills reported that Fall sports are in the middle of their current season. Volleyball is currently 2-2 and football is 1-0. By next month's meeting, track and golf will be in full swing. Prom will be held April 17th at the White Barn.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Lakey-Campbell reported to the Board that at the most recent superintendent and OASBO meetings, it was reported that the state school fund would be a minimum of \$9.3B. The report from COSA is that it could end up between \$9.4 and \$9.5B. OEA continues to push for class size being a

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required negotiation item. COSA will begin to move for a study to determine districts' increased costs for the increased staffing. Concern has also been expressed regarding the current shortage of teachers which will be compounded if this request transpires.

It was reported that Oregon will receive \$1.7 - \$1.8B of federal stimulus funds for K-12 schools. It is anticipated that the use of these funds will be flexible.

Superintendent L.C. reported that the Governor has stated she is willing to listen to conversations about the physical distancing requirements. However, reviewing the most recent version of the ready School safe Learners guidance still states a 35 sq ft minimum per person. ODE is postponing the adoption of language arts textbooks until next year. They anticipate conducting caravans in December. Oregon is also revising math standards. While Oregon continues to work toward obtaining a waiver from state assessments, Superintendent L.C. reported that she plans to proceed with testing this year. Essential skills and personalized learning have been waived for this year's seniors. ODE anticipates releasing guidance regarding requirements and ceremonies by March 19th.

It was reported that we have received five applicants for the third grade position and interviews will be held the week of April 5th.

Old Business
Staff Appreciation

It was determined that the Board will, once again, recognize staff members with 25+ years of service.

Gym Sound System

Nate Bingaman provided a demonstration of the newly installed gym sound system. The Board thanked Nate for his work on this worthwhile project.

New Business
Prom Discussion

Dan McDonald asked that the administration consider allowing seniors to bring out of district guests to the Prom. He noted that the seniors will not have another Prom and that hopefully future years the other students will have another opportunity. Mr. Mills reported that masks will be required, slow dances will be at a minimum with line dancing encouraged. All of these measures will be taken to reduce risk. Mr. McDonald recommended that out of district guests obtain a negative COVID test prior to the Prom to ensure safety of all of those in attendance. Discussion ensued and this was added as an Action Item.

Action Items
Approve Staff Resignation

Superintendent L.C. presented a letter of resignation from Todd Thompson. Mr. Thompson expressed his gratitude for the support he has received from coworkers, administration and the Imbler community over the past several years and noted that he felt privileged to work as part of the Imbler School District. Kaiger Braseth moved to approve the resignation. Wade Bingaman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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Approve 2021-22 Personnel Recommendations

Kaiger Braseth moved to approve the 2021-22 Personnel Recommendations pending adequate funding. Ken Patterson seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

Approve Senior Prom Guests

Dan McDonald moved to approve the opportunity for Seniors to bring out of district guests to Prom with proof of a negative COVID test. Kaiger Braseth seconded the motion. All members approved the motion with the exception of Ken Patterson.

Good of the Order

Kathryn Creech expressed her appreciation to the Board and administration for all of their efforts to make sure students could attend in person this year. She also recognized the extra efforts of office and custodial staff while implementing new attendance and cleansing guidelines. The Board thanked her and all staff members for their desire and willingness to conduct in-person learning, as that has not been the case throughout the state.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Members Present

Wade Bingaman, Kaiger Braseth, Pam Glenn, Dan McDonald and Ken Patterson.

Others Present

Angie Lakey-Campbell, Superintendent; Michael Mills, Principal/A.D.; and Teresa Dewey, Deputy Clerk.

Chairman

Deputy Clerk