

Preliminary Business

Call To Order

Board Chair Pam Glenn called the Regular September Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Visiting Delegations

Chair Glenn welcomed guests and asked them to introduce themselves. Guests present were; Peter Benjamin, J.D. Cant, Anita DeLint, Kristen Kruse, Sarah & Parker Lucas, Tim Phelps, Lori Walker, Cheryl Walsh, Drew Williams and Jennie Yancey.

Agenda Items

It was noted that a bid had been received for a skid steer and this was added as an action item.

Public Comment

Board Chair Glenn asked for public comment and there was none.

Consent Agenda

There were no questions regarding the bills paid. Kaiger Braseth moved to approve the minutes and bills paid. Ken Patterson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Reports

IMESD Talking Points

Superintendent Waite read the InterMountain ESD Report. It was reported that IMESD expanded its programs for schools. Some of the additions include: Media Specialist/Librarian in order for schools to meet Division 22 Standards; Instructional Coaches to help provide training for new teachers; Technology Coach to integrate data literacy; Principal Academy to provide professional development for regional principals and additional staffing has been added to the Virtual Learning Academy. These additions will provide much needed services to regional schools.

Transportation/Maintenance Report

Drew Williams reported that buses are running well. He expressed his appreciation to Nate Green for his assistance with upholstery work in the buses. He noted that bus #26 had an issue this week but is up and running. He is working on getting more staff trained for Type 20 vehicles.

Mr. Williams reported that there was a mainline break at the elementary that was repaired. Scoreboard lights have been ordered and will be replaced when they arrive. It was also reported that the white bus did not pass inspection and will need to be declared surplus property. Kaiger Braseth asked about the main line breaks and wondered if the water pressure was too high. Mr. Williams noted that they have checked the pressure and it appears fine. He indicated that the joints were glued with improper glue which is now failing.

Principal/Activity Report

Mr. Mills reported that high school enrollment is currently 149. 10th grade is the largest with 32 and the smallest class is the seniors with 18, of which 11 are out of district. It was reported that 38% of 7-12 students are out-of-district. Mr. Mills informed those present that the 7th and 8th

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graders, along with Mr. Cant and Mr. McGilvray, attended an outdoor community science project with Grande Ronde Model Water Shed and the Confederate Tribes of the Umatilla, Cause and Nez Pierce.

The Freshmen on Track Program has been implemented again for the year. This program is for 9th graders who are currently receiving a D or an F. Those students will stay after school with Mr Haddock and Mrs. Christensen on Tuesday and Thursdays from 3:25 to 4:00. There are currently five students that, with their parent's permission, have opted out and seven students participating.

Mr. Mills reported that vape detectors have been installed in both the boys and girls restrooms and seem to be effective.

The athletic season is well underway with volleyball in the top two on our side of the league. Cross country has participated at a few meets with some individuals placing at a couple of the meets. Football will be hosting the undefeated Elgin Huskies. There have been several schedule changes this fall season due official shortages. This has been an issue that schools across the state are facing.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Waite reported that the school year is off to a great start. There are some challenges with some of the students that had not been in a school setting since the pandemic. Teachers and staff are working to identify the needs, communicate with parents, and plan and execute interventions to help bring these students up to speed. He noted that Thankful Thursday is going well and asked the Board and all in attendance to participate. He invited the board members to attend a learning walk on September 23rd in an effort to get them into the classrooms. He also invited the Board to come have lunch with students in celebration of National School Lunch Week.

Superintendent Waite provided an update on the Four Day Week Committee. The second meeting was held on September 13th. Data comparisons between 4, 4.5 and 5 day week schools were considered along with some additional data surrounding 4 day week schools. He reported that a survey will be going out to staff and parents to obtain input regarding their preference of school week. The plan is to compile the results and discuss them at the next meeting. The goal is for the committee to provide a recommendation to the Board at the November meeting.

Superintendent Waite reported that the legislature will soon be acting on Senate Bill 744 based on ODE recommendations to revise graduation requirements. He reviewed the potential changes which included aligning math credit requirements with other content area credit requirements. This would remove the Algebra 1 requirement. Other changes considered were: the addition of one credit requirement for future planning courses; expand post graduation plans; update the list of essential skills; demonstrate knowledge and skills in courses; revise the extended application requirements; revise the CTE requirements and make a single Oregon Diploma accessible to all students. Kaiger

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Braseth asked whether a school could continue to maintain their current requirements. Superintendent Waite reported that schools could make their own requirements as long as they met a minimum of the state requirements.

New Business

Student Investment Account Annual Report

Superintendent Waite provided the SIA Annual Report and reviewed it with those present. He reported that the grant funds were used to increase staffing, provide counseling services, better communicate with parents, increase well-rounded learning opportunities and upgrade classroom equipment. He reviewed the improvements and barriers experienced with implementation of the Student Investment Act. He reported that the annual report is also available on the district website for review.

Old Business

Locker Room Project Update

Superintendent Waite reported that a public hearing was held prior to the regular meeting in order to receive and adopt the Findings of Facts. He reported that a mandatory pre-proposal meeting will be held on September 29th and bids will be received through October 11th. The existing locker rooms have been modified and are working for the time being.

Action Items

Approve Staff Hiring

Superintendent Waite recommended the hiring of Heather Howard as Cross Country Coach and Jillian Gray and Jennifer Goodman as Co-OBOB Advisors. Jason Beck moved to approve the hiring and Ken Patterson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approve A/C Unit Bid

Superintendent Waite informed those present that only one bid had been received by last month's meeting and the board had asked for more bids. He reported that three bids were received and Drew Williams recommended the approval of the 2.5 ton unit from All Air in the amount of \$6,377. Kaiger Braseth moved to approve the bid from All Air. Ken Patterson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Joe Fisher abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Approve Greenhouse Bid

J.D. Cant presented three bids for the construction of a new greenhouse. He reported that Imbler and Elgin Ag programs received a CTE grant which paid for the greenhouse kit but the grant does not cover the construction of the greenhouse. However, the Ag program has been saving money over the past few years and has sufficient funds to pay for the construction of the greenhouse. He noted that the new greenhouse will be automated and will send him notifications regarding

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temperature and other items. No general fund dollars will be used. He reviewed the three bids received but noted that he thought he could combine portions of two of the bids from different vendors for completion of the project at a lesser amount. After reviewing the bids, the board requested Mr. Cant to visit with Precision Contracting Services and Red Roof Construction to see if an agreement could be made which would work for both vendors and the district.

Superintendent Evaluation and Timeline

Teressa Dewey presented the time line that has been used in recent years for the superintendent evaluation. The time line begins with the distribution of the staff and community evaluation survey by January 5th with results compiled by February 10th. Results are distributed to the board and the board meets in executive session at the February meeting to review and discuss evaluation. The board then votes in open session to approve the summative evaluation. Kaiger Braseth moved to approve the evaluation time line as presented. Joe Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approve Policy DJC-AR

Kaiger Braseth moved to approve the language change in policy DJC-AR to allow for the district to make purchases under \$10,000 without obtaining three competitive bids. Kaiger Braseth asked that language be added that the board be informed of purchases between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The language will be changed and presented for approval at the October meeting.

Appoint Charter Board Members

Board Chair Glenn stated she was very impressed by the quality and number of applicants received for the charter board. Ken reiterated her sentiments and stated that makes the selection that much more difficult. Superintendent Waite noted that the charter board would possibly meet two to three times per year. After a brief discussion each board member selected two community members from the candidates. Following that selection, it was determined that Wade Bingaman and Jennifer Yancey would be recommended for appointment as community members to serve on the charter board along with Jake Evers, staff member and Joe Fisher and Ken Patterson, board members. Jason Beck moved to approve the appointments as presented. Ken Patterson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approve Skid Steer Bid

Superintendent Waite presented a bid from Tri-County Equipment for a used skid steer in the amount of \$33,000. He noted that the used market is very slim and after looking for one for over a year, this is the only bid received. Drew Williams had reached out to CAT Equipment and Eastern Oregon Rental and Sales and has not received a response from either of them. This piece of equipment will be used for various activities in the Ag program along with snow removal. It was noted that the tractor that the district currently has does not have much lifting power. This purchase will be funded through Measure 98 funds. Jason Beck moved to approve the purchase of the skid steer. Kaiger Braseth seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Members Present

Jason Beck, Kaiger Braseth, Joe Fisher, Pam Glenn and Ken Patterson.

Others Present

Randy Waite, Superintendent; Michael Mills, Principal and Teresa Dewey, Deputy Clerk

Chairman

Deputy Clerk