

**Union County School District #11
Imbler Public Schools
Imbler, Oregon**

**October 18, 2022
High School Room #1
7:00 P.M**

Preliminary Business

Call To Order

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

Visiting Delegations

She welcomed guests and asked them to introduce themselves. Guests present were; Peter Benjamin, Yvonne Roberts, Drew Williams and Jennifer Yancey. There was no public comment.

Consent Agenda

Teressa Dewey reported that she was unable to print off the financial statements and bills paid due to a technical difficulty with the accounting software. Ken Patterson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Joe Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Reports

Audit Report

Yvonne Roberts, CPA from Connected Professional Accountants, was present to provide the June 30, 2022 Audit Report. She reviewed the required correspondence and action plan. Ms. Roberts stated that the audit went very well and the District received the highest opinion possible. She then reviewed the audit document in detail and highlighted areas for the Board to review and asked that if they had any questions to reach out to her. The Board thanked Mrs. Roberts for her informative report.

IMESD Talking Points

Superintendent Waite provided the IMESD Talking Points. OSBA and IMESD recently collaborated to sponsor two regional events this month to provide board support and training. It was reported that public education will be impacted by the upcoming elections. There will be a new Governor and over 1/3 of the legislature will change. There will also be a new Senate Chair and House Speaker. School Leadership will also face challenges in the upcoming legislative session. It was noted that the preliminary 23-25 State School Fund calculation is too low for K-12 and OSBA and COSA will need to advocate for adequate funding.

Transportation/Maintenance Report

Drew Williams reported that they received the new skid steer and the snow blade was delivered recently. He noted that the concrete barriers that were declared surplus property have all been spoken for and arrangements are being made for their pickup. He reported that septic pump #2 is not working and he is trying to find someone to come and look at it. Mr. Williams reported that transportation is running smooth. He is attempting to coordinate some core training classes for the drivers. The La Grande bus route is extremely full and he noted that an additional bus may need to run in the mornings and on both routes on Fridays. He noted that, with the high fuel prices, all routes and trips will be evaluated to insure efficiency.

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It was reported that the white bus that was placed for bid has generated a lot of interest. Discussion turned to the format of the bid process. Teressa Dewey noted she has had several requests from interested parties for the opportunity to increase their bid as the bids come in; more of an auction format. After further discussion, it was determined to keep the format as a sealed bid.

Principal/Activity Report

Mr. Mills reported that the end of the first quarter is October 27th with the 28th being a teacher work day. Parent/teacher conferences will be the evening on November 2nd and all day November 3rd. Mr. Mills reported that homecoming week was a success with entertaining assemblies and good participation. The high school volleyball team finished 2nd in our half of the league and will play Nixyaawii on Saturday in Baker. High school football could very possibly have their final game this Friday in Union. Both junior high football and volleyball will conclude their seasons on Friday at the end of the year Jamboree in Powder Valley. Cross country has a meet this Thursday at Buffalo Peak and the junior high will be in Pendleton on Friday.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Waite reported that State Assessment Results were announced at the end of September. This is a good comparison of how our students match up to students in our region and across the state. He noted that our students had the highest scores in many areas within our county and all scores were well above the state average. He credited the strong results to our families, kids and staff that work hard to give our kids an advantage.

Mr. Waite reported that he is excited to be planning for some events that will bring parents back into the buildings. The Student of the Month program will be reinstated in the elementary. Three to four students will be selected each month based on character traits. The October character trait is commitment. The winners will be recognized at the November board meeting. The elementary school will be hosting a Family Game Night on November 9th. This will be an opportunity for parents and students to enjoy dinner and games. It was also reported that the Booster club will once again be hosting the Vendor Fair the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Statewide teacher inservice was held October 14th. The elementary staff met to visit about the new Wonders curriculum. He noted this was valuable for staff to discuss what they have tried and what was working and what was not.

Dates for the music concerts have been set for December 5th and December 12th. The students and Mr. Emerson are working hard to prepare for these events. Mr. Waite reported he has been in the music classroom and is excited to see how these turn out.

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New Business

Policies Presented for First Reading - JHCD/JHCDA and DJC-AR

Superintendent Waite presented policy JHCD/JHCDA for the first reading. This policy update is necessary in order for staff to administer Naloxone or any similar medication used for the reversal of an opioid overdose. Staff would need to be trained to administer the drug. He noted that it would be up to the board to decide to have the medication on hand. Jason Beck asked parent, Peter Benjamin, his opinion on the matter. Mr. Benjamin stated that it would be a great defense for the district to have this on hand and staff trained to administer it.

Superintendent Waite presented revised policy DJC-AR. He noted that it included language for board notification of purchases over \$5,000 but under \$10,000. Both policies would be ready for vote at the November meeting.

Old Business

Division 22 Statement of Assurances

Superintendent Waite reported that districts are required to report to their community their status of Division 22 Standards. He reported that the district was in compliance with all applicable standards. He noted that IMESD has hired a librarian that will help small districts meet the licensed librarian requirement. He outlined new standards for the coming year such as updated TAG qualification requirements and facility use requirements. He also noted that this report will be available on the district website.

Locker Room Project Update

Superintendent Waite reported that no bids were received by the October 11th deadline. Scott Rogers of the Wenaha Group has contacted some of the contractors that attended the mandatory pre-bid meeting to see why didn't bid. There were some concerns about the budget and potential septic issues. Mr. Waite noted that he felt it would be best to separate the remodeling of the existing locker rooms from the new project. Mr. Rogers is also going to visit with Anderson & Perry to make sure that the existing septic system is sufficient to accommodate the new build. The hope is that, with further communication with the contractors, we will receive some interest in the project.

School Week Committee Update

Superintendent Waite informed the Board that the School Week Committee met the previous week and had received nearly 200 community survey responses. The committee will review these survey responses along with staff survey and past student responses and come up with a recommendation for the Board to consider at the November meeting.

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Action Items

Approve Staff Hiring - TAG Coordinator

Superintendent Waite recommended the hiring of Dawn Treat as the District TAG Coordinator. Jason Beck moved to approve the recommendation and Joe Fisher seconded it. The motion passed with Pam Glenn abstaining from the vote due to a conflict of interest.

Approve Softball Co-op

Mr. Mills reported that the Elgin/Imbler Co-op was successful last year with the young team being fairly competitive. He noted that it was the end of the OSAA time block and the co-op would need to be approved for the new time block. Ken Patterson moved to approve the softball co-op for the next two-year time block. Jason Beck seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr Mills also reported that Elgin had inquired about a baseball co-op but there was only one student interested so that will not be feasible.

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Board Chair Glenn asked if there were any other comments. Joe Fisher expressed his concern about paying a monthly fee for waste water service coverage but not getting anything for the service. He felt that Mr. Riomondo should be helping solve the issue with the replacement of the septic pump. He also asked what the process is to obtain the proper certification to oversee our system. Mr. Williams explained that he was under the impression that the requirements were such that it was not feasible for him to obtain the certification. It was recommended that Mr. Williams reach out to another local certified operator to see if they would be interested in overseeing our system.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Members Present

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

Others Present

Randy Waite, Superintendent; Mike Mills, Principal/AD; and Teresa Dewey, Deputy Clerk.

Chairman

Deputy Clerk