

### **Preliminary Business**

#### **Call to Order**

Board Chair Pam Glenn called the Regular April Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed guests. Those present were; Tim and Jenny Phelps, Cheryl Walsh, Jennifer Yancey, Parker and Sarah Lucas, Bob and Cindy Chandler, Jillian Gray, Anita deLint, Ian Gordon and Drew and Jennifer Williams.

#### **Student of the Month Presentation**

Superintendent Waite recognized the March Students of the Month for the respect they exhibit towards others. They were selected based on their eagerness to follow directions and rules and being ready to learn. The students recognized were; Tylin Yancey, Elijah Williams and Vincent Gray. Mason Pahlow was also recognized although he was not able to attend the presentation.

#### **Agenda Changes**

Board Chair Glenn noted that the hiring of the assistant track coach would not be acted on and approval of bus bid was added to the agenda.

#### **Public Input**

Chair Glenn asked for public input. Cheryl Walsh read a letter on behalf of her daughter, Heather Howard, expressing concern over the hiring process for the assistant track coach that was recently added. She felt that, as the current cross country coach and a volunteer with the track team, she should have been informed of the hiring of the position and provided the opportunity to apply. Mr. Mills agreed with Mrs. Howard and noted that he had assumed that there had been communication between the track coaching staff and volunteers and took responsibility for the oversight. The hiring will be revisited.

Anita deLint asked about the status of the proposed track project. Teresa Dewey noted that the organizational email had not gone out but she would get it out right away. She asked for a volunteer who would take the contact information obtained from the survey and organize the parent/community members interested in being part of the proposed project. Ian Gordon volunteered to compile the information gathered and organize the committee. Kaiger Braseth reported that he and Ken Patterson are working to obtain the topographical/geological survey that will be needed to determine whether or not it is feasible to install a track.

#### **Consent Agenda**

Following a brief discussion regarding the payment to Kartini School, Kaiger Braseth moved approval of the minutes and bills paid. Joe Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **Reports**

#### **InterMountain E.S.D. Talking Points**

Superintendent Waite reported that the IMESD is planning to organize and host a board conference this summer/fall for eastern Oregon school boards. This will allow local boards to network with other boards in the region. The annual Crystal Apple Award presentation will be held on May 8<sup>th</sup> at EOU. This is an opportunity to honor district professionals for their contribution to their districts.

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**Transportation/Maintenance Report**

Drew Williams reported that the grounds were cleaned up and fertilized over the break in preparation for warmer weather. He reported that he had received three bids for a new 77 passenger bus. Two from Western Bus and one from Schetky. He noted that two drivers specifically prefer Bus #28 which is a Thomas bus from Schetky. One draw back to the Thomas bus is that there is no field mechanic in the area and service work must be done in Tri-Cities or Portland. Western Bus contracts with Barnes Diesel so service is convenient. One of the buses from Western Bus will be available this summer with the other bus not available until January.

**Principal/Activity Report**

Mr. Mills reported that state testing is currently taking place in some of the high school classes and will begin in other classes soon. Grades 3-11 are being tested in Math and English. Grades 5, 8 and 11 will also be taking a science test. Prom is scheduled for April 29<sup>th</sup> at the Union County Fairgrounds. It was reported that a new event, Panther Forecasting, will be held May 11<sup>th</sup>. The evening will begin with pizza dinner at 6:00 pm and activities in the high school gym to begin at 7:00 pm. The goal is to complete 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation, High School Open House with representatives from IHS student organizations and guest colleges and employers.

Mr. Mills reported that track and softball were underway. He then handed out a list of activities for the remainder of the school year.

**Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Waite reported that the Spring music and band concerts were coming up soon and Mr. Emerson and the students have been working hard in preparation. Staff Appreciation Week will be May 1-5 and Superintendent Waite expressed his gratitude for the great staff at Imbler and is excited to celebrate them. Third Graders are taking swimming lessons every Friday until May 12<sup>th</sup>. He reported that the students are enjoying this annual event. The Fifth Graders will be taking three different outdoor excursions; Enterprise Fish Hatchery, Starkey Experimental Forest and Wallowa Tamkaliks Pow Wow Grounds. He noted that Mr. Bennett has been working with others to plan these educational opportunities for the students.

Superintendent Waite reported that there are still some bills that are making their way through the legislature. One that looks like it may pass is the Financial Literacy to graduation requirements for the class of 2027, our current 8<sup>th</sup> graders. Others that look like they may pass are; curriculum posting requirements, state school fund reporting and one that requires collection and submission of student course grades (6-12) to ODE. He noted he will continue to watch the bills.

**Old Business**

**High School Locker Room Update**

Superintendent Waite reported that he had received correspondence from Ryan Collins of Wellens GC stating that the current guaranteed maximum price is \$734,270. This cost does not include interior paint, FRP, bathroom partitions, exterior concrete and interior doors. It also does not include the \$48,400 of pre-construction costs. It was noted that we could use the partitions from the existing locker rooms as they are not very old. The consensus of the Board was to ask that Wellens add those items back in so that we could have a final cost for completion of the project.

**New Business**

**Accreditation Report**

Mr. Mills reported that the recent accreditation review went very well. It was held via Zoom meetings with parents, staff, administration and students. The evaluator was very impressed with our district and the final score was 298 which suggests that we have a few areas of improvement but also have some noteworthy practices. The accreditation will last for five years and will more than likely return to on-site visitation at that time. Mr. Mills then reviewed the comments and suggestions from the evaluator. Kaiger Braseth thanked Mr. Mills for his work on the accreditation process recognizing that it took a lot of time to prepare for the review.

**Action Items**

**Approve Policies Presented in March**

Superintendent Waite noted that the policies presented in March were ready for approval. Joe Fisher moved to approve the policies as presented. Jason Beck seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Approve Staff Resignation**

Superintendent Waite reported that Brandon McGilvray had submitted a letter of resignation from the Jr. High Math/Science position. Jason Beck moved to approve the resignation. Joe Fisher seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

**Approve Bus Bid**

It was determined that this would be tabled until more information was available regarding the service available for the Thomas bus.

**Executive Session**

**Staff Negotiations - ORS192.660(2)(d)**

The Board entered into executive session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss the current staff negotiations.

**Adjournment**

The Board entered back into regular session at 8:13 p.m. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was immediately adjourned.

**Members Present**

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

**Others Present**

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

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Chairman

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Deputy Clerk