

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

**May 16, 2023
High School, Room #1
7:00 P.M.**

Preliminary Business

Call to Order

Board Chair Pam Glenn called the Regular May Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., welcomed guests and asked that they introduce themselves. Those present were; Jeanne Cone, Ian Gordon, Tony Haddock, Kristen Kruse, Tim Phelps, Jenny Yancey and Drew Williams.

Visiting Delegations

Superintendent Waite recognized the April Students of the Month for their honest character. Brayden Burright, Rylee Crow and Daxton McMillen were commended for their moral compass, and honest and genuine character. It was noted that whenever their teacher needs an accurate account of a situation, you can count on them. Following the presentation, the students and their families left the meeting.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Consent Agenda

With no discussion, Joe Fisher moved to approve the minutes and bills paid. Kaiger Braseth seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Reports

InterMountain ESD Talking Points

Superintendent Waite reported that the Crystal Apple Awards were presented May 8th at Eastern Oregon University. Dawn Treat and Rheadean Hays were recognized for their service to Imbler. It was also reported that IMESD will be offering several summer professional development opportunities for educators. A detailed list of courses was provided. Mr. Waite noted that a few of our teachers will be taking advantage of the courses at no cost.

Maintenance/Transportation Report

Drew Williams reported that Bus #26 is at the body shop and should be done this week. Mr. Williams reported that the plumbing for the locker rooms has been approved and the conduit has been laid. Forms have been set and the concrete should be poured next week. Kaiger Braseth expressed his concern about the cracks in the asphalt on the playground. He stated he has seen delivery trucks turning around on the asphalt which is probably causing the cracks. Mr. Williams stated he would get the cracks sealed and visit with drivers to prevent further damage.

Principal/Activity Report

Mr. Mills reported that the senior project presentations took place recently with 17 presentations. Four students had to present their project a 2nd time, but in the end, they all passed. Eighth Grade Graduation took place the previous Friday. There were a lot of great messages from their parents along with a few embarrassing ones. Mr. Mills reported that the seniors will be departing for their senior trip to Sun River on Sunday along with himself, Mrs. Arnoldus and Mrs. Sweet as chaperones.

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Softball finished their season earlier in the day with an overall record of 6-13. District Track will be held Friday in Baker and State Track will be the following week in Eugene. Graduation will be Saturday, May 27th.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Waite reported that the Elementary Music and Band Concerts were held and the students performed well. Staff were recognized by the District and Boosters during Staff Appreciation Week. He noted that he is thankful to have such a great staff and was happy to celebrate them. The 3rd Graders finished their swimming lessons the previous week. Superintendent Waite thanked Mrs. Gray and her student teacher, Kolbe Bales, for putting the lessons together. While it is a lot of work, it is very beneficial for the students.

The fifth grade finished their outdoor school activities. They took three separate day trips that were very engaging and educational. He commended Mr. Bennett for providing the opportunity for his students. Plans are in the works now for a three day - two night outdoor school in the fall. Cove Play Day was held the previous Thursday with the primary grades having their own field day with the help of the middle school and high school students.

Superintendent Waite reported that all parents at the elementary have been contacted to determine whether they are returning. There are a couple of classes that are at capacity, but it is possible to add at other grade levels. It appears the smallest class next year will be the 1st grade. Kindergarten Round Up was held the previous week and Kindergarten Jump Start will be August 7-10. Jenn Goodman will be providing some reading activities over the summer. This was well-attended last summer and she is hoping that she will have good participation this year as well.

New Business

Policies Presented for First Reading

Superintendent Waite presented the following policies for first reading; AC-AR, GCBDF/GDBDF, JFCDF-AR, JGE, KL, KL-AR. These policy changes were recommended by OSBA. He noted that policy JGE has changed quite a bit and encouraged the Board to take a close look at those changes regarding expulsion. The other policies had only small changes.

Old Business

Locker Room Project

Superintendent Waite reported that there had been changes to the doors in the vestibule and the coaches room. The project is moving along as expected.

Track Project

It was reported that the first organizational meeting of the Track Project Committee will be held Monday, May 22nd. According to the survey, there are approximately 30 people interested in helping with the project.

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Action Items

Approve Staff Hiring

Superintendent Waite recommended the hiring of the following individuals: Cambree Shields, Assistant Track Coach; Alix Dinsmore, Jr. High Math/Science Instructor; and Celine Burke, Music Instructor. He reported that Mrs. Dinsmore is working on getting the proper certification and currently teaches 6th Grade Science in Vale along with coaching middle school tennis. Ms. Burke has nearly completed her Master's Degree and is very active in the Grande Ronde Symphony and teaching African Drumming. She is excited to build the music program.

Kaiger Braseth moved to approve the staff hiring as presented. Ken Patterson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approve Staff Resignations

Letters of resignation were presented from Memory Donohoe, Paraprofessional and Sydney Treat, Head Jr. High Volleyball Coach. Both staff members are relocating out of the area. Ken Patterson moved to approve the staff resignations. Joe Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approve Math Curriculum

Superintendent Waite reported that a team comprised of Jillian Gray, Heidi Bowers, Barry Bowers and Katie Burright reviewed the state approved math curriculum options. They have selected Big Ideas through Cengage Learning. It meets the state requirements and is reasonably priced. Jason Beck moved to approve the recommended math curriculum. Joe Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approve 2023-2024 School Calendar

Superintendent Waite presented two calendar options for consideration. The only difference between the two calendars is the make up of the inservice days. It was noted that the 2024 graduation date was not on the calendar. Mr. Mills stated that it looked like state track would be May 16 & 17 next year and he would propose that graduation be held on Wednesday, May 22nd. Concerns were expressed about a mid-week graduation date. It was determined that a graduation date would not be set at this time and input would be gathered from the senior parents. Discussion turned to enrichment day ideas. Some suggestions were; GO STEM, career exploration, college classes along with other ideas. It was noted that the enrichment days are the same on both calendars. Once the school day schedule is set, plans can move forward with enrichment days. Ken Patterson moved to approval of 2023-24 Calendar option #1. Joe Fisher seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

Executive Session

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

At 7:47 p.m., the Board entered into executive session per ORS192.660(2)(d) to discuss staff negotiations. The negotiations teams updated the rest of the board on the negotiation status.

Adjournment

The Board entered back into regular session at 8:02 p.m. With no further business to discuss, the meeting was immediately adjourned.

Members Present

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

Others Present

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

Chairman

Deputy Clerk