

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

**June 20, 2023  
Room #1  
7:00 P.M.**

### **Preliminary Business**

#### **Call to Order**

Board Chair Pam Glenn called the Regular June Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed guests; Ian Gordon, Anita DeLint, Nicholle Arnoldus, Kristen Kruse, Kathryn Creech, Tim & Jenny Phelps and Jennifer Yancey. The meeting began with the budget hearing to accept input from patrons. However, there were no guests present to discuss the budget.

#### **Agenda Changes**

Teressa Dewey reported that policy GCBDF/GDDBF-AR would also be presented for the first reading. This was added to New Business.

### **Consent Agenda**

Following a brief question regarding the payments to Budco, Cam Designs and Pioneer West, Kaiger Braseth moved to approve the minutes and bills paid as presented. Jason Beck seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

### **Reports**

#### **IMESD Talking Points**

Superintendent Waite presented the Talking Points which centered around the Republican walkout, which had ended by the time of the meeting. It was noted that funding is secure for the upcoming biennium at \$10.2 billion. This is up from the \$9.9 which was originally proposed.

#### **Maintenance/Transportation Report**

In the absence of Drew Williams, Superintendent Waite provided the Maintenance/Transportation Report. It was reported that the buses have been sent to Barnes Diesel for the annual inspection and service. He noted that maintenance schedules have been adjusted for the summer months to allow for coverage seven days a week. This will eliminate the need to hire an additional person to move water on the weekends. The A/C unit that was to be installed in the office was the wrong size and a new unit has been ordered. It was reported that Jake Evers is remodeling the outside concession stand and is doing a great job.

Superintendent Waite stated that, he had heard from Drew Williams who was attending a transportation training in Bend, and learned that after January 1<sup>st</sup>, schools will no longer be able to purchase diesel buses in Oregon. Fortunately, we have one on order.

#### **Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Waite reported that there have been a couple of families move into the district. Second grade will be a large class and the first grade will be the smallest at the elementary. State testing results are in and they show we are much higher than the state average in most areas.

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Superintendent Waite outlined the bell schedule for the upcoming school year. Grades 7-12 will begin at 8:00 am and get out at 3:33 pm. Elementary will start at 8:05 am and go until 3:20 (K-2) and 3:25 pm (3-6). This will provide more instructional hours than last year and more than La Grande on a five day week. Breakfast will start a bit earlier and buses will run about five minutes earlier in the morning. Afternoon buses will run at 3:40 pm. Friday Enrichment days will be from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. Classes at the HS/MS will be 58 minutes each. Elementary students will get the state required 45 minutes of PE daily and music every other day. Superintendent Waite noted that there are preliminary plans for the first Enrichment day at the elementary. Some of the activities include; GoStem, Bike Ride and Plant Identification, and some reading activities at the school. HS/MS Enrichment days are still in the works.

### **New Business**

#### **Audit Committee**

Teressa Dewey asked for volunteers to serve on the audit committee. Ken Patterson and Kaiger Braseth agreed to be part of the committee.

#### **Policies Presented for First Reading**

Superintendent Waite presented policy IKF and GCBDF/GDDBF-AR for first reading. Policy IKF revises the graduation requirements from 26.5 credits to 26 credits. The reduction is one half credit of P.E. which still puts us over the state requirement of 24 credits. Policy GCBDF/GDDBF-AR outlines the process for Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance which will be administered by a third party administrator, American Fidelity.

#### **Senior Project Discussion**

Nicholle Arnoldus presented information regarding the changes to the senior project. It was reported that the senior project committee met weekly for two months to look at other district requirements from all over the state. The changes made to the Panthera restructured the senior project to make it more efficient as well as provide better guidelines for the students.

With the proposed changes, Juniors will present their project idea and rough draft of their proposal early in the year. They will no longer be able to change their projects so more time will be put into the early stages so that they make a viable choice the first time. The students will give their formal proposal speech to the committee later in the fall. All students will be required to learn the AET program to document time spent, costs and the completed requirements. Students will participate in two enrichment activities on Enrichment Fridays. Students will complete in-depth and well-written reflections about their learning experience throughout the process of completing all elements of their senior project. The research paper will be completed in their English class instead of their senior project class. 20 hours of work experience will continue to be required. Senior Project presentations will be the focus of the first half of the Senior Project class with the presentations made in December, before Winter break, rather than May. The focus for the second half of the Senior Project class will include completing scholarship applications, preparing for military, college or the workforce. They will also have a refresher information on "Adulting 101" financial skills.

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The committee believes that restructuring the senior project will help seniors complete tasks in a more efficient and timely manner.

It was confirmed that the upcoming seniors are on track for this schedule. The Board expressed concern about taking the curriculum from the current English course to complete the paper. They were also concerned that this may place all of the burden of reviewing and scoring of papers on Mrs. Christensen. Mrs. Arnoldus and Mrs. Creech noted that the committee will discuss these concerns further in the fall.

### **Old Business**

#### **Locker Room Project Update**

Superintendent Waite reported that the trusses have been set and the project is moving along as scheduled. They are hoping to have the rough-in completed by July 18<sup>th</sup> and the painting will need to be done the first part of August.

Board Chair Glenn stated that the Board needs to discuss what would be the best use of the existing locker rooms.

#### **Track Committee Update**

Ian Gordon provided a presentation on the Track Committee's planning progress. He noted that there are approximately 20 active committee members and they have met twice. They have four subcommittees consisting of; Construction, Finance, Fundraising/Boosters and Communications. Their goal is to raise sufficient funds to build an eight lane track along with long jump and shot put pits. Based on other area track projects, they anticipate the cost to be approximately \$1.245 million. Their hope is that the project can be completed by Spring of 2025. The committee is working to secure donations and grants but will need to have some commitment from the school district. It was noted that the donations will be handled through the Imbler Education Foundation in order to utilize their 501c(3) status. He outlined the committee's plans for the next few months and asked the Board to consider some "seed" money to get the project started. These funds would be used to pay experienced grant writers and to cover expenses associated with presentations to potential donors.

Kaiger Braseth asked that the Board discuss and determine their level of financial commitment to the project. Nicholle Arnoldus asked about the status of the cafeteria/music room project. The Board noted that, while they have not given up on that project, it needed to be set aside as the District addressed the locker room issues.

### **Action Items**

#### **Approve Resolution to Adopt the 2023-2024 Budget**

Ken Patterson moved to adopt the 2023-2024 Approved Budget Document in the amount of \$13,192,240. He also moved to establish a tax rate of \$4.711 per thousand of assessed value for operations and the amount of \$203,097 for bonds. Jason Beck seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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**Approve Revised Appropriation**

Teresa Dewey informed those present that a revised appropriation was necessary for the Child Nutrition Fund (299) due to increased costs associated to the program. Ken Patterson moved to approve the revised appropriation as presented. Jason Beck seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Approve Policies Presented in May**

Jason Beck moved to approve the policies as presented in May. Ken Patterson seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

**Approve Phone System Bid**

Superintendent Waite provided two bids for an upgraded phone system. The bids were obtained by the InterMountain ESD. The system will allow for phones in each classroom and will be funded through SIA funds. Based on the information provided, Kaiger Braseth moved to approve the bid from Intrigue Communications in the amount of \$10,807. Jason Beck seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Approve Union/Cove/Imbler Golf Co-op**

It was reported that it was time to renew the Golf Co-op. Although there were no participants this past year, it is anticipated that there will be in upcoming years. Jason Beck moved to approve the golf co-op with Union and Cove. Ken Patterson seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

**Approve Elgin/Imbler Softball Co-op**

It was noted that there were 11 softball participants from Imbler this year. Kaiger Braseth moved to approve the softball co-op with Elgin. Jason Beck seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**Approve Staff Hiring**

Superintendent Waite recommended the hiring of Alix Dinsmore as Jr. High Volleyball Coach and Amy Herron as Paraprofessional. Ken Patterson moved to approve the hirings as presented. Kaiger Braseth seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

**Approve Audit Contract Proposal**

Jason Beck moved to approve the audit contract proposal from Connected Professional Accountants in the amount of \$14,400. Jason Beck moved to approve the contract while Ken Patterson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Session**

**Staff Negotiations - ORS 192.660(2)(d)**

The Board entered into executive session at 8:12 pm to discuss staff negotiations.

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**Approve Staff Contracts**

The Board entered back into regular session at 8:27 pm. Kaiger Braseth moved to approve the following staff agreements as presented; Licensed, Classified, Administrative, Confidential and Supervisory. Jason Beck seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

**Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm

**Members Present**

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

**Others Present**

Randy Waite, Superintendent and Teresa Dewey, Deputy Clerk.

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Chairman

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Deputy Clerk