



# APRIL 2023

**ECHO SCHOOL DISTRICT #5R**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
*Minutes*  
**Monday, April 17, 2023**  
**@ 6:00 in Commons**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** CHAIRPERSON: [6] Delbert Gehrke 2023 X  
[1] Nate James 2025 [2] EX Emily Spike 2023 EX [3] Lloyd Ferge 2023 X  
[4] Heather Madison 2025 EX [5] ^Jennifer Cox 2025 X [7] Amy Hendrix 2025 X

**STAFF PRESENT:** Raymon Smith X Mandy Palmateer X Keith Holman X  
Christina VanNice X Alecia Angell X Denyce Kelly X

^ Vice - Chair

**WELCOME GUESTS:** Present Guest: Guests please sign in.

**REPORTS:**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** 15 minutes for community testimony.

**FACULTY REPORT:** John Cox

**IMESD TALKING POINTS:** Handout

**FLAG SALUTE**

**CALL TO ORDER AT:** 7:12

## I. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes

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b. Review Bills and Financial Reports

Denyce Kelly/Alecia Angell - IMESD

c. Superintendent Report

Raymon Smith

- **Enrollment Update:** Enrollment has remained steady. Kindergarten Round-up is scheduled for May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00pm. Mr. Smith reported 28 known enrollees. He anticipates we will have a line at the door ahead of the 5:00pm start time. Out-of-district parents have shared their concern over the possibility their child might not be able to attend, due to the high numbers. Preference for Kindergarten enrollment for out-of-district students will go to staff kids and incoming kindergarteners that have sibling(s) already enrolled in our district.
- **Superintendent Report:** Plans to discuss the superintendent's evaluation at May board meeting.
- **Legislative Update:** Mr. Smith went over Oregon House Bill 3198. The Bill establishes Early Literacy Success Initiative. The purpose and requirements under initiative, include establishment of Early Literacy Success School Grants, Birth Through Five Literacy Plan and Early Literacy Success Community Grants. It authorizes Department of Education to use moneys from Statewide Education Initiatives Account for Early Literacy Success Initiative. This Bill Repeals Oregon Early Reading Program and Early Success Reading Initiative, and Establishes Birth Through Five Literacy Fund and Early Literacy Success Community Grant Fund. According to Mr. Smith our current curriculum meets the Bills standards. Mr. Smith also went over The Menstrual Dignity Act HB 3294, Which requires free menstrual products to be provided for all students, K-12, in all public-school buildings in Oregon. Menstrual Dignity for Students means that all menstruating students, regardless of gender, age, ability, socioeconomic status have the opportunity for safe, dignified self-care. He allowed board input and addressed some concerns over the expectation of schools/teachers having to teach/explain topics such as

this, which can often times be controversial. The primary concern brought forth by Mr. Smith and the Board was how we explain to students as to why we have menstrual products in a boys/men's restroom.

- d. **Donations:** Echo Quarterback Club \$700 (golf uniforms/equipment)
- e. Friends of Pendleton Golf \$700 (golf uniforms/equipment)

f. **Personnel/Contracts:** **New Hires:** Sheryll Morris (Custodian)

**Resignations:** Jonie Taruscio (Educational Assistant)  
Leanne Smith (Custodian)

f. **Relations/TOSA**

**MOTION: Jennifer Cox moved for approval of consent agenda items as presented. Amy Hendrix seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 4-0**

## II. NEW BUSINESS

a. **Inter-district Enrollment Class/Group Size Limit** **2023-2024**

**MOTION: Jennifer Cox moved to set Echo School District Class/Group Size limits for 2023-2024 at 25 per grade in KG-5, 75 total in grades 6-8 capped at 28 class max, and 100 total in grades 9-12. Students who wish to enroll once class cap is reached will be placed on a waiting list by date that enrollment papers are returned to the district. Lloyd Ferge seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 4-0**

## III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IN: 7:59 OUT: 8:13

Executive Session ORS 192.660 (2)(h). Consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed. Any information discussed in Executive Session is not for public release. **ANY FORMAL ACTION WILL ONLY BE MADE DURING OPEN PUBLIC MEETING.**

## VI. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION: Jennifer Cox moved to adjourn this board meeting at 8:13 p.m. Amy Hendrix seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 4-0**

Next regular board meeting Monday, May 17, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

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