

**SOUTH WASCO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1**

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**Regular Board Meeting**  
**See webpage for zoom Link**

**Monday, Dec. 13, 2021**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**ATTENDANCE**

**BOARD MEMBERS:** Josh Thompson, Joan Stark, Kevin Duling, Tammarra Ferguson, Paul Koerschgen, Rob Miles, Melissa Huntley

**Admin:** Mark Endsley, Ryan Wraught, Aimee Hovis

**Staff:** Marni Malefyt, Amy Rethwill, Jamie Sowell, Yancy Wells, Josh Kurtz, Mikael Kurtz, Jorma Henson, Marla Rethwill

**Guests:** Mary Beechler, Jodi Ketchum, Elizabeth Unti, Alan Moore, Jordan Belozar, Virginia, Ellen Skeeters-Stevens, Lizz Franke, Sarah Koerschgen, Miss Hollister

**1. CALL TO ORDER 6:02 PM**

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Motion: Tammarra Ferguson requested adding a discussion item on Parent Bill of Rights be added to the agenda.

Second: Rob Miles

Motion Passed unanimously.

Board Discussion Item E-Parent Bill of Rights was added to the agenda.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion: Joan Stark approve as amended

Second: Tammarra Ferguson

Motion: passed unanimously

**5. CONSENT AGENDA:**

A. Regular Board on Nov. 13, 2021 approval

B. Acknowledge Payment of Bills

C. Personnel Report

Motion: Joan Stark approve

Second: Rob Miles

Motion: passed unanimously

**6. RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS**

A. Straightline Architecture --- Scott Marshall

- New gym estimate came back higher than expected.
- We dove back and looked at the scope of the work.
- Initially we set up cafeteria to host one lunch. Currently we serve two lunches, we reconfigured the cafeteria area and also cut out square footage to other areas to reduce costs..
- Reduced 1,900 square feet from the original plan. This cut \$700-600k from the project budget.

- Grade School gym is not any smaller and multiple practices still can occur.
- Bremik will do estimates that will be more pointed. We will get a 60% and 90% estimate from them.
- Currently construction costs are running \$300-\$350 per square foot. It was around \$230-\$260 when we started the project.
- Roof prices have already been locked so price will not increase.
- Main material for the gym is metal so increasing lumber prices does not affect the bond project as much.
- Metal prices have not gone up as much as lumber but shipping time frame has increased.

## 7. INFORMATIONAL

- A. Athletic Director's Report ---Jim Hull
  - No athletic report this month.
- B. Principal's Report --- Mark Endsley
  - Completed initial round of assessments. We are currently compiling them.
  - We have kids assigned for SPED and intervention.
  - We will begin the new year focused on instructional practices.
  - Assessments will be used as a baseline as a tool for discussion.
  - In the new year we will have a discipline plan that will be reviewed by student and parent groups and will have recommendations for some policy changes to the board after the new year to approve formally.
  - Ryan and I will be working on strategic planning in the spring.
- C. Superintendent's Report --- Ryan Wraught
  - We have been monitoring the ODE website for the Seismic Grant to open, and working with Holmes Construction. Potential grant for a \$2.5 mil grant for work to be focused at the Old District building.
  - School funding is based on economic growth. OSBA is lobbying for funding stability in school funding as well as a new funding formula for schools.
  - The budget and board will have to approve a supplemental budget in 2022.
  - Regional OSBA meeting typically are in October. This school year it is scheduled for April because of COVID delays.

## 8. BOARD DISCUSSION

- A. DRAC Update
  - Working on end of the year fundraising.
  - Polyurethane track installation is planned for spring 2022.
- B. 4-Day School Week Committee
  - This committee needs to schedule another committee meeting.
  - We initially planned in October but missed the meeting.
  - Josh Thompson will coordinate meeting in January with the committee members.
  - Board Secretary will email list of committee members to Josh Thompson.
  - Committee will give the Board an update at the next school board meeting.
- C. 2022-23 Calendar Committee
  - Ryan provided a calendar draft that meets all contractual obligations.
  - Calendar will have to wait for final approval until 4-day school week committee has completed their discussions and recommendations. As that may have an impact on the calendar.
- D. 1st Reading Policies: BBAA, BDDH, IKFB
  - BBAA- OSBA - legal advice for board members - guidance for the Board when seeking legal advice.
  - BDDH- public comments in board meetings - change is language about waiving time limits and process for comments from the audience, HB2560 update - if a Board allows comments

from the audience when meeting in person the district will provide option for virtual comments.

- IKFB-Update - Graduates can wear native american or other culturally significant items during graduation ceremonies.

E. Parent Bill of Rights -

- Tamarra asked if SWCSD#1 have a parent bill of rights.
- Ryan replied we don't have anything articulated that people may be looking for. We have a scope and sequence for curriculum that can be updated to serve this purpose. It is a good conversation to have.
- Tamarra stated she would love to look at that. She would like a way for parents to find information on our website - is hard to find that and hard to find policy. It would be nice to have something for parents on how to quickly access the information they are looking for.
- Ryan said he can look at that and have a draft for the board in January, but was concerned about getting a good understanding of this by the Jan meeting.
- Tamarra stated that she understands that this is a request that may not be ready by January.

**9. BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

A. 2nd Reading/Approval: Policies: CM, IL, JFC, JFCJ

- Added language was added to policy JFC-added nicotine and defined mace language

Motion: Joan Stark

Second: Melissa Huntley

Motion passed unanimously.

B. 2021 District Financial Audit

- Special thank you to all the work that Aimee Hovis and Chris Graham performed to have a successful financial audit.

Motion: Tammarra Ferguson to approve the 2021 District Financial Audit and Resolution ORS 297.466

Second: Melissa Huntley

Motion passed unanimously.

C. Complaints Process

- The district has received several complaints regarding the staff and school board. An independent investigation is recommended to look into these complaints.

Motion: Joan Stark moved to retain an ESD investigator for the complaints filed.

Second: Tammarra Ferguson

Motion passed unanimously

**10. BOARD GOALS** Board goals are posted on the school website.

**11. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE ABOUT AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- Mary Beechler - Recent board meeting, has left me very sad for the staff members. She mentioned how in her many years working for the district in the past she had always felt supported by the board. She stated she was disappointed about how the meetings have gone in the last several months and expected more from living in a small community. She expects that sometimes we have to agree to disagree but still be able to greet one another the following day at the local post office. She expects that the board can and will do better in the future.
- Question was asked what color the new track surface will be. Rob Miles confirmed that the track will be regulation red.

**12. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. HRA Update - Supt. Wraught shared an account balance/ usage chart with the Board and stated that the HRA program has been a win-win for the district and the staff. Saving both money on insurance expenses. When starting the HRA the district allocated funding to start up fund and give it some security. For a few years, the usage vs fund amount margin was very close. And, the district had Waldo insurance adjust our formula. Currently the margin is healthy where staff is getting reimbursed for reimbursable medical costs and the district is able to save funds as well.

**13. RECESS TO EXEC. SESSION** none.

**14. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING at 6:55 PM.**

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