

DUFUR SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
January 3, 2022

Chairman Anne Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Board members present, Stan Ashbrook, Robert Wallace, Monica Byers, and Cynthia Kortge.

GUESTS & PUBLIC COMMENT – Sean Egeland asked to speak about Policy KGBB, and stated he felt concealed carry was lawful, and he was concerned about the district passing policy otherwise.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items on the Consent Agenda:

- Board Minutes – December 6, 2021

Cynthia moved the consent agenda be approved. Monica seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Ranger Tech Report – Leona reported receiving a \$2,500 dollar Roundhouse Grant for the CTE construction program. A \$1,400 Stem Hub grant is also expected to purchase activity carts for the grade school. Applications for a Roundhouse grant of up to \$100,000 open in March. Other activities being planned are OMSI in April, having the drug dog come to visit students in the elementary and high school, National Guard obstacle course. Jack noted Bremik Construction has pledged to donate \$5,000 dollars to the summer CET activities.

Financial Report – Virginia reported the 2020/21 audit is completed. Because the district received over \$750,000 in federal revenue in 2020/21 a ‘single audit’ was required, which reviews federal expenditures more fully. She handed out copies and briefly review what the audit contains. She reviewed the significant deficiency items and the districts response to each finding. Board members may review the document and any questions will be directed to Virginia. She will include the information in February’s board report.

Dean of Students Report – Kristin reported 358 students in K-12 which includes, 28 in pre-school students, and 12 students in Ranger Academy. Second semester will be starting in 3 weeks, so she will be meeting with each high school students to make sure they are enrolled in all the necessary classes leading to graduation. She stated the You-Science program matches individuals with possible careers. She is working through the program herself and finds it very interesting the careers suggested. Kristin reported December 17<sup>th</sup> there were three sheriff’s department officers in the school all day, making a presence due to a post on tick-tock naming it National School Shooting Day. Everything was calm on campus and having the officers present made an excellent opportunity for students to visit and view law enforcement as a positive thing. Vaping by students is still a problem, which if caught is a MIP citation. Vaping air quality detection devises cost \$700 - \$1,000 and can be purchased with ESSER III money.

Superintendents/A.D. Report – Jack reported the sprinkler system in the upper gym had covered the floor with water. This was caused by ball being kicked and knocking the sprinkler head off. The water was quickly vacuumed up, by those present and custodian Steven Bailey, who responded quickly to the incident. Damage to the floor is still being assessed and is covered by insurance. Jack also reported the Ag property is ready and beef animals should be down there soon. The Weidner Family Trust donated \$5,000 to the foundation in December and plans to donate an additional amount soon. The JWD Trustees will meet January 12<sup>th</sup> to review and discuss the fund.

## OLD BUSINESS

Foundation Development – Cynthia stated she has previewed the website that will be ready to go live February 1<sup>st</sup>. The Ranger Tech grant was submitted today. She is organizing a Ranger Golf Tournament that she hopes to have at the Country Club on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Cynthia will be meeting with Ty Wenzel Jan 26<sup>th</sup> to work on scholarship application forms and process. She shared a ‘year in review’ outline of all the activities in 2021. Board members reviewed the long-term planning goals for the foundation in 2022, and set raising 1.5 million dollars as the goal. Stan moved to support the goals. Monica seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Board Policy AC through LBE-AR – Cynthia moved to adopt the board policies. Monica seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Four Day School Week – Kristin reviewed additional survey documentation from parents and grade 6-12 students. She stated it is very important to take our time, and wants to hold listening sessions to get feedback, including a board listening session in February, to make sure the right and sustainable format is selected that will meet the needs of the families as well as the students. A flexible schedule was suggested that would provide 5-day classroom education for K-5 students, and Friday enrichment activities for Jr. High and High School students.

Policy KGBB – Jack reported talking to Wasco Co. Sheriff Lane MaGill about this policy. Lane was aware of this legislation and said the Oregon Sheriffs Association did not support the bill as it is unenforceable. Jack also surveyed other schools and the majority are backing away from the policy. Board consensus was to not pass policy KGBB.

## NEW BUSINESS

Disposal of District Property – Bus 1-98 a 1999 Freightliner is no longer needed by the district. It was purchased at the time of the Petersburg merger. Monica moved to declare it surplus property. Robert seconded the motion that carried unanimously. Stan stated he voted yes but remembering back to the time the bus was purchased was very emotional for those involved.

Board Member Resignation – Jack shared Monica Byers has accepted a job out of the area and will be unable to continue as a board member in the district. Monica has been employed by Columbia Gorge ESD for 25 years as a Speech and Language Specialist, as well as serving on the Petersburg School Board and then Dufur School Board after the merger. Cynthia moved to accept Monica’s resignation. Stan seconded the motion which carried. Monica will be greatly missed by the students, families, and staff. A plaque was presented to Monica in appreciation of all she contributed on behalf of the district. The vacancy will be advertised, and a member selected for fill the position.

One Community Health – Board members reviewed the MOU. Robert moved to approve the agreement. Monica seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Having no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Board Chairman

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Board Secretary

