

Preliminary Business

Call to Order

Board Vice Chair Kaiger Braseth called the Regular January Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He welcomed the guests and asked them to introduce themselves. Those present were; Dan Daggett, Jenny Zacharias-Phelps, Kristen Kruse, Tony Haddock, Wade Bingaman and Drew Williams.

Agenda Items

Kaiger Braseth reported that two items of correspondence would be added under New Business.

School Board Appreciation

Superintendent Hislop reported that January was School Board Appreciation Month. Superintendent Hislop expressed his appreciation for their efforts and contributions to the students of the Imbler School District and presented the board members with a token of appreciation.

Consent Agenda

Following a few brief questions regarding bills paid, Ken Patterson moved approval of the minutes and bills paid. Kaiger Braseth seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Reports

InterMountain ESD Report

Superintendent Hislop provided the IMESD Talking Points. It was reported that the pandemic continues to dominate the headlines. OHA recently issued a series of recommendations to combat the spread of the Omicron variant. ODE followed with revisions to the RSSL document. The majority of the recommendations are advisory with emphasis on testing, quarantine time lines, extracurricular activities and other safety protocols. The hope is that the Omicron variant will spike in February and then decline.

Maintenance/Transportation Report

Drew Williams reported that snow removal has been going pretty well with some outside help. He reported that there was a waterline leak last week. While repairing the broken fitting, it was also discovered that one of the hot water heaters was not working. Johnson Electric was called in and discovered failed wiring on one of the units and burnt elements on both units. Parts were ordered and units will be repaired.

Mr. Williams informed the Board that architects visited the facilities on Friday to look at the locker room in order to develop some plans so that the project could be put out to bid. They projected a rough estimate of \$600,000 to \$1,000,000 for removing the existing concrete and plumbing and install new. There were also concerns about what might be found once they start digging into the existing locker rooms. Teresa Dewey reported that there is \$865,000 in the Capitol Improvement Fund for projects of this nature. It was suggested that the Board consider building new locker rooms adjacent to the gym. Mr. Williams noted that the water line and septic line would be easily accessible on the west side of the gym. Jason Beck stated that he felt that it would be a better use of funds to look at building new than opening up the existing locker rooms. Joe Fisher concurred that it would be easier to project the cost of a new project. Superintendent Hislop indicated he would look into grant opportunities and obtain the square footage for new locker rooms.

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Principal/Activity Report

Mr. Mills reported that the end of the first semester was January 13th. Grades should be going out on Thursday, January 20th. It was reported that the Freshmen on Track program began on January 3rd with ten students eligible. Two students opted out with their parents consent. The program provides students that are performing below average extra time and assistance after school in order to bring their grades up. At this time, there are now only six students that qualify for this program.

COVID has proven to be a challenge for the basketball season. With recent game cancellations, schools have had to reschedule make up games. Wrestling matches are also changing on a daily basis. Mr. Mills hopes to make it through the rest of the season without any additional cancellations.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Hislop expressed his appreciation to the maintenance staff and Mike Mills for their efforts clearing snow this winter and Mrs. Crow for making sure notices of delays and school closures reach the parents and students. He commended Mr. Mills and the high school staff for their efforts on the Freshmen on Track program and highlighted a few of the programs successes. He noted that we have some very dedicated staff working in the District. It was reported that the busiest time of year is fast approaching with FBLA and FFA activities and the culmination of winter sports. Mr. Hislop thanked the Board for their commitment to the students and community during this challenging time in education.

New Business

Resolution Discussion

Teressa Dewey provided copies of an email and a sample resolution from the board chair of Eagle Point School District. Eagle Point and Harrisburg school boards, are working together to find like-minded boards to unite and address the lack of support from the state board association in regards to small and rural district's needs not being represented. The hope is to potentially form a separate state school board association that represents the needs of small and rural districts. Kaiger Braseth stated he is in agreement with each statement of the resolution and feels that OSBA does not represent the eastern side of the state. Ken Patterson concurred. A resolution will be prepared for approval at the next meeting. Jason Beck and Kaiger Braseth will attend the Zoom meeting on January 31st.

OSBA Region 1 Representation

Newly elected Region 1 OSBA Representative, Bruce Kevan, reached out asking for a representative of the Board to serve as a contact for his work on the legislative committee. Joe Fisher volunteered to be the point of contact for the Imbler School Board.

Action Items

Approve Policies Presented in December

Superintendent Hislop recommended the approval of the policies presented in December. Following a brief discussion as to whether or not the policy revisions were necessary, Pam Glenn moved to approve the policies as presented. Ken Patterson seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Members Present

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

Others Present

Doug Hislop, Superintendent; Mike Mills, Principal/AD; and Teressa Dewey, Deputy Clerk.

Chairman

Deputy Clerk