

DUFUR SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 12, 2016

STAFF RECEPTION

Board members met at 6:30 for a reception held to honor Terry Cobb's retirement. Terry has been employed by the Dufur School as a bus driver for 25 years. Terry has also been very involved in the development and continuation of the Jerri Walker DePriest Memorial Endowment Fund, Annual Dinner and Auction, and Spaghetti Feed. Terry has substituted in the kitchen, assisted with concessions, and fed hundreds of student's pre-game meals before heading off for District or State competitions. Although Terry is retiring from full time employment we will continue to see Terry substituting on bus routes, involved in JWD, and involved with the many activities at Dufur School. Thank you Terry!!

Chairman Stan Ashbrook called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Members present: Robert Wallace, Anne Kelly, Dave Beeson, and Monica Byers. Staff present: Jack Henderson, Virginia Albrecht, Leo Baptiste, and Tom Harris.

GUEST & PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment was heard.

CONSENT AGENDA – Items on the consent agenda:

- Board Minutes – August 1, 2016

Robert moved the consent agenda be approved. Dave seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Financial Report – Virginia presented the August financial report. The 501(c)(3) application for the Dufur School District Scholarship Foundation has been approved. Staff will be working with Jensen Management to set up the scholarship account.

Principals Report – Leo reported beginning enrollment is 301 students in spite of being closed this year to inter-district transfers. Mr. Andrews will be providing music to K-12 students via a contract with Ethos Music, funded by the Barbara Garner Endowment for the Arts. Mr. Cosgrove will be doing a lot of out-door studies with students at Fifteen Mile Creek as well as the greenhouse. Mrs. Whitley is approved to teach Writing 121 & 122, which will offer college credit courses in both math and language arts this year.

Superintendent/A.D. Reports – Jack stated the back to school night was very well attended, and food was provided by Friends of Dufur School. The Bob Crosby Estate is moving toward closing, with the house sale at \$235,000. Jack shared a thank you from Colt Gill, Oregon Education Innovation Officer, who met with board, staff and community members during the summer. The safety camera project is progressing with ESD. JWD Dinner & Auction "Roaring Twenties" will be held October 15th. The 8-Man Classic was well attended and raised \$9,100 to be used towards student activities.

Fifteen girls are out for Volleyball and 28 boys are participating in Football. Homecoming is the first week in October with Volleyball at 5:00 and Football at 7:00 v/s Arlington, and the parade on Saturday starting at 10:00.

OLD BUSINESS

Extra Duty Update – Additional Extra Duty Assignments for the 2016/17 school year include hiring C.S. Little as the Asst. Boys Basketball Coach, McKenzie Henderson as the Asst. Junior High Volleyball Coach, Jill Fargher and Alex Wilson as the Activities Fund Coordinators. Monica moved to approve the contracts. Anne seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

State School Fund – Jack reviewed with board members the 2016-17 SSF Grant, currently at \$2,622,327 based upon our extended ADMw of 463.23 students.

NEW BUSINESS

Scholarship Foundation By-Laws – Jack stated that as a result of the 501(c)(3) being approved it is time to begin the process of advertising for the 3 At-Large members for the Board of Trustees. He recommended forming the Trustee Board at the October Board of Directors meeting. Hold the organizational meeting of the Trustee Board as soon as possible, and select the legal signers for the Foundation. At that point the account can be opened and the funds invested. Anne moved to advertise for the At-Large positions. Dave seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Academic Schedule – Board members reviewed the schedule for 2016-17. Support classes to aid students in passing the required assessments to graduate have been helpful, but also restricts student’s ability to take a wider variety of elective offerings. Students interesting in competing in athletics in college struggle to meet the NCAA Clearinghouse requirements, and the timing of classes offered conflict with other courses. Jack and Leo discussed possible options with board members.

Ethos Music Program – Jack stated Ethos , Inc. provides music education in small towns across America for limited expense to the school districts. Dufur has secured a person for this school year that will provide music education to K-12 students for the complete school year. The cost is \$8,000, which will be paid out of the Barbara Garner Endowment for the Arts.

Missoula Children’s Theatre – This program is a widely acclaimed theater program that travels the world providing opportunities to groups that wouldn’t otherwise have them. Jack requested scheduling them for a week in the spring. The total expense would be \$2,900.00 which also fits in the Barbara Garner Endowment for the Arts Fund. Anne moved to approve the expenditure. Monica seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Expanded Options Program – Jack reported he had a request from a home school family to allow their high school student to participate in the districts Expanded Options Program. Expanded Options require districts to pay for students to take college courses while in High School. Dufur’s current policy, IGBHE, does not clearly state that a student must be enrolled in Dufur High School. After board discussion Robert moved to amend the policy to state students must be attending Dufur High School full time to take advantage of the Expanded Options Program. Dave seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went to Executive Session under ORS 192.660. The Board returned from Executive Session and having no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Board Chairman

Board Secretary

