

DUFUR SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
February 5, 2018

Chairman Robert Wallace called the regular meeting to order. Members present: Stan Ashbrook, Anne Kelly, Monica Byers, and Dave Beeson. Staff present: Jack Henderson, Virginia Albrecht, Leo Baptiste, Tom Harris, Dezi Remington, and Kristin Whitley.

GUESTS & PUBLIC COMMENT

Kristin & Dezi reported receiving a \$1,100.00 grant from Wasco County Cultural Corporation to take a group of students to the Shakespearian Festival in Ashland. Sixteen students applied. They will leave April 6th, view a play that evening, stay in the dorms at Southern Oregon University, have a stage tour and view a second play on the 7th before returning home. Dave moved to approve the trip and overnight stay. Stan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA – Items on the consent agenda:

- Board Minutes – January 8, 2018

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

REPORTS

Financial Report – Virginia shared cash balances for all funds as of January 31st, totaling \$3,978,062. A fund was set up within ASB to collect donations for Jase Gibson, and disburse the donations to Gibson's account at Rivermark Bank.

Principals Report – Leo reported enrollment is currently 317. Elementary level staff continues to work on RTI core instructional materials. Leo shared student improvement between testing at the beginning of the school year and mid-year. Upcoming events include a University of Idaho visit on Feb. 14th, college visitations to EOU Feb. 19th, and Univ. of Portland /MHCC on the 27th.

Superintendent/A.D. Reports –Jack reported approximately 130 community people attended the meeting with Jeff Merkley on January 14th. He also reported being in communication with Early Learning Hub, which has pledged \$10,000 for the next two years to assist with the Celilo Preschool program. Bridges to Kindergarten provided \$700 at the beginning of this school year for back-packs, books, and a family night including dinner. Bridges to Kindergarten will increase their funding to \$1,000.00 to help start the 2018/19 school year for Kindergarten students and families. Now that STRUT has moved out of the Petersburg building, and left some clean-up to be done, Steve Kramer and MCEDD will assist with clean-up. The OSAA Football Committee will recommend schools with 0-89 high school students play 6 Man Football. Schools with 89 to 120 high school students play 8 Man or 11 Man Football, their choice.

OLD BUSINESS

Facilities Improvement –Board members reviewed the updated Facilities Plan prepared by Scott Marshall from Straightline Architecture. A Preliminary Engineering Proposal prepared by Brandon Mahon from Anderson Perry & Associates was also reviewed. Materials from the Safe Routes to Schools Program, which provides money to develop safety programs as well as money to build infrastructure to provide sidewalk, bike paths, etc. was discussed.

Board Policy – Anne moved to adopt Policies KL, KL-AR, KN-AR, and JHFFE-AR. Monica seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Dufur School Food Pantry – The Regional Food Bank approached the school about opening a food bank in the school. The local City of Dufur food pantry does not benefit most of the Dufur students. This will be a joint project between the school counseling office and the school improvement class. Food sources will come from multiple sources, but will not be an expense to the district. The program requires a tax exempt 501(c) 3 status, and although the school is tax exempt it is not 501(c) 3. The Foundation 501(c) 3 can be used. There will never be money or transactions run through the foundation. Monica moved to approve formation of a Dufur School Food Bank using the Scholarship Foundation 501(c) 3 number. Dave seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

LED Lighting – Jack informed Board Members of a major incentive program of 50% to 80% available to change all lighting over to LED technology. The District is currently receiving bids and will review them at the March board meeting.

2018/19 District Calendar – Board Members reviewed the first draft of the district calendar for 2018-19, as the first reading.

Bus Purchase – Board Members reviewed a bid for a 2019, 42 passenger Blue Bird conventional bus with a wheelchair lift for \$108,937. The bus will replace the oldest route bus, and the current bus with a wheel chair lift is quite old. Anne moved to purchase the 2019 Blue Bird. Monica seconded the motion, which carried.

Building Projects Fund Transfer – Stan moved to adopt Resolution 17-03, transferring \$45,000.00 from General Fund to the Building Projects Fund, per the adopted 2017/18 budget. Dave seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Open Enrollment – Prior to March 1st each year districts are required to declare whether they are an open enrollment district for the coming year. Board members reviewed class sizes and current classroom space issues. Anne moved the Dufur School District remain a closed enrollment district for 2018/19. Dave seconded the motion that carried. Monica voted in opposition.

Wi-Fi on Busses – Google has a pilot program for 2018-19 school year that installs Wi-Fi on busses, essentially to create a rolling study hall. Google provides the hotspot equipment and installation, Wi Fi data, a teacher stipend for the bus tutor and devices for students. All installations and chrome books remain the property of the district. Monica moved the district enter into an agreement with Google to place Wi-Fi on selected buses. Dave seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Assurance of Standards – Anne moved to approve the Assurance of Standards. Stan seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Board Chairman

Board Secretary

