

DUFUR SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
March 4, 2013

The Board of Directors met in regular session. Chairman Stan Ashbrook called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Members present: Cindy Johnson, Jim Tibbets, Bill Albrecht, and Anne Kelly. Staff present: Jack Henderson and Virginia Albrecht. Guests: Kaitlin Mead, Robert Wallace, and Dave Beeson.

GUESTS & PUBLIC COMMENT – No comment was heard.

CONSENT AGENDA – Items on the consent agenda:

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Jim Tibbets moved to approve the consent agenda. Cindy Johnson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

INFORMATION

Friends of Dufur School – Dave Beeson informed board members of the formation of a booster style club. The goal of the group is to support all school programs, not just athletics. Activities that will bring community members into the school to volunteer, mentor students, and a community movie night are planned. Anyone interested in joining Friends of Dufur School, or ideas for projects, can contact Dave Beeson at Friendsofdufurschool@gmail.com.

Financial Report – Virginia presented the February financial report.

Superintendent / AD Reports – Jack reported on SB-754 which deals with changes to the PERS system, and SB-529 that governs school districts ability to opt out of E.S.D.'s. Jack stated there are currently 10 homeschool students registered in our district. All four school districts in Wasco County voted against open enrollment for the 2013-14 year. A suicide prevention workshop will be presented April 10th. The Confluence Project group met Feb. 27th. A Native American artist will be coming to the school to work on a mural this spring. Jack also reviewed the Joint Committee on Ways and Means 2013-15 Co-Chairs' Budget that was released March 4th.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy Review – Board members reviewed Policy GCHB-GDPD. Policy GCJ – Licensed Staff Workday will be updated to reflect the correct hours per day (7:45 to 3:45) staff currently work. The sentence referencing Friday hours will be eliminated. Policy GDI – Notice of Employment, deals with annual assurance of continued employment notification to Classified Employees. This has not been done in the past, but will start this year.

Policy GCBAB – Anne Kelly moved to adopt Policy GCBAB which changed the certificated staff contracts from 190 days to 185 days. Jim Tibbets seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

“Comp Time” – After further review Jack recommended the district not enter into a “comp time” system. Scheduling of employee time and occasional payment of overtime will be used.

PERS Policy – The Board heard the second reading of policy governing the reemployment of PERS Retired Staff.

JWD Trustee Report – Bill Albrecht reported on the February 12th meeting of the JWD Trustees. After raising \$31,000 last fall from the dinner and auction the checking account balance is close to \$27,000. The Trustees moved to transfer \$15,000 to the Jensen Fund. The Jensen Fund earned \$29,000 in January and now has a balance slightly over \$500,000. The Trustees agreed the pursuit of grants would benefit the scholarship fund. The Spring

Fund Raiser will be held Saturday, April 20th at Sunshine Mill. Duncan Walker continues to work on statewide press that would be open to publishing an article about the fund. Paperwork was signed to make Kyle Walker the official Secretary and Trustee through the State of Oregon.

State School Fund – The potential 2013-15 SSF levels were reviewed. \$6.150 billion would leave schools in a crisis situation. \$6.550 billion would require districts to make additional cuts. \$6.750 would give districts the ability to avoid further cuts to staff and programs. \$6.895 would allow districts to add back staff positions, restore programs, and not cut calendar days. Jack felt the \$6.750 may be reached. The Legislators have also ensured funding to offset the jump in PERS rates. For Dufur that will be an additional expense of \$100,000 in 2013-14.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Calendar – The Budget Committee meeting will be held May 13th. The vacant committee position will be filled at the April board meeting. Jim Tibbets moved to approve the budget calendar. Bill Albrecht moved to second the motion, which carried unanimously.

Certified Staff Renewal – Bill Albrecht moved to renew the current Certificated Staff for the 2013-14 school year. Anne Kelly seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Superintendent Contract Renewal – Jim Tibbets moved to renew Jack Henderson as Superintendent for three years. Cindy Johnson 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