

DUFUR SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
April 7, 2014

Chairman Anne Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Members present: Stan Ashbrook and Robert Wallace. Jim Tibbets and Bill Albrecht were absent. Staff present: Jack Henderson, Virginia Albrecht, and Leo Baptiste.

CONSENT AGENDA – Items on the consent agenda:

- March 3, 2014 Board Minutes

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

INFORMATION

Financial Report – Virginia shared the March Financial Report and the ODE Child Nutrition Monitoring and Policy Review conducted last fall. The review requires updating the Local Wellness Policy and posting the food safety inspections visible to the public. Virginia presented the revised Local Wellness Policy which adds the three year policy review requirement.

Principal/SPED Director Report – Leo reported enrollment at 273 students. He reported staff are working on the Language Arts adoption and looking at several different options. Staff Development is planned for April 16<sup>th</sup>. Smarter Balance training and a representative from National Geographic presenting CCSS aligned curriculum to K-4 staff is planned. Haven will be working with our ASB and leadership group to create posters for April Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The first round of OAKS testing is completed.

Superintendent / AD Reports – Jack reported the highest offer on the Barbara Paist property had backed out. Contact is being made with the other interested parties. A second mural is completed in the cafeteria, using Confluence Grant funds. The final community portion of the Confluence Project will be held at the Dufur City Park on June 7<sup>th</sup>. Jack is working on getting information on Health Savings Accounts and a representative from American Fidelity will be present at the June board meeting to share information and answer questions. Members of Bob Stevenson’s family plan to set up an Athletic Scholarship in Bob’s name. Chris Graham, On Line Accounting, has also set up a scholarship for accounting classes. Budget development continues, including a Google Grant for \$60,000 to purchase I-Pads, a Native American Grant to provide summer school and pre-school, and an ODE Grant for Technology.

The Baseball Team is off to a great start, with 18 students participating and they are currently ranked 3<sup>rd</sup>. Track and Field is also doing well with 15 high school students and 30 middle school students participating.

OLD BUSINESS

District Calendar 2014-15 – The final draft of the calendar provides a one hour Professional Learning Team time each Tuesday morning for staff to work on curriculum and staff development issues. Students will start school at the regular time and take part in enrichment activities during the first hour on Tuesdays. Robert moved to adopt the 2014-15 District Calendar. Stan seconded the motion, which carried.

Policy IKAC – This policy governs HS credits being awarded to Junior High students for completion of high school coursework prior to entering high school. Stan moved to adopt the policy. Robert seconded the policy, which carried.

Academic Eligibility – Jack suggested the increasing academic standards that are currently required and current requirements for student participation in extra-curricular activities be reviewed. OSAA policy states that each student athlete is required to be passing 5 out of 7 classes to be eligible to compete in an OSAA event. After discussion Robert moved to adopt the OSAA standards for athletic eligibility. Stan seconded the motion, which carried.

Strategic Plan Development – Jack requested the board consider the development of a Strategic Plan for the District. With the major changes in education today, the plan would be a roadmap for where the district is moving. The development of a plan can give the community involvement in guiding the vision of the district together with the Board of Directors and employees of the district. After discussion, Jack will get more information and work on the makeup of the committee to work on a plan.

Budget Committee Members – Stan moved Monica Byers and Cindy Johnson be appointed to the budget committee for three year terms. Robert seconded the motion, which carried.

Oregon Education Compact – Robert Wallace moved to direct the Dufur Compact Committee to continue their work on the Compact. Stan seconded the motion, which carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

CTE Grant – Jack stated the Bureau of Labor and Industries provides significant amounts of money to fund Career and Technical programs in schools. Receiving this grant would greatly strengthen the Trades Education Program at Dufur. Board consensus was to pursue the CTE Grant.

Graduation Requirements – Jack requested board discussion around the changing climate in academic rigor, required high stakes testing, work samples, modified diplomas, and GED as a high school completion. Currently Dufur requires 26 credits to graduate and the state requires 24. Students must pass tests in reading, writing, and math to graduate, or complete an acceptable work sample. With the higher requirements of Common Core many students that have graduated in the past would not today, due to the new standards/testing requirements. The state accepts the GED as an acceptable form of high school completion. Board members discussed the GED idea and when that means of graduating would be acceptable instead of the regular or honors diploma.

JWD Trustee Activities – The Trustee’s met in March, and the issue of scholarship funds awarded to students who did not utilize them was discussed. The decision was made to reallocate scholarship funds, awarded but not used, to the other JWD Scholarship recipients from that graduating class. The Spring Event is scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup> at the Civic Auditorium. The Fall Dinner & Auction will be held October 11<sup>th</sup>. This year the theme will be Black & White Ball.

Community Service Requirement – Twenty hours of community service is currently required for graduation. Currently the majority of schools require between 30 to 100 hours. Board members discussed the issue of increasing the requirement to 50 hours. Jack will develop a transition plan to be presented at the next meeting.

JWD Trustees Member – The Board is required to appoint a member to the JWD Board of Trustees. Bill Albrecht has served as a Trustee, but is stepping down at the end of the 2013/14 school year. Robert moved to appoint Stan Ashbrook to the Trustee Board. Motion carried.

Wellness Policy – The Board heard the first reading of Wellness Policy EFA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went to Executive Session under ORS 192.660. When the Board returned from Executive Session the meeting was adjourned.

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Board Chairman

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Board Secretary