

DUFUR SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 2, 2014

WORKSHOP SESSION

Chairman Anne Kelly called the workshop session to order at 6:10 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. Guests: Robert Zagunis, Kyle Walker, Duncan Walker, and Kathy Nagy.

Jensen Investment Management – Robert Zagunis, Managing Director for Jensen Investment Management, and investor of the Jerri Walker DePriest Memorial Endowment Funds, shared information with board members about the Jensen Investment’s cash management philosophy. They currently have over \$7 Billion under management and out performed the S&P 500 in 2014. JWD Funds have grown from \$483,000 to \$678,000 over the last two years of investment with Jensen.

American Fidelity Investment – Kathy Nagy, Account Executive for American Fidelity, presented a power point on H.S.A. accounts and how they can financially benefit employees as well as the district. Moda Medical Plan H is a H.S.A. compliant plan. Board members requested several scenarios be prepared for their review at the June 30th board meeting.

BUDGET HEARING

Chairman Anne Kelly declared the Budget Hearing open and requested any comments on the 2014/15 Approved Budget. Hearing no comment the Budget Hearing was declared closed.

REGULAR SESSION

Chairman Kelly opened the regular session at 7:15 P.M.

CONSENT AGENDA – Items on the consent agenda:

- May 5, 2014 Board Minutes
- May 12, 2014 Budget Committee Minutes

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

GUEST & PUBLIC COMMENT – No Public Comment was heard.

INFORMATION

Financial Report – Virginia reviewed the May financial report, highlighting fund balances and changes since the last report. Charging a fee or percentage on past due accounts was discussed. Consensus was to add payment of past due balances to student athletic contracts, use of hard-ship funds where applicable, and charging a percentage in situations not covered above.

Principal/SPED Director Report – Leo reported graduation is scheduled for Saturday June 7th and, although a few are still working on work samples, eligible seniors are on track to graduate. The evaluation process for teachers has been a long complex process as the ‘bugs’ are worked out, and it will be revamped over the summer to become more useful to teachers and administrators. K-4 students have a special art project this week, funded by Columbia Gorge Arts in Education.

Superintendent / AD Reports – Jack reported the updating of district policies by OSAA is complete. The JWD Scholarship Committee interviewed eight senior applicants for 2014 JWD Scholarships that will total \$33,000, and be awarded at graduation. After Board discussion at the last two meetings, graduation requirements will remain the same. Students needing adjustments to those requirements will be reviewed on an individual basis. A survey will be prepared and mailed to district patrons over the summer requesting input on various subjects. The Gift from Ancestors Grant is complete and will be dedicated at the Dufur City Park on Saturday, June 7th.

The Baseball Team made it to State Quarter-Finals, losing to Monroe. State Track & Field Participants were Taylor Darden placing first in discus and shot, Austin Olson placing second in shot and third in discus, and Jake Little placing 7th in javelin.

OLD BUSINESS

2014-15 District Calendar – The end of the first semester needs to be one day later than on the adopted calendar, and the in-service day associated with the end of the semester is one day later as well. Robert moved to adopt the amended calendar. Stan seconded the motion, which carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Digital-Divide – A buzz word for the lack of ability to access computer and internet technology was discussed by the Board. Some students are caught in this and tend to under achieve. Jack recommended making several computers available to students for checkout, as well as community members, to help ease this problem. Robert moved to develop a group of technology for checkout through the Dufur School Community Library. Stan seconded the motion, which carried.

Head Start at Petersburg – The Head Start Program in The Dalles is interested in using two rooms, one office, plus playground space and maybe the kitchen at Petersburg School beginning September 2014. Their plan would be to have two half day sessions each day for pre-school aged students. Stan moved the District enter into an agreement with Head Start for space at Petersburg School. Robert seconded the motion, which carried.

Late Start Tuesdays – Jack and Leo reviewed the plan for late start Tuesdays beginning next fall. Students will arrive and start school at 8:00 AM, but the first hour will be used for breakfast and enrichment activities while Certified Staff have professional development time.

Tennis Court – The Klickitat School District is interested in acquiring the fence around our current tennis court. Board members discussed the possible future uses of the tennis court area. It was decided to not sell the fence at this time. Board members also discussed the disrepair of the parking lot, and need to chip seal and/or repave, including the gravel area next to the tennis court.

Classified Agreement Ratification – Stan Ashbrook moved to ratify the classified agreement consisting of a step plus 2% increase for the 13/14 and 14/15 school years. Robert seconded the motion, which carried.

Inter District Transfers – Jack stated the district must set a number of students that will be accepted and/or released to neighboring school districts. After discussion, Robert moved to set the number of slots at 40 students for the 2014/15 school year. Stan seconded the motion, which carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board went to Executive Session under ORS 192.660. The Board returned from Executive Session.

Stan moved to set Leo Baptiste's salary for the 2014/15 school year at \$70,000 for his duties as Principal/SPED Director. Robert seconded the motion, which carried.

Robert moved to pay Tom Harris a \$1000 stipend in the 2013/14 school year for additional Transportation Supervisor duties, and increase Tom's 2014/15 monthly pay \$500, for those duties. Stan seconded the motion, which carried.

Having no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Board Chairman

Board Secretary