

SOUTH WASCO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

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**Regular Board Meeting
High School Meeting Room**

**Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2019
6:00 p.m.**

BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHERS PRESENT

Board Members Present: Carol Mitchell, Joan Stark, Josh Thompson, Rob Miles, Tammarra Ferguson, and
Melissa Huntley

Board Members Absent: Howard Fetz

Admin. Present: Ryan Wraught, Lynn Cowdrey

Others Present: none

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER at 6:08 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA BY BOARD MEMBERS

Board Chair, Josh Thompson relayed to the Board that Item 7.B – EL Report will be presented during the September meeting, pending the arrival of that report from ODE.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Joan Stark motioned to approve the agenda. Rob Miles seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

Carol Mitchell motioned to approve the consent agenda. Joan Stark seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A. Regular Board/Budget Hearing Minutes for July 10, 2019 approval*

B. Acknowledge Payment of Bills*

C. Personnel Report

5. RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Cowdrey, K-12 Principal presented the "Every Day Matters" statewide initiative that the District is participating in. The goal of this initiative is to improve student absenteeism rates throughout the state and in SWC District. The district will be applying for additional funding to help meet the goal of decreasing chronic absenteeism.

6. INFORMATIONAL

(Brief reports to the Board about the activities of the district, schools, and community.)

A. Athletic Director's Report.....Jim Hull

a. None this month

B. Principal's Report.....Lynn Cowdrey

a. Music – we have been in contact with AmeriCorp in hopes of recruiting a music teacher to our school. Some transitions are happening at Ethos, (music department of AmeriCorp) The director we have worked with is moving to another job, but has been very helpful in trying to recruit a person for our district. We will be contacting the recommended applicant this week.

b. Grade School Textbooks (Math) – the grade school textbooks have arrived and Jamie Sowell has all K-6 teachers registered for the online resources, so they can begin familiarizing themselves with the new materials. During In-Service week we will have a curriculum trainer working with the grade school staff.

c. High School Social Studies Textbooks – we are putting together a group of parents to review the Government textbook options and will also be working with the high school Social Studies teacher for recommendations.

- C. Superintendent's Report.....Ryan Wraught
- a. In-Service Week – we have a very ambitious inservice week this year with many trainings including; MODA insurance/HRA session, TylerSis training, Chromebook and Google Classroom training, Math Curriculum trainings.
 - b. Webpage – the new webpage has launched and has some very good features for improved communication. Mr. Sowell is still debugging links to make sure that everything is running properly.
 - c. Facilities Update
 - i. Flood of 2019 – the maintenance crew pumped approximately 240 gallons from the basement floor after the recent storm. The occurred from 9-midnight – Mr. Wraught wanted to thank Doni/Jon B/Kevin for the after hours work.
 - ii. Playground – new grass had been planted, water main pipes have been replaced to take care of the water issues near the basketball court.
 - iii. Trees – the two large trees in front of the high school have been trimmed, the preschool playground area trees have been trimmed and the large tree on the slope of the track is in the process of being removed.
 - iv. Sky AC/Heating have performed preventative maintenance and some other needed maintenance on all AC units needing repairs at the grade school. They are also going to work on a bid for ductless AC/Heat Pump for the Junior High and High School.
 - v. Painting – Yancy Wells is doing a great job of painting the grade school and Old District building. We are realizing that due to time constraints the gym and Old District building will be finished next year.
 - vi. After one fan was failing in the kitchen walk-in freezer Oregon Equipment was contacted, who rebuilt many of the components.

7. **BOARD DISCUSSION**

(Non-routine items which require discussion individually. These items will be presented by the appropriate staff, with a recommendation for future action.)

- A. Review Bend, OR – Board Training
- a. New Board Members, Tammarra Ferguson and Melissa Huntley attended the annual "School Board Summer Camp" in Bend. They shared that they attended many good sessions including sessions on School Bonds, Roles & Responsibilities, Board Ethics, Equity in Education and Evaluation of the Superintendent. Melissa was interested in learning more about AVID after she attended a session on that. There was a discussion about the program and, follow up research will be done on AVID and brought back to the Board
- B. EL Report – postponed until next month.
- C. 1st Reading Policies – EFAA-AR, GBCA, IGAI, IKF
- a. These required policies are updates from the current policy.
 - EFAA-AR – reviewed for new language about withholding meals from students who cannot pay for lunch, and communicating only with parents/guardians about outstanding bills. The district currently qualifies for the Community Eligibility Plan and does not charge students for lunch or breakfast.
 - GBCA – Updates include gender neutral language consistent with the new law.
 - IGAI – Update includes the language "culturally inclusive" consistent with the new law.
 - IKF – Update to address EL students and the ability to test Essential Skills in the language of origin – without the previous qualifying criteria.

8. **BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

(Non-routine items which require action individually. These items will be presented by appropriate staff with a recommendation for action. If an item is taken off of the consent agenda for discussion it will be placed in this category.)

A. School Board/District Priority Goals

After a discussion on the goals, Board Member Rob Miles requested that a goal for communication/climate be added to the document. This item was tabled pending that new language.

B. Working Agreement

After a brief discussion and review of the document, Carol Mitchell motioned to approve the Working Agreement. Joan Stark seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Ratify Licensed Personnel – Collective Bargaining Agreement

Discussion – Supt. Wrought walked the Board through the proposed CBA, outlining significant changes to the contract. Carol Mitchell motioned to approve the CBA. Joan Stark seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Delete Policies: JHFDA, JHFDA-AR

After a change in the law these policies were no longer in compliance. The above policies gave school districts the right to request that a student's driving license be suspended due to misbehaviors. Joan Stark motioned to delete the noted policies. Carol Mitchell seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

9. **BOARD GOALS**

(During this time the Board shares with the audience what goals and priorities the Board is concentrating on.)

10. **COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE ABOUT AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

No audience present.

11. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

(These items require administrative action, not requiring Board Approval. General information for Board Members).

- A. Policy BG – It was noted for the record that this policy will be followed this year, when/if Board members choose to visit classrooms during the instructional day.

12. **RECESS TO EXEC. SESSION** under 192.660 (2) (d) meet with person designated to conduct labor negotiations (f) records exempt from public inspection

13. **RECONVENE TO REGULAR BOARD MEETING FOR ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION** (if necessary)

14. **ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING** at 8:12 p.m.

*Information attached

Board Chair

Date

Board Secretary

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