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Regular Board Meeting
District Meeting Room

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019
6:00 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHERS PRESENT

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

Board Members Absent: Tamarra Ferguson

Admin. Present: Ryan Wrought, Lynn Cowdrey, Aimee Hovis

Others Present: Josh Kurtz, Yancy Wells, Jim Hull, Marla Rethwill

1. CALL TO ORDER at 6:00 PM

2. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA BY BOARD MEMBERS

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Carol Mitchell motioned, Joan Stark seconded to approve the agenda. Passed
unanimously.

4. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. Regular Board for Oct. 9, 2019 approval*
- B. Acknowledge Payment of Bills*
- C. Personnel Report
- D. Contracts

Carol Mitchell motioned, Joan Stark seconded to approve the consent agenda. Passed
unanimously.

5. RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS

None this month.

6. INFORMATIONAL

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

The volleyball finished second in district playoffs this season. Volleyball team is very young with only two seniors which leads to a very positive outlook for next year. A special thank you to the coaches that have put in many extra hours working with the team.

The football team won the first state title for 6 man football. Many community members traveled to support the football team. Thank you to the efforts of our football coaches in working with the team and being available above and beyond practices time for training on and off season. Coach Carter made the weight room available in the mornings during the summer to help the team stay in shape.

The girls' JH basketball practices started two weeks ago. There currently are 28 girls on the team. JH boys' basketball team has 17 out for the team and started practice last week. Another special thanks to the coaches who are volunteering many of these coaches do not even have kids on the team yet mentor and work with our grade school students.

High school basketball cannot start practice until November 18th. The John Howey Tourney will have two home games Dec 6th and 7th instead of the tourney

due to schools canceling.

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

Grade School: Kindergarten class went to the pumpkin patch in Tygh Valley. Fifth grade class went to fish hatchery. OBOB club has started their season. The Veteran's day program by the grade school was successfully received. There were over 40 veterans in attendance and many community members gave compliments on the program.

High School: The school will hold the PSAT test for students on Wednesday, November 16th. Four students are signed up to take the SAT test on the Dec 7th at the high school. The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) test was on Nov 13th. High School students get immediate results and then are able to talk to military personnel.

Student Behavior/Discipline: There has been 251 referrals this year. Last year we had 106 for the entire year. Some reasons for the increase of referrals is due to increase training on the program to staff on how to input a referral and the definition of a referral has been redefined. Referral before was a discipline opportunity but now it is more of a communication process to allow teachers to see notes on students. Referral may or may not require further action by a teacher or a staff member. Many of them are considered "no further action needed." If a referral becomes escalated, it becomes an "event." If a student get several events then there will be an intervention plan made for the student. The transportation staff is also meeting monthly to discuss referrals. Certified and classified staff discuss referrals in their scheduled staff meetings with the principal.

Grade School Referral Grand Total: 79
Grade School Ground Referrals: 16
Grade School Cafeteria Referrals: 12

High School Referral Grand Total: 127
High School Ground Referrals: 5
High School Bus Referrals: 13

Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences: Conferences will be held on Monday, November 25th and Tuesday, November 26th. Certified staff collaborated at their staff meeting on how to make these conference more listening sessions with parents. In the past conferences have not been well attended. Grade school teachers and secretary have reached out to parents to schedule times for conferences.

C. Superintendent's Report.....Ryan Wrought

October and the beginning of November has been a very busy time. Ryan, Lynn and Aimee attended a meeting in The Dalles with the Oregon Department of Education to get training and information on the new Student Success Act. To prepare our strategic CIP plan, the district has engaged the community during multiple meetings throughout the district zone. The first engagement meeting was in Wamic with an interpreter from the Columbia Gorge ESD. Unfortunately no one from the community attended. The next meeting was at Simnasho. This meeting provided many creative ideas and dialog with community members in ways students in our district can be better served. We had several agencies that worked directly with the tribal students provide feedback and ways the district can partner together. Two meetings were held in Maupin one focused on K-6 students and another for 7-12. Maupin meetings did not have any one in attendance. Tygh Valley community meeting had four families in attendance. The district reschedule another meeting in Wamic and had five people attend. The engagement in the meeting was strong and the community members provided several topics for the district. As the Wamic community members were leaving, they stated they had no idea the meeting was a collaborative meeting and wished some other families could have attended. With that feedback the district will schedule another meeting after the Thanksgiving holidays. The

Columbia ESD will translate the comments and provide them to the district and also attend the meeting in December. A special thank you to board member Joan Stark for attending both Wamic meetings. Mental health, music, counseling, classroom support and advanced classes were common topic brought up by all the community engagement meetings. An online survey was also posted on the school website for staff, students, and community members to provide feedback to the district.

On November 19th, Ryan will provide a copy of the CIP plan to the board to discuss and approve to submit to the state. A CIP is a global general plan provided to the state. There will be a partnership with ODE due to the schools math score as well as chronic absenteeism and additional funding provided by the state to help our district's scores. Ryan and Lynn also attended a workshop in Condon to have the CIP reviewed by peers and the ESD.

The "Redsides Report" was created as on-line newsletter that will be sent once or twice a month to the staff at the district by Ryan. This issue talked about the track project, CIP, and SSA. It also included updates on the building and maintenance, Dean of students position, and wellness room. Ryan asked for staff volunteers to create a committee to provide ideas for the wellness room which will be located in the old district office across from the library. The wellness room will be for all staff members.

The grade school computer lab is currently being remodeled. This room will be used for MAPS testing and state testing. The carpet has been pulled. There were hardwood floors so they will be refinished. Yancy Wells will be painting over the holidays. Thank you to Kevin Duree for all his hard work on the remodel project.

7. BOARD DISCUSSION

A. Climate Survey

After a discussion about the climate survey it was decided that the Tell Survey would be given to teachers each even numbered year, and a district administered survey would be conducted to all staff on odd numbered years.

B. Bond Investigation Meeting

Straight Line Architecture Firm met with the Bond Committee to discuss the next steps for a bond. The committee discussed the timeline for the state grant and master plans for how the district may allocate the bond and grant funds. The next bond meeting is November 20th at 6 PM.

C. OSBA Regional

Josh Thompson attended the regional meeting. It was focused on the Student Success Act. The meeting reviewed what was already presented by the ESD and Ryan at the October board meeting. North Wasco, Hood River, and Mosier Schools were the other districts represented at the meeting.

8. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

A. 2nd Reading Policies: JFCJ, JFCF, JGAB, IKI, GBDA

Discussion regarding JFCF spurred Melissa Huntley to ask if there are any training and education on trafficking to students. There has been reports that some students are being "groomed." Principal Lynn Cowdrey will investigate and report back at the next school board meeting.

Joan Stark motioned, Melissa Huntley seconded to table policy GBDA to have further discussion at the December board meeting. Passed unanimously.

Joan Stark motion, Carol Mitchell second to approve policies JFCJ, JFCF, JGAB, and IKI. Passed unanimously.

B. Student Representative

Joan Stark motioned, Carol Mitchell second to approve to have a student representative on the board of directors. Passed unanimously.

9. BOARD GOALS

The goals are posted on the website at www.swasco.net

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

- A. Donkey Basketball fundraiser by PTO on November 24th at the high school gym at 2 PM.

11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. School Board Training – Nov. 19th 5:00-8:00 PM
- B. School Enrollment: MGS 121, JR/HS 109. Total District 230

12. RECESS TO EXEC. SESSION under 192.660 (2)(d) conduct deliberations with persons designated by governing board to carry on labor negotiations.

13. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING at 7:05 PM.