

Harrisburg School District No. 7

P.O. Box 208
Harrisburg, OR 97446
Regular Board Meeting
October 10, 2016

Present: Board Chair Wayne Swango, Board Vice-Chair Shelly Watson, Anthony Knox, Terry Crabb,
Superintendent Bryan Starr, Business Manager Pam Strutz, Recording Secretary Michele Pelkey
Absent: Randy Klemm

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Board Chair Wayne Swango called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
2. **OPEN SESSION:** Board Chairman Wayne Swango declared the meeting to be in open session at 6:32 p.m.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda was amended to add 11B: Tuition for out of district students. Anthony Knox motioned, seconded by Shelly Watson, approved unanimously by the Board: **approve the agenda as amended.**
4. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Shelly Watson motioned, seconded by Anthony Knox, approved unanimously by the Board: **approve the consent agenda as presented.**
 - A. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 12, 2016
 - B. BILLS REPORT
 - C. APPROVE FOR REHIRE – SPRING COACHES: **Ryan Malpass**, HHS Head Baseball Coach; **Eric Detzler**, HHS Assistant Baseball Coach; **Colton Jacobson**, HHS JV Baseball Coach; **Pat McKibben**, HHS Head Softball Coach; **Darrin McGee**, HHS Assistant Softball Coach; **Scott Phelps**, Head Track Coach; **Clare Buhler**, Assistant Track Coach; **Stephen Grimes**, Assistant Track Coach; **Pat Jarman**, Assistant Track Coach;
 - D. APPROVAL OF CONTRACT: **Megan Collett**, HSD Business Office Clerk
5. **WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS**
 - A. STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Terren Crabb from Harrisburg Elementary School, Sage Clark from Harrisburg Middle School, and Asim Hasik from Harrisburg High School were each recognized for their outstanding citizenship and academics.
 - B. LEADERSHIP REPORT: Deziree Brock presented the Leadership report. She said that the Leadership Club organized homecoming week which included a dodge ball tournament, a powder puff football game and other events during the week. They are saving money for a Leadership retreat and the disabilities dance. Deziree also reported that the club is starting a fund that would go toward rebuilding the track. She said that there is a lot going on right now with the Leadership Club, but these are the main things.
6. **SPECIAL SPEAKER**
 - A. BRIAN LATTA, CITY OF HARRISBURG ADMINISTRATOR: Brian Latta reported that in the City they have a lot of things happening including the 150th year anniversary of the founding of Harrisburg. He outlined the events that would be taking place on the 22nd and 23rd of this month. He also informed everyone that the Harrisburg Library will restart the weekly story time. He reported that they are working on the water by doing extensive testing, so that they will know how to treat the water. They plan on taking the issues to the voters via bond that will be between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000. He announced that they have a 132 acre park planned on the gravel bar which will be excavated by Knife River before they take the land over. They have many things planned for the park. Mr. Latta reported that the crime prevention forum in HS Library went well. He said that they currently have three neighborhood watch groups in town. Mr. Latta said that they are seeking youth advisors for the planning commission and the city council. Each group meets at least once a month.

7. LEARNING/TEACHING/ACHIEVEMENT/CURRICULUM

- A. **BAND TRIP 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR: GUS GYDE:** Gus Gyde said that his band will be playing in Harrisburg's birthday parade this month. He also presented the trip that he has planned for his high school band students. He said that this will be the 5th time he has taken this trip to Victoria, British Columbia. He said there will be a drum battle, an American bands parade, and they will be playing in the Victoria Day parade. Mr. Gyde said that his goal for all of his field trips is to include education, music, and fun. They will also visit The Butchart Gardens, and fisherman's wharf. Mr. Gyde asked the Board if they had any questions. Shelly Watson said that she was very excited for them. Wayne Swango thanked Mr. Gyde for his efforts. Shelly Watson moved, seconded by Anthony Knox, approved unanimously by the Board: ***approve the 2017 band trip to British Columbia as presented.***

8. BUILDING PRINCIPALS REPORTS

- A. **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:** Carol O'Connor reported that everything has been quiet in her building; attendance has been good. She said that the first grade teachers are very grateful for the approval of extra help for their large classrooms. She said that open house went well. She also reported that Cosmos donated 100% of the popcorn for their recent fundraiser.
- B. **MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Darci Stuller reported that the first grade check for this school year went well. Attendance is good and they are trying to resolve a few attendance problems early on. A.V.I.D. strategies and organization are being stressed for the 6th graders.
- C. **HIGH SCHOOL:** Josh Stauber reported that attendance is good. He said that there is a new link on the high school's website to the college and career program. FAFSA night is coming up. FAFSA applications can be submitted in October now. Between Athletics and Homecoming week was busy and successful.

9. GRANTS

- A. **CAROL O'CONNOR:** Carol O'Connor presented a grant that she will be submitting for the food to home program to Spirit Mountain for \$2000.00.
- B. **HAILEY HOILAND:** Bryan Starr said that Hailey Hoiland applied for a grant to Lowe's charitable education foundation for \$2000 to support Green Day.
- C. **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FROM ODE:** Superintendent Starr applied for Technical Assistance Grants through the state of Oregon.
- D. **LONG RANGE FACILITY PLANNING GRANT FROM ODE:** Bryan Starr reported that we should know by the end of this month if we receive this grant. Shelly Watson moved, seconded by Anthony Knox, approved unanimously by the Board: ***approve the grants as presented.***

10. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: There were no questions or comments.

11. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORTS

- A. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Business Manager Pam Strutz passed out 2016-17 Expenditures by function/object – General Fund. We have spent less than the expected budget amount by \$103,658. There were no questions from the Board.
- B. **TUITION DISCUSSION:** Business Manager Pam Strutz reported that the tuition amount for a student who would like to attend from another district, who cannot transfer via traditional methods, has not been discussed in the time she has been here. Our policy states that we will decide on a tuition amount annually. She said that other school districts use one of two ways to calculate the annual tuition amount: Net Operating Expenditures per student as published by ODE, or an amount based on the State School Support funding per student. Bigger school districts tend to use the cost method as opposed to the State School Funding amount. She said that Monroe charges \$6900 for a school year. She said that the tuition decision should include the method and as well as the amount. Wayne asked if we could count this student in our ADM. Pam Strutz said no, when we receive the tuition, we do not count them in our ADM count. Shelly averaged the Net Operating

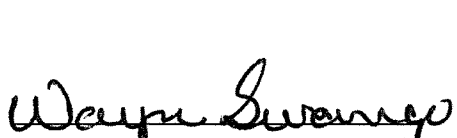
Expenditures, General Purpose Grant and the State School Fund Grant amounts presented by Pam and came up with \$7000, and prefers that method. Terry asked how much screening we are able to do before accepting a student on tuition. Superintendent Starr believed that legally, he wasn't allowed to ask questions except for the expulsion question: are they currently under expulsion from their resident school? Pam told the Board that we will set the tuition every July going forward. Anthony said he would like to go with the Net Operating Expenditures amount, not knowing what the student will ultimately cost the school. Wayne agreed and felt like a decision should be made tonight. Anthony Knox moved, seconded by Wayne Swango, Shelly Watson opposed: **set the tuition rate at \$8972.32**. Motion carried 3:1.

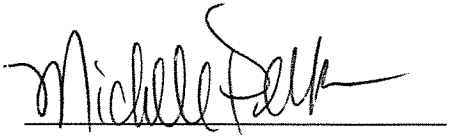
Pam Strutz passed out a PERS report showing the ramifications of the decision made in the Oregon Supreme Court PERS lawsuit. She said we've been expecting that 2017-2019 rates will increase substantially. Our rate for the 2015-17 biennium is 22.33% for Tier I/II employees and 17.64% for the OPSRP (newer) employees. These rates do not include the 6% employee contribution that the District "picks up" and pays on behalf of the employee. For the 2017-19 biennium the Tier I/II rate will be 27.02% and the OPSRP rate will be 21.87%. Terry asked how other school districts are going to deal with the PERS shortfall. Pam Strutz said that the bigger school districts have set funds aside either by selling bonds that could only be used for PERS, or by adding to a restricted Fund Balance. Our District added \$40,000 to the 2016-17 budgeted ending fund balance for this purpose. She said that she is estimating a \$200,000 increase in PERS costs in next year's budget, and 4-5% increases every biennium thereafter.

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. SEISMIC RENOVATION: Superintendent Starr said that the results of testing of the structural analysis of the MS gym came back that it is very sound even though the walls are only 8" thick. New trusses for the ceiling, and round bars in the walls will be installed. New floors will also be installed since they will be driving equipment on it. Wayne said that the middle school ceiling is too low. Mr. Starr said that he would talk to the engineers about it to see if it can be raised. A contractor manager/general contractor will work with the structural engineer on the project. The work will be done this summer.
- B. WATER TESTING FOR LEAD: Superintendent Starr reported that we are under the requirements for lead in the water school wide. Several samples were taken throughout the schools. Radon testing has to be completed by the year 2021.
- C. BUSINESS OFFICE EFFICIENCY REVIEW: Superintendent Starr reported that on the 12th and 13th the ESD will be conducting an efficiency review for how student body funds are handled as well as payroll to help streamline our processes.
- D. STAFFING/VOLUNTEERS REPORT: The Staffing and Volunteers report was included in the Board packets.
- E. CELEBRATIONS: The teachers were busy on the September 30th curriculum day learning about common core standards, vertical alignment power standards and more. It was a very productive day, and Superintendent Starr reported that he made it around to every school. Superintendent Starr read a letter written by a parent of a student from Lebanon to Athletic Director Tony Koontz about the outstanding sportsmanship of the HHS JV volleyball team.

13. ADJOURN: Wayne Swango adjourned the meeting at 7:49 p.m.


Wayne Swango, Board Chairman


Michele Pelkey, Recording Secretary