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**Regular Board Meeting**  
**District Meeting Room**

**Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Howard Fetz

**Admin. Present:** Ryan Wraught, Lynn Cowdrey, Aimee Hovis

**Others Present:** Josh Kurtz, and Yancy Wells

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 6:05 PM
2. **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA BY BOARD MEMBERS**
  - A. Addition – Track Project to Board Discussion
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
  - A. Motion was made by Joan Stark to approve the agenda. Second was made by Rob Miles.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
  - A. Regular Board for Nov. 13, 2019 approval\*
  - B. Acknowledge Payment of Bills\*
  - C. Personnel Report
  - D. Contracts
  - E. Motion was made by Rob Miles to approve the consent agenda. Motion was seconded by Joan Stark.
5. **RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS**
  - A. Assoc. Student Body Report has been moved to January Board meeting.
6. **INFORMATIONAL**
  - A. AD/Dean of Students Report.....Jim Hull  
No report this month.
  - B. Principal's Report.....Lynn Cowdrey
    - A special thank you to Kevin Duree for his quick action to have the roof repaired so basketball game could continue as scheduled.
    - This month, Superintendent Wraught and Principal Cowdrey attended the law conference put on COSA.
    - Josh Kurtz and Heidi Gibson attended a math conference in preparation and training on how to put on a "math night."
    - On Jan 6<sup>th</sup> Josh Kurtz will be attending another math conference.
    - Dec 7<sup>th</sup> students took advantage of taking SAT. Four students took the test at the high school.
    - Dec 10<sup>th</sup> the district held another Student Success Act (SSA) community engagement meeting at the Smock School in Wamic. These meetings have been eye openers and provided great feedback to the school district. The district will be creating a team of paid interpreters to ensure documents going to the community and parents are bilingual. This team will also help with in person conversations. Jonathan Frost from the Columbia Gorge ESD facilitated the SSA meeting.
    - Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> will be the grade school assembly. On December

19<sup>th</sup> is the STEM robotics team will have a competition, and later the same evening the Winter Program at the grade school will be held at 6 PM.

- December 20<sup>th</sup> will be the last day before break and will be a half day of school.
- Donkey Basketball was fantastic. It was organized by the SWC PTO. It was well received and attended event. Community members from Sherman and Dufur also were in attendance and were interested in being involved for next year.
- Principal Cowdrey has been in communication with Ethos to get an update on the arrival of the music teacher. Ethos wanted more information on rent and housing for the teacher. If Ethos is unable to give a secure answer regarding the music teacher by Friday, the district will decide to postpone the music program for the 2019/2020 school year. The grade school teachers have filled the gap and prepared the Winter Program to ensure music is exposed to grade school students.
- Art is available to high school students as an elective option. Grade school has art integrated by the teachers. Examples that grade school teachers have done with their students are pour painting, Macy Day Parade, Reindeer art and many other class projects. The PTO will also be hosting a free paint night during Winter Break open to all students and community members. A date for the paint night will be announced soon by the PTO.

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

- There was an accident on November 25<sup>th</sup> at the Jr High building. A parent came up the hill during parent/teacher conference time and reached down for something in their car. When the parent looked back up, they hit the Jr High building. Minor damage to the building but major damage with the cat walk. No one was hurt and car was able to drive off. The district will be awaiting a police report and notify the insurance company.
- Technical assistant grant for facility assessment and long term planning was for \$45k. The District has been reimbursed for \$18k through EGMS and rest will come later this fiscal year.
- November 14<sup>th</sup> Superintendent Wrought, Principal Cowdrey, and Toni Cowdrey attended training for a new special education software that will integrate with Medicaid billing so the district can be reimbursed for those costs.
- The district has been impressed with Anderson roofing. Kevin called on Tuesday and by that afternoon they were onsite, diagnosed problem and resolved it before the basketball game that night.
- Grade school computer lab project is going really well. The floors are being sanded and resealed. Yancy Wells is painting during Winter Break. The goal was to make the room more welcoming for students to complete their state and local testing.
- The district has been focusing on additional and improved lighting for safety and to reduce workman's compensation claims. A construction company will be coming in on Friday to fix beam in the grade school gym to strengthen the structure before the Winter Program.

**7. BOARD DISCUSSION**

**A.** 1<sup>st</sup> Reading Policies: AC, AC-AR, KL, IGBBA, IGBBC

**B.** State Report Card: Superintendent Wrought reviewed state testing results and how the district is planning through the CIP and the Student Success Act in improving district goals. These will be posted on the school website.

**C.** Track Project Update: Track project is progressing and having regular meetings. Rob Miles presented preliminary marketing documents. Project is in the early stages in the planning stages and fundraising has already started. A website is in progress so donations can be made online. The track project is working with the Bond committee to come up with a master plan for the district facilities. As continual progress is made in the project, the Track committee will give the board updates and welcome board feedback.

**8. BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

**A.** Policy GBDA: A motion was made by Joan Stark to table Policy for further discussion at January board meeting to allow additional research to be done by Superintendent Wraught and board members. The motion was seconded by Rob Miles.

**B.** Board Goal Review: Superintendent Wraught reviewed updates to the Board Goals. Changes included updates to the state testing scores goals to 10% and Freshman on track and graduation rate was updated to match the CIP. Motion was made by Rob Miles to approve the Board Goals and seconded by Tammarra Ferguson.

**9. BOARD GOALS**

The goals are posted on the website at [www.swasco.net](http://www.swasco.net)

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

**A.** Josh Kurtz wanted extend a thank you to the board for their involvement in the community and support for the teaching staff. The teaching association has been proactive in reaching out to the Superintendent and Principal in regards to discipline and district climate. Open communication between the union and board has been appreciated to foster feedback, working together, and reaching the district's goals.

**11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A.** Bond Investigation Meeting – Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m.

**B.** Student Count – District 229 High School 71 Junior High 36 Grade School 122

**C.** Regular Attenders

**D.** Discipline Events

**12. RECESS TO EXEC. SESSION**

**13. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING** at 7:55 PM.