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

**Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHERS PRESENT**

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

**Board Members Absent:** none

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

**Others Present:** Josh Kurtz, Marla Rethwill, Jim Hull, Yancy Wells, Marni Maleyft, Holly Miles, Sydney Ferguson, Jenna Wraught, Laurynn Davis, and Caitlyn Stebbins

1. **CALL TO ORDER** at 6:10 p.m.
2. **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA BY BOARD MEMBERS**
  - A. Distance learning with Columbia Gorge Community College, added to Superintendent's report.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
  - A. Motion was made by Rob Miles to approve the agenda. Second was made by Joan Stark. Motion approved unanimously.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
  - A. Regular Board Minutes for Dec. 11, 2019 approval\*
  - B. Acknowledge Payment of Bills\*
  - C. Personnel Report
  - D. Contracts
  - E. Motion was made by Joan Stark to approve the consent agenda.  
Motion was seconded by Carol Mitchell. Motion approved unanimously.
5. **RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS**
  - A. Assoc. Student Body Report
    - ASB did an overview of events that have happened for the HS.
    - Update on homecoming events
      - Added GPA requirement for royalty
      - Great participation on spirit dress up days
      - Photos shared on floats, and lip sync
    - Halloween had a costume contest and movies in the afternoon
    - Winter activities
      - Decorate lockers and advisors door
      - Continued advisor room decoration contest to earn spirit points
      - Jr class took first place.
      - Ugly sweater and Pajama contest
      - 27 participants with a Secret Santa gift exchange with holiday movie
    - OASB – Oregon Student Body Association Conference
      - Conference workshops for small schools in addition to other workshops to increase school spirit.
      - It was a great networking and learning opportunity.
    - Upcoming events
      - Kindness week – January 21<sup>st</sup> -25<sup>th</sup>
      - Valentine's Day co- fundraiser with the Culture Club
      - Winter Formal - January 25<sup>th</sup> at the new Civic Center

- Sadie Hawkins Dance – March 20th at City Park building
- Spring Fling week – March 16th to 20th
- Teacher Appreciation Week – May 4th 8th
- Class Color Day, ASB elections, end of the retreat, and Senior send off at the end of May
- New updates
  - New social media posts to keep students updated
  - Monthly calendar with events in hallway
  - Countdown to major events in hallway
  - Announcement slideshow
  - Next year hoping to add attendance requirement to qualify for homecoming royalty
  - Looking into having each class host a major event to relieve the ASB in putting on most of the events.
- Thank you to the board and district for the \$2,000 that helped purchase a much needed new PA system as well as put on the annual events. ASB appreciates the opportunity to present to the school board.

## 6. INFORMATIONAL

- A. AD/Dean of Students Report.....Jim Hull
- High School Basketball are starting off very well. Both teams are 2-2 in league games.
    - Girls at 6-6 Boys at 8-4
    - District games on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> in Madras
    - JR High girls have 24 girls playing, 16 boys playing
    - Next year district volleyball and basketball will be in Goldendale since it will be a more central location with the addition of Washington schools in our league.
    - District track on May 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>
    - Once new track is created, league said they would like to have districts at SWC
    - Girls' basketball team is fundraising in free throws contest. Boys' team will be doing free throw fundraising tomorrow at 5:30 p.m.
  - Dean report
    - Working with kids thru several challenging items regarding discipline.
    - Board Chair asked if Dean had all the tools to be successful and Dean confirmed that he had all the tools and support needed.
- B. Principal's Report.....Lynn Cowdrey
- Had one inclement weather day on Dec 19<sup>th</sup>.
    - Winter Program was cancelled due to the weather.
  - Robotics
    - Robotics still attended competition in Hood River on Dec 19<sup>th</sup>.
    - Next met will be Saturday January 12<sup>th</sup> at Hood River High School.
  - Winter break was December 23<sup>rd</sup> to January 5<sup>th</sup>
  - Two-hour delay for inclement weather on January 14<sup>th</sup>
    - Talking internally regarding having a three-hour delay
  - ASB Kindness week starting January 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Grade school assembly on January 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Music Program Update
    - Music teacher has been found with Ethos
    - Teacher is from San Francisco
    - Ethos is currently processing fingerprinting validation
    - Hoping to have music teacher in two weeks
    - Special thank you to PTO in helping with housing
    - Grade School teachers are supportive of starting program mid-year
    - Music will start just at the grade school but will be looking at integrating into high school
- C. Superintendent's Report.....Ryan Wraught
- Distance learning meeting with Columbia Gorge Community College and ESD regarding trade and career classes

- CIP plan has been approved
- Next step is approval of the Student investment accounts. Items that are on the priority list based on the community engagement meetings:
  - i. Mental Health
  - ii. Counseling
  - iii. Instructional Support
  - iv. SPED support and early intervention in K-3 classes
  - v. Additional elective classes
- March is the due date to have completed with public comment opportunity during the board meeting and school board approval
- April 15<sup>th</sup> the plan will be submitted
- Service Master came to the high school during Christmas break to replace ceiling tiles, remove urine-soaked insulation and replace insulation in Chrome lab due to rodents. NW Pest Control also came in with traps and will come back periodically to check facilities.
- Adjustment to EA in transportation to take this position as a full-time bus monitor work with bus drivers, riding routes, repairing seats, creating homework buddy system for kids to work on homework during routes. District would like to put more camera on the bus. Currently there is four cameras on the bus. The goal is to have 10 per bus which also includes cameras that have external views recorded.
- In the transition of staffing, a part time EA will be working with Aimee to help digitalize archived documents into a digital format.
- PERS – changes to policy effective January 1<sup>st</sup> that affect our district include increase to payroll expense. District will have to pay 26% of PERS on retirees starting January 1<sup>st</sup>. We have seven employees or subs that are retired and continue to work.
- PERS IAP- Individual account plan update:
  - Tier 1 and 2: Two and half percent of the six percent will go to off sent PERS liability account.
  - Tier 3: There will be 0.75 percent going towards the PERS liability account.

## 7. BOARD DISCUSSION

### A. Bond Committee Update

- Minutes are in consent agenda
  - Brain storming new café and multiuse building
  - New secure area at the grade school and office
  - K-5 or K-8 structure and looking at pros and cons
  - Piper Jaffrey document - update on Bond numbers

### B. Deschutes River Athletic Complex (D.R.A.C.)

- Meeting on Monday, working at solidifying overall plan and layout.
- Next meeting Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>
- Funding is looking well. Preliminary funding complete to get thru preliminary stage of engineering.
- Butterfly garden would like to be located in front of the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade building before track construction begins.
  - Garden club would like it close to the grade school classes
    - Would like 30 x 30 area prepped by having grass killed
    - Would like 4x4s for hog panels
    - Looking into April 1<sup>st</sup> as a work day
    - Plants will be rehomed during spring and summer and replaced in the fall of 2020
    - Sprinkler system would have to be reset
  - Change the name to a "Demonstration Butterfly Garden"
  - Concerns with new location is having kids close to the road and butterflies do not like being near the roadway
- Overall budget has not been set yet. D.R.A.C. will have a more solid budget by the next board meeting
- Timeline
  - April 2020 Oregon National Guard to start dirt and fill work
  - Spring 2021 goal of completion due to world championship in 2021 and having this track be a training area
- Website published to give information on the project and collect on-line donations

- C. 2020-21 District Calendar Review
  - District is looking at two different calendars. Staff have been surveyed on preference. The two different options provided on the consent agenda.
    - Teachers voting results:
      - 13 for Option B
      - 5 for Option A
      - 2 no preference
    - Bus drivers preferred Option B.
    - Two common in-service days have been scheduled so teachers can collaborate with neighboring school districts on Sept 25<sup>th</sup> and Feb 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **8. BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

- A. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading/Approval Policies: AC, AC-AR, KL, IGBBA, IGBBC
  - Motion was made by Joan Stark to approve policies AC, AC-AR, KL, IGBBA, IGBBC. Second was made by Carol Mitchell. Motion approved unanimously.
- B. Division 22
  - Sup. Wraught reviewed slidedeck on district's compliance with Division 22. Deck is published on the school website. It will be submitted by February 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - Motion was made by Carol Mitchell to approve Division 22 as presented. Second was made by Joan Stark. Motion approved unanimously.
- C. Audit Approval
  - Motion was made by Carol Mitchell to approve audit results and report. Second was made by Joan Stark. Motion approved unanimously.
- D. Policy GBDA
  - Motion was made by Rob Miles to approve adopted language in policy GBDA. Second was made by Joan Stark. Voting: 4 yes, 2 no. Motion passed.

## **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. South Wasco County Associations spoke to increase communication with the association and the school board to reach education goals of the district and state. Association feels communication with all stakeholder will be helped through listen sessions/open discussions and town hall type of opportunities.
- B. Board feels that personal connection with parents and connection needs to be made. The best avenue would be made through the teachers. Board understands that association would like more connection with teachers.

## **11. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- A. Bond Investigation Meeting – January 22<sup>nd</sup> – 6:00 pm
- 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**

- A. No executive Session

## **13. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING at 8:15 p.m.**