Call to Order: 1.0 The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and the flag salute was led by President, Greg Miller.

Approval of Minutes: 2.0 It was moved and seconded (DC/SJ) that the Board approve the minutes of the October 8, 2019 regular meeting as presented thereby ratifying all actions taken.

M/C, unanimous.

Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items 3.0 Melissa Cornell spoke about taking a student to Job Corps. The family was very grateful and the student is adapting well to the program and making friends. Ray Krause took another group of students there on a separate field trip. It was a good learning experience for the Ocosta students.

Consent Agenda: 4.0 Hillary Bearden requested that the liability coverage amounts for 4260P or 4260-F1 be revised for consistency. Both the procedure and the form were revised to list $500,000 and $1,000,000 as the coverage amount for insurance liability. The board agreed to approve the facility use policy, procedure, and form once that change was made.

4.1 Duane Pegg discussed Policy 2413 and requested changes to the number of times the competency tests could be taken and suggested students not be required to pay for the exam.

4.2 The board agreed to remove the limitations on the number of times the competency test could be taken and to remove the wording on students’ testing fees.

4.3 Scott Jones asked the principals if 3207F HIB form is available to students at the schools. The principals said that they are available to online and in the offices.

4.4 It was moved and seconded (DC/DP) that the consent agenda be approved, thereby approving items 4.1 – 4.11, which includes: (optional reading)

- Payroll warrants 537932 – 537956 in the amount of $665,304.12;
- Payroll Accounts Payable warrants 537916 – 537931 in the amount of $18,148.93;
- Hiring of Patricia Kronbeck as Elementary Paraeducator;
- First Reading of Policies and Procedures: none;
- Second Reading of Policies and Procedures: 2140, 2195, 2410, 2410P, 2413, 3207F, 3413P, 3416, 3416P 3423; and

M/C, Unanimous

Finance Reports: 5.0 It was moved and seconded (DC/HB) that the General Fund, A.S.B., and Department of Revenue warrants be approved, thereby certifying that the merchandise and services have been received and/or performed for payment: (optional reading)

- General Fund warrants 537957 – 538027 in the amount of $101,311.88;
- General Fund warrants 538047 – 538057 in the amount of $14,335.76;
- A.S.B. Fund warrants 538028 – 538046 in the amount of $18,805.69;
- Capital Projects warrants 537913 – 537915 in the amount of $16,139.10; and
- Department of Revenue warrants 538058 – 538059 in the amount of $162.60 on October 22, 2019.

M/C, unanimous

Informational Reports: 6.0 Superintendent’s Report 6.1 Superintendent Sweet spoke about:
Barb Rasmus is retiring from Volleyball at the end of this season. There will be a special presentation on October 30th, before the varsity game, honoring her coaching career. The board is invited to attend this game.

Goal 1: The district will be transitioning from MAP testing to another form of benchmark testing in the near future. After the hiring of the Elementary Paraeducator tonight, the district is fully staffed. The new Jr High English teacher, Tyler Whooley, is going to a 5-part professional development training program and is excited about the experience.

The ACT test participation rates at Ocosta are relatively low. Supt Sweet is concerned that students don’t know about this test and how it is another way to open doors to colleges after high school. Out of the few students that take the test, they are scoring very well on the math and science portions.

Goal 2: The administrators met with their leadership coach again on Monday. They are learning about state standards and meeting those goals.

Goal 3: Supt Sweet started a “Sunday Evening News” email for staff members to keep them informed about new things happening district-wide.

Goal 4: Supt Sweet met with the Ocosta Cares organizers to discuss their needs and the upcoming holidays. The new district website is close to being complete. Supt Sweet offered to share the test-version of the site with board members. Supt Sweet met with Shoalwater Bay Tribe representatives to discuss the needs of tribal students at Ocosta.

Goal 5: The Elementary is looking into adding a more accessible disabled parking in the parking lot. The district participated in the Great Shake Out drill on October 17th.

Steve Schmeling is working on grant to present to Rep. Walsh to modify the entryway to the Jr/Sr High School to improve security.

The community gym roof construction is behind schedule, but repairs have been made and the contractor stated the crew would be working longer hours during the days to get back on schedule.

Old Business: 7.0
Levy Discussion 7.1 Supt Sweet presented a spreadsheet of dollar amounts that could be requested for the three-year levy proposal. She commented that the board needs to select a projected head count (HC) for the levy that would determine the amount requested from the voters. Supt Sweet suggested that it is better to overestimate the student HC because the district cannot go back and ask for more money if enrollment exceeds the estimate. The board agreed to project a HC of 620. The tax payers will only be taxed on the actual number of students enrolled at the school. This requested dollar amount will still be less than what was levied 4 years ago. The levy resolution needs to be approved November 26th and submitted on December 13th.

New Business: 8.0 None

Questions or Comments: 9.0 Board Member, Scott Jones, and Heather Sweet are meeting with the home-school credit committee on October 26th to discuss the logistics of the Jr/Sr High School accepting home-school credits for graduation.

Executive Session: 10.0 Board President, Greg Miller, stated that the Board would recess into executive session to discuss ongoing and potential litigation RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).

The Board recessed into executive session at 7:40pm stating that they would return within 20 minutes. No action will be taken.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:00pm.

The Board reconvened the regular meeting at 8:00pm.

Adjournment: 11.0 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Miller, President
Heather Sweet, Board Secretary

Kristin Griffith, Board Clerk