

SOUTH WASCO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
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Regular Board Meeting
District Meeting Room/ZOOM

Wednesday, April 8, 2020
6:00 p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHERS PRESENT

Board Members Present:

Josh Thompson, Chair
Carol Mitchel, Vice Chair
Tammarra Ferguson
Howard Fetz
Melissa Huntley
Rob Miles
Joan Stark

Admins Present:

Ryan Wraught
Lynn Cowdrey
Jim Hull
Aimee Hovis

Others Present:

Alondra Alcantar
Kathy Benson
Toni Cowdrey
Laurynn Davis
Carlynn Delco
Sydney Ferguson
Necia Jackson
Sandra Knight
Paul Koerchgen
Josh Kurtz
Mik' Ael Kurtz
Torie Packard
Jim Popchock
Marni Maleyft
Kim Mead
Jamie Sowell
Caitlyn Stebbins
Amy Rethwill
Yancy Wells
Rod Woodside

1. **CALL TO ORDER at 6 p.m.**
2. **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA BY BOARD MEMBERS**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
 - A. Motion was made by Carol Mitchell to approve the agenda. Second was made by Howard Fetz. Motion approved unanimously.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
 - A. Regular Board Minute approval*
 - B. Acknowledge Payment of Bills*
 - C. Personnel Report
 - D. Contracts
 - E. Motion was made by Joan Stark and seconded by Howard Fetz, to approve the consent agenda with the removal of the Personnel Report to discuss in executive sessions. Motion approved unanimously.
5. **RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS**
 - A. A special thank you to all the staff for their teamwork, help, and flexibility.
6. **INFORMATIONAL**

- A. **AD/DEAN OF STUDENTS REPORT (Jim Hull)**
- Per Governor Kate Brown and OSAA, all spring sports have been cancelled
 - Follow up with students are being made to ensure attendance and participation in distance learning.
- B. **PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Lynn Cowdrey)**
- Due to the state executive order 4th quarter grades will be recorded based on where students were on March 12th.
 - There will be no A-F grades but pass or no pass. Students that had an F on March 12th will have an opportunity to bring their grade up to a pass status.
 - The high school will be set up on a block ZOOM schedule for distance learning.
 - Kinder-7th grade teachers are working on a ZOOM schedule to connect with the students and will be contacting parents directly with ZOOM codes and times.
 - Seniors
 1. Students on track to graduate on March 12th will graduate.
 2. Students not on track to have enough credits to graduate will be contacted and a plan will be made to help those students obtain credits needed to graduate. August 31st is the deadline to complete all credits to graduate on time and be considered in the class of 2020.
- C. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (Ryan Wrought)**
- Seismic Assessment Grant
 - District obtained \$25k TAP Seismic grant from ODE to conduct a seismic assessment to include all elements and requirements of OAR 581-027-0045.
 - Radon and Lead Safety Grant
 - District obtained a \$25k Radon and Lead Safety Grant and will conduct an assessment of Radon and Lead throughout the buildings.
 - OCSIM Grant
 - The District was notified that we did not receive the Money Match Grant for school bonds this round.
 - Student Investment Account (SIA)
 1. Due to current pandemic there are a lot of unknowns with the SIA funding.
 2. ODE's The main focus is on protecting the general fund state school funding.
 3. The SIA budget for SWCSD will be projected with full funding so that the district has maximum flexibility when/if those dollars arrive.
 - a. By fully budgeting the SIA we will also have the appropriations to spend any money that arrives.
 - i. There will be no staff expansions or building upgrades from the SIA budget until we receive SIA funds.
 - CARE Grant
 1. 121 million for all Oregon schools
 2. As the state is using Title I as their formula to estimate the CARE grant it is very hard to estimate a good dollar amount for SWCSD#1.
 - a. This grant is for additional expenditures due to the COVID pandemic.
 - PACE
 1. The 2020-2021 rate will increase 15%. Historic increases are typically 2-3% but due to fires in 2018-2019 rates have significantly risen.

7. BOARD DISCUSSION

A. **Track Project Update (Rob Miles)**

- Army Corp will be on site during the second week in August.
- Marketing plan has been completed.
- Osprey nest on field light will be safe and will be relocated at a later date. This adds another layer and feature that benefits the whole project.

B. **Corona Virus Closure Update**

- Special thank you to Candy Barnett and all the kitchen staff in getting together weekly meal boxes for students. Candy also was able to get the school under the Seamless Summer program during the Corona Virus closure.
- Food boxes are available to ALL students from ages 1-18 years old. If you have students or know of students in need of free breakfast and lunch please have them call the school.
- Over 2,300 meals were packed and delivered this week
- Transportation Reimbursement
 - Buses delivering food boxes qualify for reimbursement.
 - Buses are doing normal bus routes once a week on Wednesday to deliver the food boxes.
- Distance Learning starts on April 13th.
- If there is child care needs for essential workers, please contact the school district.
- State assessment requirements have been cancelled for the rest of the school year.
- State 10-day attendance before students are removed from student count has been voided.

8. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

A. **District Surplus Property**

- Motion was made by Rob Miles and seconded by Tammarra Ferguson to get a broker price/appraisal and obtain a long-term plan from SW Parks and Recreation. Motion passed unanimously.

B. **Policy IKC**

- Motion was made by Tammarra Ferguson and seconded by Carol Mitchell to not suspend Policy IKC. An honorary valedictorian will be given to early graduating junior.

C. **2020-21 School Calendar**

- Motion was made by Tammarra Ferguson and seconded by Melissa Huntley to approve the 2020-2021 school calendar to start school on August 31, 2020.

D. **Student Success Approval**

- Motion was made by Carol Mitchell and seconded by Joan Stark to approve the SSA plan and for Ryan Wraught to submit plan to ODE.

9. BOARD GOALS

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

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

A. **Future Farmer of America program**

- Neighboring district was contacted to see if a partnership can be made to have SWCSD students to participate in the FFA program.

C. **Becky Roberts**

- Special recognition to community member Becky Roberts for all her time volunteering at the school district. She has passed away and the district send condolences to the family and friends.

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. Student Count – District 229 High School 71 Junior High 36 Grade School 124
- B. Regular Attenders
- C. Discipline Events

10. **RECESS TO EXEC. SESSION** under 192.660 (2)(d)
 - A. Executive Session at 8:09 p.m.
11. **BOARD ACTION ITEM PART 2**
 - A. **Personnel Report**
 - Motion was made by Tammarra Ferguson and seconded by Joan Stark to hire two teachers, Jorma and Megan Henson with effective start date of July 1, 2020.
12. **ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING** at 8:15 p.m.