

8DUFUR SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
April 4, 2022

Executive Session – 5:00 P.M. – ORS 192.660 (2)(a)

Student awards for the third quarter were presented to outstanding K-12 students prior to the board meeting.

REGULAR SESSION

Chairman Anne Kelly called the regular meeting to order at 6:15, following the student awards. Board members present, Stan Ashbrook, Robert Wallace, Cynthia Kortge, Jana Hage.

GUESTS & PUBLIC COMMENT

The Board heard public comments from Mike Reffett, Tim Fain, Amanda Huelle, and Chelsie Gibson concerning a presentation by Haven to the fifth-grade class. Their concerns centered on the appropriateness of the curriculum presented, and concerns about how well it was reviewed prior to presenting it to the students. Parents also requested additional efforts be made to inform them ahead of time so they can review the curriculum and have an opportunity to opt-out their students.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items on the Consent Agenda:

- Board Minutes – March 7, 2022

REPORTS

Financial Report – Virginia reported on district fund balances as of March 31st, 2022. She also reported the Ranger Pride Foundation balance is \$2,197,478, Jerri Walker Fund is \$1,908,993. Budget development for 2022-23 is underway and the public budget committee meeting will be held May 16th.

Dean of Students Report – Kristin reported current enrollment is 358 K-12 and 29 in Preschool. She also shared three seniors have already received recognition; Aileen Carrillo received the Gorge Technology Alliance Scholarship, Hanna Kortge received the Oregon Wheat Foundation Scholarship, and Maddie Dollarhide was appointed the State FFA Secretary for 2022/23. Six vaping detectors will be ordered for the restrooms in the high school, middle school, and upper gym. These devices will accompany the new camera system. Cassie Chenowith from Haven will be doing a seven-series healthy relationships curriculum with the high school classes during language arts once per week. Parents were communicated with via Thrillshare, text, a mailed letter, and a parent preview zoom. KidSense is doing social media lesson with K-8 students. Artist in Residence spent a week with 2nd-5th grade students doing printmaking and made their own postcards centered around something local. The first My Day Friday will be April 22nd and will include the National Guard obstacle course, college visitation field trips, and the Walk-a-Thon. Summer School will be held June 14th – July 7th, Tuesday through Thursday. There will be outside presenters from Arts in Education of the Gorge, OSU Extension, and OMSI. PE, STEM, Outdoor Education, pool time, and a Robotics Camp.

Superintendent/Ad Reports – Jack reported schools around the nation are struggling the issue of how we treat each other and the need to teach students about the ‘Golden Rule’. We are a program like Second Steps or other curriculum to teach respect and how to treat each other. The Stars Program is available for high school students. Due to the water damage on the upper gym floor, it will need to be sanded down this summer and the refinished. The BTI programs will be here during Summer School and will teach Heavy Equipment Operation, Flagging, Forklift, First Aid CPR, and Introduction to Trucking-Pre

CDL. Four students will be going to Washington D.C. for an all-expense paid week this summer. The Jerri Walker DePriest Trustees are working on a long-term vision, including multi-year scholarships. Jack reported the 2022 Eight-Man Classic will return Labor Day Weekend with games starting Thursday, September 1st through Saturday September 3rd. He reported attending the OSAA Delegate Assembly. Athletic programs are struggling to return from Covid shutdowns. Track & Field will return to Hayward Field at UO this spring. A large number of Dufur students are participating in spring sports. Thirty students are participating in Track & Field, and twenty are playing baseball, and we have a JV Baseball team for the first time. Golf is doing great, winning each round.

Foundation Report – Cynthia reported lots of scholarship applications are due in the next week. The Golf Fundraiser is May 21st, and currently \$17,000 of sponsorships have been sold, with only 4 or 5 spots left. Family friendly activities are also planned throughout the day, and she anticipates netting about \$25,000 from this fundraiser. The Walk-a-Thon on April 22nd will be on the football field from 1-3:00 PM. There will also be some carnival games and activities. Senior Awards and Scholarship night will be June 1st at 6:00 PM. It will also include 8th grade promotion and some educator of the year awards.

OLD BUSINESS

2022/23 District Calendar – The board reviewed both the My Day Friday and regular schedules as possible calendars to adopt next year. They also discussed the need to provide day care if the My Day Friday calendar was adopted. The day care would be included in the CTE strand for Early Childhood Development.

Policy Review – Board members reviewed Policies; KAB – Parental Rights, IGAI – Human Sexuality, Health Education, and INB – Studying Controversial Issues. Jack stated the need to develop curriculum around these issues that is what the community wants for each grade level. Parents should be able to look on the website and see exactly what will be presented and have the opportunity to Opt-Out their student. Presentations outside of school hours for issues that are very controversial is possible, but everything presented needs to be streamlined and totally available and communicated with parents.

Policy INC – The board reviewed Policy INC – Controversial Speakers at the first reading. Jack stated this policy has already been enacted, even though it's the first reading. Cynthia moved to approve adopting the policy as a working policy currently in place. Jana seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Appoint Budget Committee Members – Jack reported Bert Wyatt and Steve Podvent both voiced an interest in continuing on the budget committee as a 3-year term. Robert moved to approve reappointing Bert & Steve. Stan seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Appoint School Based Health Center Advisory Committee – A requirement of the grant received for the School Based Health Center is the development of an Advisory Committee. Jack recommended the following people, with additional individuals being added later.

Parent Reps: Amber Gaylord and Agnes Stahi

Health Care Provider: Kristin Nicolescu, One Community Health

Athletic Trainer/Parent: Esther Ferguson-Young

Social Worker: Tiffany Kenslow

Nurse: Kamala Malcolm

Dean of Students: Kristin Whitley

Health Care Worker/Parent: Holly Clausen

School Board Members: Anne Kelly and Cynthia Kortge

Superintendent: Jack Henderson

Robert moved to approve the recommended members. Cynthia seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Health Education Review Committee – Jack stated that as a result the challenges with Health Education content he recommended a committee to review all state standards in Health Education. The committee would review the state standards and recommend how to best present these issues to our students. Jana moved to develop the Health Education Committee. Robert seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Suspension of Outside Presenters on Controversial Topics K-8 – Jack recommended to the board that the use of outside speakers dealing with potentially controversial topics for K-8 be suspended. Stan moved to approve the recommendation. Cynthia seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Board Chairman

Board Secretary