

DUFUR SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
June 6, 2022

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:00 P.M. – ORS 192.660 (2)(a)

Prior to the regular meeting Kristin Whitley presented the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Student of the Month awards to kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Jonathan Foss, Columbia Gorge ESD Special Programs Coordinator, and four students from Celilo; Scott Graham, Juliet & Johnny Ancheta, and Roy Stahi, shared pictures and highlights from their weeks trip to Washington, D.C.

BUDGET HEARING

Anne opened the budget hearing and requested any public comment on the approved budget for 2022/23. Hearing no comment, the budget hearing was closed.

REGULAR SESSION

Chairman Anne Kelly called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. Members present; Robert Wallace, Cynthia Kortge, and Jana Hage. Stan Ashbrook was absent.

GUESTS & PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment was heard.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items on the Consent Agenda:

- Board Minutes – May 2, 2022

Cynthia moved to approve the consent agenda. Robert seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Financial Report – Virginia reported shared an overview of the new Oregon Paid Leave program that will become effective July 1, 2023. It will cover family, medical, and safe leave for serious illness or injuries, and new child after birth/adoption/foster care placement. The withholding rate is 1% of an employee's gross wage. The district will pay 60% and employees will pay 40% of the 1%. Virginia also reported the district did not qualify for the Community Eligibility Provisions (CEP) free meal program, which requires at least 40% of students qualifying for SNAP, Migrant, Foster, or Homeless. Dufur's is at 32.30%. As a result, the district will be moving back to taking Free & Reduced Meal Applications effective 7-1-22.

Dean of Students Report – Kristin reported current enrollment is 356 K-12 and 29 in Preschool. Largest classes are 2<sup>nd</sup> grade with 37, and kindergarten with 34 students. She reported the new vape detection devices are here and will be installed with our camera systems over the summer. Kristin surveyed the response to MyDay Friday activities. The approval rates were 83% of students, 77% of parents, and 47% of staff. An additional 36% of staff said that they would approve with some changes to the schedule. A School Safety Walk Through and Lock Down Drill were completed on May 24<sup>th</sup> with the Wasco County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office recommended outside locking doors on all rooms, privacy screen decals on indoor windows, and roll down privacy covers for the classroom doors with skinny windows. Kristin also stated the staff complained multiple times that they could not hear announcements over the phone system, and she highly recommended the school look into a PA system that can be installed in classrooms.

Foundation Report – Cynthia reported scholarships were awarded June 1<sup>st</sup> in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_, and the JWD Trustees will award \$ 75,000 during graduation. The golf benefit was a smashing success

netting over \$26,000 to support scholarships and education funds. The walk-a-thon raised over \$8,000 for the Innovative Education Grant Fund, which will be used by each classroom teacher to help with projects they would like to add.

Superintendent/Ad Reports – Jack reviewed the past years from virtual education at the beginning of the year, to the development of Ranger Tech and the Ranger Pride Education Foundation. He summarized the year as “we made the best of what was given to us!” Jack stated partnering with Wasco County Sheriffs Dept. will develop a partnership that will benefit the safety of students and staff in 22/23.

Jack reported the baseball team went into the semi-finals and lost to Kennedy who won the State Championship. Eight students went to State Track and Field, all winning medals. Eight-Man Classic will be held September 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>. Volleyball will play September 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>.

### OLD BUSINESS

Policy INC Controversial Speakers – Kristin stated administration will closely monitor what is presented in the classroom, and a new form developed allows better screening and review by the principal prior to an outside presenter being allowed into classrooms. Cynthia moved to approve Policy INC, Robert seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

22/23 District Goal Development – Board members reviewed the goals as the second reading. Members discussed the need to use every media available to communicate with families as not everyone views/uses the same information sources. They also discussed adding mental health for staff and students to the goals.

MyDay Friday – Kristin reported on the survey result in her report. She also said adjustments will be made so that one of the MyDay Fridays will focus on academics and the other one on extensions to the classroom. This will address a concern that after Covid students have been away from academics in the classroom, and the importance of keeping activities focused on activities that will assist academic areas. After discussion Robert moved to approve the MyDay Friday calendar for 22/23. Kristin will supply a list of extended activities for the board’s information, and the schedule will be reviewed regularly. Cynthia seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Foundation Development – Jack stated the goal of the foundation will be raising more funds for scholarships, but also to support the Barbara Garner Fund and for rainy day funds. He said building a framework structure for ongoing sustainability to programs will be worked on during the summer. He stated there are alumni all over the world and he wants to build a network of representatives from each decade that can assist in building support.

### NEW BUSINESS

2022/23 Substitute Pay Rate – Robert moved to approve the rate set by the state of \$201.01 per day, and \$236.48 after 10 consecutive days. Janna seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Asbestos Survey Contract – Board members reviewed the contract with PBS Engineering and Environmental to use the TAP Grant for \$25,000 from ODE to assess our building for remaining asbestos. Cynthia moved to approve the contract. Robert seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Memorial Scoreboards – Jack reported our lower gym needs new scoreboards. There is a desire by local families to replace the boards with modern boards in memory of Walter Hanna and Grant Mead, both Dufur High School graduates and life-long supporters of Ranger sports programs. Memorial monies have been received following both men’s passing, and a donation from Bill and Virginia Albrecht in the amount of \$5,000 has been received to get the project going. Through fundraising, personal outreach, and RPEF funding, it is hoped we can install new scoreboards by the end of the summer.

Having no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Board Chairman

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Board Secretary