

DUFUR SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
February 6, 2023

**LISTENING SESSION** – 5:00 P.M.

A one hour listening session was held for community members to share their feelings, thoughts, and suggestions on the proposed School Based Health Clinic. Board members emphasized no decision has been made to provide the clinic, that there is still a lot of additional information and research needed. Concerns expressed included the clinic being housed on school property, the possibility of students accessing the clinic without parental knowledge, and if the clinic would provide birth control services. Many in attendance supported the need for health services locally due to the diminishing availability in the Mid-Columbia area. The clinic, if realized, would also be available to community members. The board welcomes additional input from the community through this process via calling or emailing the school, talking to individual board members, or attending future informational and listening sessions.

**AWARDS** - Kristin Whitley presented Student of the Quarter awards to outstanding students at each grade level for the last grading period.

**REGULAR SESSION** – 6:00 P.M.

Chairman Anne Kelly called the regular meeting to order. Members present; Cynthia Kortge, and Robert Wallace. Stan Ashbrook and Janna Hage were absent. Staff present, Jack Henderson, Kirstin Whitley, and Virginia Albrecht.

**GUESTS & PUBLIC COMMENT** – Tina Coleman expressed her concern about My Day Friday's. She feels the time is not being used for education, especially for the Jr. High and High School levels. She felt students were losing a full days instruction being teacher aides. She feels MDF is an excuse to not educate our children on that day. She requested MDF be reviewed and reevaluated.

**CONSENT AGENDA** - Items on the Consent Agenda:

- Board Minutes – January 9, 2023

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

**REPORTS**

2023-24 Local Service Plan – Pat Sublette, CGESD Superintendent, reviewed the services received from CGESD. These include Early Childhood Intervention, Psychological Services, as well as Internet Connectivity and Network Administration. The value of those services to Dufur will be \$208,005. These are the same services the district receives currently.

Ranger Pride Foundation Report – Cynthia reported the RPEF membership campaign has raised \$2,550. She is also working with the school counseling office and food pantry to send food home with some students to assist with their nutrition over weekends. The Gorge Gravel Grind will be held again this year on April 22-23. They have added dinner and a concert to the event which RPEF will assist with.

Principals Report – Kristin reported current enrollment is 332 with 26 in preschool. The semester ended January 26<sup>th</sup>. Advantage Dental was at school January 17 – 18<sup>th</sup> providing dental screenings and came back to do sealants for kids who needed them. She reported the Impact Aid Grant application was submitted January 27<sup>th</sup> and we should hear back in April. Summer School programming has started with staff recruitment. This week is National School Counselors Week and Kristen recognized the amazing work that Tiffany Kenslow does for Dufur students.

Superintendent/AD Reports – Jack reported the JWD Trustees met February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Keith Reiland from Jensen Management reviewed the investment over the last year. At school, January was a month of grants with four different applications being processed and submitted. Jack stated the new scoreboard in the lower gym was dedicated to Walter Hanna and Grant Mead during the basketball games February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Families of both men were in attendance, and the community recognized the life-long dedication these men gave to the district supporting athletics, programs, and special events. The Governors budget was released with education starting at 9.9 billion, higher than initially expected but lower than public education hopes for after final budget adjustments.

Jack also reported OSAA will require shot clocks for basketball next year, which our new scoreboard is equipped to handle. Our basketball teams will be wrapping up the season this Tuesday and Friday. The boys' varsity will play a crossover game on February 18<sup>th</sup> in Kertz Gym.

#### OLD BUSINESS

School Based Health Center – Board members discussed the input received from community members during the listening session held earlier in the evening. Jack, Kristin, and Kamala will be visiting health centers at Chemawa Indian School, Willamina School District and Neah-Kah-Nie School District February 23 – 24<sup>th</sup>. A trip to Lone to view their SBHS is also planned.

Field Naming – Jack requested one simple sign on top of the booth “Welcome to Henderson Field”. Board members agreed by consensus.

2023/24 District Calendar – Board members reviewed the proposed calendar as the second reading. A suggestion was made to adjust spring break so there isn't one additional week to the quarter after the break. Kristin will adjust the calendar for review at the March meeting.

Extra Duty Update – Jack recommended hiring Jason Reed as the Asst. Baseball Coach for 2023. Robert moved to approve the recommendation. Cynthia seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Hire Chief Financial Officer – Jack reported interviews had been conducted in search of a new Financial Officer, and recommended hiring Josie Turner. Robert moved to hire Josie as the new CFO effective July 1, 2023. Cynthia seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Adopt TAG Handbook – Kristin reviewed the new Talented and Gifted Handbook that is a new requirement of ODE. The document includes levels of TAG services, screening procedures and forms. Kristin said approximately 3% of students at Dufur qualify for TAG. This is the first reading for the new document. Discussion that expanding these services for the My Day Friday students could assist TAG level students to stay engaged on those days. Kristin will also prepare a review of the activities students may choose from for half day MDF activities.

Audit Review – Virginia reviewed the 2021-22 audit with board members. The total net position of the district on June 30, 2022 was \$9,331,939, an increase of \$434,667. The district received \$1,102,318 in federal funding in addition to state and local funds totaling for a total of \$7,827,829. Cynthia moved to approve the audit as reported. Robert seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

SIA Review – Board members reviewed the 2021-22 Student Investment Account Annual Report. Increased instruction, STEM activities, and increased time spent with students were just a few of the benefits noted. Contact with families and the community has been greatly improved. Cynthia moved to approve the report. Robert seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Local Service Plan Adoption – Cynthia moved to adopt the Columbia Gorge ESD Local Service Plan for 2022-23. Robert seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Having no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Board Chairman

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Board Secretary