

DUFUR SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
June 5, 2023

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 5:00 P.M.

Board members met prior to the regular meeting to discuss issues under ORS 192.660(2)(a).

PRE-MEETING ACTIVITIES

Prior to the regular meeting Kristin and classroom teachers handed out 4th Qtr. Recognition awards.

Maddie Dollarhide, FFA State Secretary, shared activities she has participated in over the last year as a FFA officer. These activities included traveling across the State of Oregon and the United States as she participated in the Nation FFA Convention, State Delegate Assembly, meeting and training with officers from other states, and visiting many FFA associations across the country and Oregon. She also traveled to Costa Rica for two weeks, and spent a couple weeks in Indianapolis building wood walkways to assist handicap individuals. “Post-Retirement Life” for Maddie will include additional travel to Florida to participate in their convention, and in the McNight Scholars in Oklahoma, which is a scholarship with thousands of applicants and Maddie is one of the fifteen applicants selected. For the next four years she will be studying Animal Science at Ferguson College of Agriculture in Oklahoma.

BUDGET HEARING

Anne Kelly opened the budget hearing to hear any input from the public on the Supplemental Budget for 2022/23, and the approved budget for 2023/24. No comments were heard. The hearing was closed.

REGULAR SESSION – 6:00 P.M.

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

GUESTS & PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comment was heard.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items on the Consent Agenda:

- Board Minutes – May 1, 2023
- Budget Committee Minutes - May 15, 2023
- Board Resolutions
 - 22-07 - Building Maintenance Fund Increase
 - 22-09 - Student Investment Account Appropriation
 - 22-10 - Summer School fund Increase

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

REPORTS

Financial Report – Virginia reviewed fund balances for all funds as of June 5th. General Fund current balance is \$610,650, Special Revenue Funds total \$184,805, Debt Service balance is \$66,567.

Principals Report – Kristin stated current enrollment is 343, with 26 in preschool. May 31st was 8th grade promotion, scholarship, and awards night. Twenty students walked at graduation on June 3rd. Almost all students are signed up for their 2023/24 first semester classes. ASB officer elections were held and the 2023/24 officers are; President Audrey Anders, Vice-President Tygh Timinsky, Secretary Alasay Hodges, Treasure Cynthia Medina, Senior Rep. Molly Cochenour, Junior Rep. Kali Rockwell,

Sophomore Rep. Wyatt Brewster, and Freshman Rep. Emerson Harvey. The President and Vice President will also have roles on the School Board and RPEF Board.

Ranger Pride Report – Cynthia reported total contributions from the Gravel Grinder are \$8775. Walk-a-Thon proceeds are \$9445. Kindergarten through grade classes are submitting requests for funds to be used by their classrooms. The Golf Benefit grossed over \$28,000. A total of \$94,000 was awarded from scholarships in the RPEF. JWD scholarships awarded at graduation totaled \$82,250. Other scholarships graduates received from outside organizations totaled \$41,500. At the awards night STAR awards were presented to Tess Welk, Rose Hertel, Sarah Anderson, and Bonnie Lepinski. Foundation members are working with area orchardists to hopefully help support capital funding for the school based health clinic.

Superintendent/AD Reports – Jack introduced Teresa Peters from Columbia Gorge ESD, who assisted Dufur in the preparation of our Integrated Guidance. Jack stated Sara and Kirstin White did an amazing job with decorations for graduation, working all night to have things ready for graduation at 11:00 AM. On grants, we received \$15,000 from the Youth Action Council. We have not received notification on the Seismic Grant, Impact Aid Grant, or RUS DLT Grant. We submitted grant applications on behalf of the SBHC to Marie Lamfrom, Ford Family, and Roundhouse. We will have the remaining \$73,000 of SBHS balance expended by June 30th for a modular unit that will house the SBHC. ADM this year started at 325 and will finish the year near 340. We graduated 20 students and will have 30 incoming Kindergarten students. State School Funding is still not a solid number. With the May revenue forecast up the speculation is that SSF will be at 10.2 billion. There is also early learning money at \$140 million, plus a floor for small schools of at least 85 K. We are anticipating at least \$100,000 for Dufur.

OLD BUSINESS

2023/24 Goals Review – Robert suggested addition to the goals board members attending the OSBA conferences in the summer and fall. Robert moved to approve the 2023/24 goals. Cynthia seconded the motion that was carried unanimously.

Board Policy Review – Janna moved to adopt board policies AC-AR, GCBF-GBDF, IGBHD, JCFC-AR, JGE, and KL-AR. Stan seconded the motion that was carried unanimously.

District Check Signers - Robert moved to make the following signatory changes effective July 1, 2023.

- Add Josie Turner and remove Virginia Albrecht as signatories on the Jerri-Walker DePriest Memorial Fund checking account ending in 7037,
- to add Josie Turner and Andrea Vannata and remove Virginia Albrecht as signatories on the Ranger Pride Education Foundation checking account ending in 6417,
- to add Jack Henderson and remove Janna Hage as signatories on the Ranger Pride Education Foundation Savings account ending in 9628,
- to add Josie Turner and remove Virginia Albrecht as signatories on all Dufur School District accounts ending in 4554 and 4562.

Cynthia seconded the motion. The motion carried, Stan and Janna abstained from voting.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Audit Contract - Jack reported that RTO, formerly Friend and Reagan, notified us they are discontinuing school audit services. Jack contacted several accounting firms and learned that many are not taking new clients due to losing staff. Accuity Certified Public Accountants, located in Albany, is willing to take on our account. They do school district audits statewide, including South Wasco County,

Columbia Gorge ESD, North Central ESD and Condon. Cynthia moved to approve the proposal for audit services with Accuity.

2023/24 Substitute Pay - Robert moved to adopt the ODE substitute teacher rates of \$206.35 per day, and \$242.76 after ten consecutive days. Janna seconded the motion that was carried unanimously.

District Operating Principles - Board members reviewed the principles for the 2023/24 school year. It was suggested they also be plainly displayed on the website. Janna moved to approve the operating principles without change. Robert seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Seismic Rehabilitation Grant - Board members supported the development of an oversight committee for the seismic renovation. Cynthia approved the seismic grant contract with the Oregon Business Development Department. Janna seconded the motion that was carried unanimously.

CFO Contract - Janna moved to approve the CFO contract as presented. Cynthia seconded the motion that was carried unanimously.

Having no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Board Chairman


Board Secretary