Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Ocosta School District No. 172, Board of Directors, **May 12, 2020**, District Office/Zoom

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<th>Board Members:</th>
<th>Greg Miller, President; Duane Pegg, Scott Jones, Debbie Carter-Bowhay, and Hillary Bearden. (Joined via Zoom Session.)</th>
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<td>Administration:</td>
<td>Heather Sweet, Superintendent (hosting meeting from the district office); Nicholas French, Director of Teaching &amp; Learning/Special Services; Christopher Pollard, Jr/Sr HS Principal. (Board members joined the meeting via Zoom Session.) (Dr. Cindy Risher was not in attendance while on leave.)</td>
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**Call to Order:**

1.0 The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm and the flag salute was led by President, Greg Miller.

**Approval of Minutes:**

2.0 It was moved and seconded (SJ/DP) that the Board approve the minutes of the April 21, 2020 regular meeting as presented thereby ratifying all actions taken.

*M/C, unanimous.*

**Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

3.0 None

**Student Recognition**

4.0 Jr/Sr HS teacher, Kate Iseminger, recognized Intro to Business student, Dylan Hollingsworth, for his accomplishments in school and in the community.

6th grade teacher, Wade Iseminger, shared information about the elementary morning announcements with the school board. Supt Sweet shared a video of one of the announcements from last week.

**Consent Agenda:**

5.0 None

**Informational Reports:**

6.0

- **May Enrollment Report**
  - Mr. Christopher Pollard spoke about:
    - Mr. Pollard commended Mrs. Iseminger on the work she has been doing during the closure, including the Wildcat Hangout and WGOOT informational broadcast.
    - Mr. Pollard has been working on a CTE waiver application that is included in the board packet. Approval would waive the school’s requirement to offer specific CTE courses. It is generally done for small schools that can only offer limited CTE classes. The waiver would be for two years, starting with the 2021/22 school year.
    - The Grays Harbor Consortium for Local Needs Assessment was also included in the packet for the board to review.
    - The high school is planning an alternative for in-person graduation. On May 23rd, seniors and parents are asked to come in for videos and photos to be included in a virtual ceremony that will take place on June 12th. To maintain social distancing, seniors and their families will be at the school in intervals throughout the day.
    - A senior survey has been sent out to students and families about postponing in-person graduation until a later date. The district may still consider having an in-person graduation after June if it is possible.
    - Prom is canceled and the school may have the Moving-up ceremony in August to celebrate the start of a new school year.
  - Mr. Pollard commended Mrs. Iseminger on the work she has been doing during the closure, including the Wildcat Hangout and WGOOT informational broadcast.

- **Principals’ Reports**
  - Mr. Christopher Pollard spoke about:
    - Teachers are doing great things with online learning, especially with using videos and technology to share lessons and to reach out to students.
    - Today was the first co-teaching training at the elementary. It was done virtually through Zoom session.
    - Mr. French is continuing to hold meetings with staff to make sure that the staff and students are getting what they need during the closure.

- **Director of Teaching and Learning Report**
  - Mr. Nicholas French spoke about:
    - Teachers are doing great things with online learning, especially with using videos and technology to share lessons and to reach out to students.
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- **Superintendent’s Report**
  - Superintendent Sweet spoke about:
    - Meal Service Update – Breakfasts/Lunches are still being served to children throughout the community. The district has also worked with South Beach Christian Outreach to provide an additional box of produce to families on tomorrow’s routes.
    - Continuous Learning Update – Teachers are doing amazing work. The district has sent out over 100 Chromebooks and multiple hotspots for WiFi to make sure students have the resources they need for continued learning.
    - Daily sanitation continues in all buildings. Some staff are starting to come into the buildings in shifts to work on food service, deliveries, and maintenance/custodial needs.
    - The district continues to work on graduation plans.
    - Many End-of-Year Activities are being canceled or postponed: Prom canceled, Jr/Sr Banquet canceled, end of year field trips canceled, and CISPUS is reserved for August if the quarantine restrictions are lifted.

Supt Sweet reported that enrollment and allocations will continue to be determined by OSPI.
- Supt Sweet shared the Continuous Learning Plan with the School Board regarding what the teachers have done since the March 17th closure. Guidance has also been provided regarding instruction and grading.
- Supt Sweet believes on-site summer school would be great. If the school cannot do on-site summer school, then the district will not be offering summer school this year.
- The elementary is planning on holding a few “jump start” days before September 3rd for a select group of Kindergarteners and 1st graders to prepare them for the school year before it officially starts.
- The elementary is looking internally to add a Behavior Coach for student intervention. The Behavior Coach is a certificated staff member who would focus on helping implement behavior plans.
- Budget Reduction Update – No certificated staff will be released at this time. Four staff members resigned and three of those positions won’t be filled. Administrators will assess class sizes before hiring more teachers. Classified positions are paid mostly out of grants and those positions will likely remain filled. It is possible that classified staff that are paid out of basic education funding may be let go. No reasonable assurance will be provided to the classified staff being released; the rest will get a notice of reassurance for returning next year.
- Supt Sweet will share graduation plans and grading with the community on Facebook Live video tomorrow night.
- Fall 2020/21 School Year Opening – The district is looking to OSPI for guidance on this plan. They have a website that lays out a “return to school roadmap”. The district has ordered masks and more thermometers as part of this plan. Supt Sweet is waiting for more information from OSPI Superintendent, Chris Reykdal, before decisions will be made regarding school in the fall.
- Supt Sweet closed her updates by recommending the emergency waiver of instructional hours resolution and the CTE waiver be approved. She also recommended the approval of the vehicle surplus.

Old Business: 7.0 None

New Business: 8.0

Resolution #506-2020, 2018R Emergency Waiver of Instructional Hours

8.1 Hillary Bearden motioned to approve Resolution #506-2020 – 2018R Emergency Waiver of Instructional Hours, Duane Pegg seconded the motion.

M/C, unanimous.

Vehicle Surplus (Criss)

8.2 Debbie Carter-Bowhay motioned to approve the vehicle surplus as presented, Hillary Bearden seconded the motion.

M/C, unanimous.

Perkins V Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment (CLNA) & CTE Waiver

8.3 Hillary Bearden motioned to approve the CTE Waiver as presented by Mr. Pollard, Duane Pegg seconded the motion.

M/C, unanimous.

Questions or Comments: 9.0 Community member, Harry Carthum, commended the district for all their work during the closure.

WEA Union Rep, Jackie George, commended Heather on the guidance and support she has provided the district during the closure. She also expressed gratitude for leadership from the School Board and Nick French. She reported that teachers can’t wait to get back into the buildings and that they miss the students.

Executive Session: 10.0 None

Adjournment: 11.0 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:23pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Miller, President

Heather Sweet, Board Secretary
Kristin Griffith, Board Clerk