

**SOUTH WASCO COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1**  
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**Regular Board Meeting**  
**District Meeting Room/ZOOM**

**Wednesday, May 13, 2020**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHERS PRESENT**

**Board Members Present:**

Josh Thompson, Chair  
Carol Mitchel, Vice Chair  
Tammarra Ferguson  
Howard Fetz  
Melissa Huntley  
Rob Miles  
Joan Stark

**Admins Present:**

Ryan Wraught  
Lynn Cowdrey  
Aimee Hovis  
Jim Hull

**Others Present:**

Tara Aschoff  
Ailee Aschoff  
Mary Beechler  
Lisa Chastain  
Lauryn Davis  
Faith Lindley  
Tonya Duling  
Toni Cowdrey  
Sydney Ferguson  
Sandra Knight  
Paul Koerchgen  
Josh Kurtz  
Eric Larlee  
Marni Maleyft  
Kim Mead  
Jim Popchock  
Jamie Sowell  
Marla Rethwill  
Laura Taylor  
Yancy Wells

- 1. CALL TO ORDER at 6 p.m.**
- 2. ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA BY BOARD MEMBERS**
  - A. Remove Action Item A- Budget Calendar Adjustment
  - B. Add Policy GCA
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
  - A. Motion was made by Carol Mitchell and seconded by Joan Stark to delete action item A-Budget Calendar Adjustment and add Policy GCA to Board Discussions. Motion approved unanimously.
- 4. CONSENT AGENDA:**
  - A. Regular Board Minute approval\*
  - B. Acknowledge Payment of Bills\*
  - C. Personnel Report
  - D. Contracts
  - E. Motion was made by Joan Stark to approve the agenda. Second was made by Howard Fetz. Motion approved unanimously.
- 5. RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS**

## **6. INFORMATIONAL**

### **A. AD/DEAN OF STUDENTS REPORT (Jim Hull)**

- As distance learning continues for students at SWC, there are a number of students that are not connecting with their teachers or turning in assigned work. If a student does not reply after 1 week, there is a note placed into Tyler Assist program. Then there is a follow up by the Dean of Students. Follow up is made via phone call, email, text to both students and parents.
- Barriers that some students are having is due to lack of technology to connect to Google Classroom or internet access. The district is sending hard copies of educational materials for students that need or request it.
- Some feedback from teachers is that some student already feel like it is summer and attendance/participation is decreasing each week.
- For freshman to senior classes, the distance learning classes are counted for graduation requirements.

### **B. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT (Lynn Cowdrey)**

- Special thank you to the teachers who are doing a phenomenal job.
- Thank you to Jamie Sowell for getting technology to families and even driving Chromebooks to student's homes.
- Kitchen and EA's have working hard each week providing meals.
  - a. 3,000+ meals are prepared each week and delivered
- Tonya Duling and Lynn Cowdrey submitted for pandemic food funding from ODE.
- Graduation Ceremony Plan has been made. Seniors will come out individually and family will come pick up in a car. Then cars will parade thru Maupin, Tygh Valley, Wamic, and Pine Hollow. The official graduation plan will be posted on the school website.
- PTO sent out "Redsides Spirit Bucks" to every student in the district. Each student received \$15 in Spirit Bucks to spend at six different local businesses.

### **C. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT (Ryan Wraught)**

- Thank you to all the staff who help prepare over 218 boxes of food and educational materials.
- M98 – District will use funds to get Chromebooks for the high school students.
- Google Grant – 50k grant was received by the Redsides Booster club to help students and our community with technology and hot spots. Other potential ideas for the grant include having a 1:1l pads for the 1<sup>st</sup> grade to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.
- PACE Insurance – There will be an increase in rates for 20/21 fiscal year. Ryan Wraught submitted an application to get a 5% reduction in rates which equates to \$1,200 savings for the district.

## **7. BOARD DISCUSSION**

### **A. Track Project Update (Rob Miles)**

- Army Corp will be on site during the second week in August.

### **B. Policy GCA**

- GCA is the hiring policy that outlines guidelines on how staff is hired.
- Ryan Wraught's goal is to put together a hiring handbook which the board will review.
- The current concern discussed by the board were:
  - Teachers should have TSPC license pending before position is offered.
  - Positions should be posted in multiple avenues to gain the best applicants.
    - Currently positions are posted internally, then externally to COSA site, Craig's List, local newspapers, and colleges in the area that have teaching programs.

### **C. School Calendar**

- When reviewing the PLC time. Teachers provided feedback that it is significantly different for K-8<sup>th</sup> grade vs 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.

D. **FFA**

- Ryan contacted the OSU extension and spoke with Annette Black to discuss what the district would need for an FFA program. Mrs. Black said that the district needs to have a certified teacher with a master's degree in Agriculture. The Dalles School District has a co-op with Dufur School District. SWCSD will be able to work with Dufur to have work on-line and students could participate in FFA events. This will be implemented in 2020/2021 school year.
- When high school students were surveyed for electives they would like to have, FFA ranked #7 out of 22 options. The #1 option was team sports.

E. **SIA**

- With current projections from ODE, the district is hoping for 50% of the original funding presented last year.
- Teachers gave feedback to administration on what electives they would like to teach and also which they felt should be taught.
- This topic will be continued in next month's board meeting.

**8. BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

A. **Budget Committee**

- Motion was made by Rob Miles and seconded by Carol Mitchell to appoint Aimee Bell as a new Budget Committee member. Motion passed unanimously.

B. **On Course Insurance**

- Motion was made by Joan Stark and seconded by Melissa Huntley to approve using On Course Insurance for the school district insurance provider.

C. **Furlough Days**

- Motion was made by Rob Miles and seconded by Tamarra Ferguson to approve the MOU to have 20% reduction to schedule to utilize the Work Share Program.

**9. BOARD GOALS**

The goals are posted on the website at [www.swasco.net](http://www.swasco.net)

**9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

A. Student Count – District 229 High School 71 Junior High 36 Grade School 124

**10. RECESS TO EXEC. SESSION** under 192.660 (2)(d)

A. No Executive Session.

**12. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING** at 7:29 p.m.