

**Condon School District 25J
Board of Directors Meeting
Condon High School
Wednesday, February 19, 2020, 6:00pm**

PRESENT:

Board of Directors
Tim Campbell, Chair
Brian Johnson
Nichole Schott
Scott Nation
Corey Wade

District Employees
Michelle Geer, Superintendent
Lori Myers, Deputy Clerk

Others
Steve Allen, Press
Saadi Allen
Haylee Potter
Althea Metzler
Merilee Morrow
Olivia Morrow

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chair Tim Campbell called the board meeting to order at 6:00pm, established a quorum and led the flag salute.

INTRODUCTIONS & COMMUNICATIONS: None

ADDITIONS/ REVISIONS TO AGENDA: Added under 1.4 "Preliminary Business", Student Report.

STUDENT REPORT: Fourth grade students, Althea Metzler and Olivia Morrow reported to the board on an assignment they did in class. The assignment was to state a problem and then offer solutions. They stated that their problem that needed to be addressed was the poor condition of the grade school playground and they offered a solution of getting volunteers to work together to plan a cleanup day. The board thanked them for their idea and for coming in to meet with the board.

CONSENT AGENDA: Scott Nation moved to approve the regular board meeting minutes of January 15, 2020, the bill listing and the financial statements as presented. Nichole Schott seconded, unanimous.

Superintendent Geer read a letter of resignation from grade school teacher, Sarah Foley. Nichole Schott moved to approve the resignation of Sarah Foley, effective February 6, 2020. Corey Wade seconded, unanimous. Superintendent Geer reported that the class is being covered by Carol Harrison, along with other supports.

Superintendent Geer reported that James Andrews has been hired to replace Social Studies teacher Amanda Mayers who resigned effective February 16, 2020. Mr. Andrews is working on a restricted license and will have his teaching degree in Social Studies in June. The position was posted as temporary and will be reposted for the new school year. Scott Nation move to approve the hiring of Social Studies teacher James Andrews. Brian Johnson seconded, unanimous.

Corey Wade moved to approve the 2019-20 extra duty contracts as presented; high school co-head track coaches, Natalie Wilkins and Jason Shaffer, high school head tennis coach, Teresa Humphrey and grade school head track coach, Heather Stephens. Nichole Schott seconded, unanimous.

**REPORTS/
DISCUSSION:**

Facility Project Discussion

Superintendent Geer updated the board on the new grade school facility project. She stated that there was a mandatory pre-proposal conference on February 13, 2020 for firms that are planning on submitting an RFP for Building and Site Design and Construction Project Management Services. She stated that there was a good turnout with thirteen entities attending. February 21 is the last day for submitting questions regarding the RFP's and on April 7 the committee will score the RFP's. If there are firms that score closely, there is time figured in for interviews. She stated that after the manager is hired more of the specifics regarding the project will be worked out. Deputy Clerk Lori Myers presented a preliminary project budget and spending plan which was completed by pre-bond consultant Tom Hogstad. Mrs. Myers stated that she has updated the document to show what has been spent to date on the project. Mrs. Myers also stated that the bond sale process has been moving along and the bonds were sold this morning, February 19, 2020. The process went very well and by going through a more in depth process for a secondary credit rating, the strong current market and the solid financial situation of the district, the district will receive approximately \$223,000 over the \$3.5 million bond sale.

HVAC Discussion

Superintendent Geer reported that the HVAC contracts with Kirby Nagelhout Construction were signed today and an RFP for asbestos abatement will go out next week. The process is moving along and the actual work should begin in March. Deputy Clerk Lori Myers noted that there was a document showing the budget to actual in the board packet that will continue to be updated throughout the process.

OSAA Update – League Change

Superintendent Geer updated that board on the upcoming league changes from OSAA. She stated that Washington schools will be joining our league in the fall of 2020 and those schools will consist of Bickleton, Trout Lake, Klickitat, Glenwood and Lyle/Wishram. She went on to say that the Big Sky League will be split into an east and west side, with Condon being part of the east side. The east side will consist of Condon, Sherman, Lone/Arlington, Bickleton, Echo and Spray Mitchell. Volleyball will play each team in the east twice, filling in the pre-season with games from the west. Basketball will play each team in the east twice and teams from the west once.

She also noted that the 6-man football pilot is being extended another two years.

Capital Improvement Grant to Gilliam County

Superintendent Geer reported that the Capital Improvement Grant to Gilliam County is due the first week in March. She stated that she and board members Brian Johnson and Scott Nation walked around the high school and talked about priorities on the campus. They discussed the need for better utilizing the space in the current footprint of the high school and the fact that it isn't being used efficiently. Superintendent Geer stated that the focus of the grant application is as follows; 1) remodeling the high school to accommodate the grade school moving to this campus; 2) sidewalks; 3) high school roof repairs/replacement; and 4) bathroom upgrades. There was also discussion regarding ADA compliance and the 35% district match. Superintendent Geer also reported that the Gilliam County Court would like to do a walk-through of the building before the application deadline.

Student Success Act

Superintendent Geer reported that she is working on the Student Success Act application and compiling all the data required before submitting the application. She stated that the four areas of focus are 1) math supports/interventions; 2) smaller class sizes; 3) behavioral/mental health; 4) high school opportunities. There was also discussion regarding administration support, due to all the projects that are currently going on in the district. Superintendent Geer stated that she will bring back the application for final board approval at the March meeting.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS:**

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Consider for Approval Various OSBA Policies – 1st Reading

Superintendent Geer presented various policies from Oregon School Boards Association for their first reading. She noted that most of the policy updates are due to slight language changes required to meet changes in law. Board Chair Tim Campbell noted that he has reviewed the policies as well. Superintendent Geer noted that if there were no comments regarding these policies prior to the March meeting, the board will hold the second reading and consider for approval.

Consider for Approval 2020-2021 School Calendar

Superintendent Geer presented two 2020-2021 school calendar options to the board for review. She stated that with Labor Day falling so late in the month this year, one of the options has us starting school before Labor Day, the other, after Labor Day. She noted that it has been the board's goal to start school after Labor Day due to the fair schedule, but wanted to give two option for review. She stated that the staff has reviewed both calendars and their preference is to start before Labor Day. After discussion, the board felt that for families involved in the fair, it's much better to start after Labor Day and add two days as random Fridays. Nichole Schott moved to approve draft 2020-2021 school calendar number 2, with a start date after the fair and Labor Day. Corey Wade seconded, unanimous.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/
DATES:**

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Steve Allen stated that he hasn't had time to submit his parent survey that was sent out by the district, but he would like to state the importance of the arts in school and hopes the district will make this a priority.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: The next regular meeting of the board is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 6:00pm, Condon High School.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Tim Campbell, Board Chair

Lori Myers, Deputy Clerk