

Ione School District #2

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Ione School District Goals

Ione School District students will annually perform above the state averages on all Oregon assessments.

By 2017, 80% of Ione students will graduate with one year of college or career education credits (45 credits).

70% of Ione kindergarten students will be 1st grade ready.

70% of Ione students will meet grade level proficiency in writing.

IONE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 27, 2016

Board Retreat 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM Ione Legion Hall

Work Session 3:30 PM, Regular Board Meeting 4:30 PM

Ione Schools – Ione, Oregon

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 PM by board chair Lisa Rietmann. It was noted that the home page on the Ione website said the meeting started at 4:00 PM, while the school board page gave the start time as 4:30 PM. It was decided to go ahead and start the meeting, as there were people in attendance that came to begin at 4:00 PM. Marla Royal will ensure the start times are correct on both pages of the website.

Board Members Present:

Lisa Rietmann, Board Chair
Joe McElligott
Tricia Rollins, Vice-Chair
Bill Jepsen
Rob Crum

Ione/IMESD Staff:

Jon Peterson, Superintendent
Henry Ramirez, Principal
Kim Gilsdorf, Business Manager (via phone)
Marla Royal, Board Secretary

Visitors:

Sydney Qualls, Ione ASB President
Brian Bates, Ione Music Teacher
Darrin Padberg, Ione Community Member
Marv Padberg, Community Member
Bob Ball, Community Member
Lani Bass, Community Member
Alison Ogden, Community Member
Virgil Morgan, Community Member
Eric Orem, Community Member

AWARDS, RECOGNITION AND CORRESPONDENCE

Henry Ramirez recognized Lea Mathieu, who was appointed to the Content and Assessment Advisory Panel for ELA.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Marv Padberg reminded the group that the Navy Band would be performing October 14th at Sage Center in Boardman at 7:00 PM. Marv spoke about a recent loss of school spirit at Ione, saying it was not a principal or student problem, but due to societal changes. He said that he hopes the board will address the bonfire issue, noting that when there is a problem, the best thing is to get it out in the open and have discussion.

Bob Ball said he feels the same as Marv, and he spoke about a letter that was written, which he called a petition. Bob feels that the letter from students showed initiative, leadership, and that students are thinking outside the box. He said he disagrees with how things were handled, and thought it was a time where advisors and staff could have taught kids the correct process for making their concerns known.

Lisa Rietmann reminded the group that this board meeting was not a forum for criticizing staff members.

Lani Bass said that her daughter helped create the letter, and she doesn't want her daughter to feel oppressed for writing the letter, or have the letter be declared a mistake. She felt the letter was well written and respectful. Lani said she admires the culture at Ione, and said that a small school can make a child feel good about themselves.

Alison Ogden read her email to board chair Lisa Rietmann, which is attached to these minutes.

Virgil Morgan agreed with the others who spoke, and said that the letter was written well and didn't make demands, but offered suggestions. He said that he was fire chief in Ione for many years, and they never had any trouble with bonfires in the past. Virgil said they should set the rules for the bonfire and noise parade, and let students know what the consequences would be for not abiding by those rules. He said he hopes board will take a look at the issue, and plan something for next year, as these things can be done.

Eric Orem read a letter from himself and Brandi Orem, and reported that some students were unable to attend this meeting due to a volleyball game in Sherman county tonight. He asked why some of the Ione school traditions have faded away. He said they were told it was due to liability, but surrounding communities hold bonfires and noise parades. He said that to say the process is wrong is dismissing the letter, which he said was not rude or disrespectful, but was just Ione students speaking out.

Lisa asked for anyone else who might want to speak. Principal Henry Ramirez spoke about various ways the letter could have been presented. Henry said he was completely open and will support finding answers for the students who wrote the letter. He said he will address the ideas for next fall.

Jason Proudfoot said he agreed with the school pride conversation, and that this was huge teaching moment that is not being utilized; teaching students to stand up for what they believe in.

Henry reported that he is now the ASB advisor, and they are going to work through the process. Lisa said that the students' letter HAS had an impact on the board. She said that comments here were valued, and she thanked everyone who participated.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

Henry Ramirez introduced Jessica Bigsby, calling her a welcome addition to Ione School. Jessica is a 4th grade teacher.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of August 30, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes

BE IT RESOLVED, upon motion by Tricia Rollins, seconded by Rob Crum, which carried unanimously, that the minutes of the August 30, 2016 Ione Board Meeting be approved as presented.

REPORTS

ASB Report – Sydney Qualls, ASB President

Sydney introduced herself, saying this past week has been a little bit rough, but Mr. Ramirez is helping them get through these things. Sydney reported on Macho Man Volleyball, Mud Wars, and alternatives to the noise parade. She spoke about a few other activities that were set up with Lea Mathieu before she resigned as the ASB Advisor, such as Quietly Adopt a Family and The Penny Drive for Veterans, where proceeds go to The Dalles Veteran's Home. Sydney said they want to do community outreach, and get the school involved in the community, focusing on what students want to do.

Principal Report

- Lea Mathieu – Content and Assessment Advisory Panel for ELA

Henry Ramirez already recognized Lea Mathieu under Awards, Recognition and Correspondence.

- Domestic Violence Services Presentation

Henry reported that Mary Adams, who is out of Pendleton and supports Morrow County, gave a 30-minute presentation to Ione students on teen violence, and will follow up in November with elementary students.

- SB Health Clinic Update

Ivonne Morter is the nurse and counselor at the clinic, with CARE providers also spending time there. Henry said they are discussing goals for school year, and will be creating and distributing posters and flyers about the offerings for students at the clinic. It was noted that people can walk into the clinic for a flu shot on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Superintendent Report

- Oregon Healthy and Safe Schools Plan

Jon Peterson explained that this plan came out of the lead in drinking water issue. The first draft of the plan is due prior to October 1, 2016, and Jon used a template provided by the state of Oregon. He noted that districts will also be required to test for radon at some point.

- Conscious Discipline Training

Jon reported that a lot of work is being done in our region on Conscious Discipline, though it hasn't been presented in Ione. The concept is a way of teaching kids that addresses the trauma that more and more kids are dealing with. He also spoke of ACES and trauma informed care, and said these are highly effective tools for teachers.

- Behavioral Health & Education Summit October 14, 2016

Jon noted the handout in the board packets.

FISCAL OVERVIEW

Financial Summary and Cash Flow – Kim Gilsdorf, IMESD

Kim Gilsdorf presented the report via cell phone, and that report is attached to these minutes. Kim detailed the highlights, and noted they will be getting information from the auditors soon, which will be reported out to the board. Bill Jepsen asked if the payment for ESD Tech Support and PACE was a one time a year payment, and Kim said yes. Lisa Reitmann asked about amounts paid to Columbia Basin, and Kim said those are monthly payments. The board thanked Kim for her report.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Ione Music Director and certified staff as chaperones for the March 2017 Ione Band and Choir Trip to Hawaii

BE IT RESOLVED, upon motion by Joe McElligott, seconded by Tricia Rollins, which carried unanimously, that the Ione School Board approves Brian Bates, Ione Music Director, and Eric Jepsen, certified staff, as chaperones for the Ione Band and Choir trip to Hawaii in March of 2017.

Second Reading of Ione Policies:

- JED – Student Absences and Excuses
- JFC (Version 2) – Student Conduct
- JG – Student Discipline
- JHCDA – Prescription Medications

BE IT RESOLVED, upon motion by Bill Jepsen, seconded by Rob Crum, which carried unanimously, that the Ione School District policies listed above be adopted, as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

First Reading Ione Policies:

- IGAI – Human Sexuality, AIDS/HIV, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Health Education
- IGDF – Student Fund-Raising Activities (Version 1)
- BBAA – Individual Board Member’s Authority and Responsibilities
- BD/BDA – Board Meetings
- BDC – Executive Sessions

Jon Peterson presented details on each of the new policies for first reading. It was discussed whether the first sentence in Policy IGDF should say superintendent or principal, and Marla Royal will determine what the current policy says and let the board know.

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Upcoming Meetings and Conferences:

- OSBA Fall Regional
 - 1) September 28, 2016 Pendleton – BMCC Student Union, 6:00 PM
 - 2) October 3, 2016 La Grande – Middle School Commons, 6:00 PM
- October Board Meeting – October 25, 2016 3:30 PM Work Session, 4:30 PM Regular Board Meeting
- OSBA Annual Conference – November 10-13, 2016 Portland, Oregon

Jon Peterson reported that the IMESD Board will be touring Ione October 17th, and asked Henry Ramirez to develop a list of Ione contracts with IMESD, and speak to the board about what our contract services are for and what they cost.

Tricia Rollins and Rob Crum will be attending the OSBA Annual Convention in November for Ione.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Rietmann, Board Chair

Marla Royal, Board Secretary