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**Regular Board Meeting**  
**VIA ZOOM**

**Wednesday, August 12, 2020**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHERS PRESENT**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Board Chair-Josh Thompson, Board Vice-Chair-Carol Mitchell, Tamarra Ferguson, Howard Fetz, Melissa Huntley, and Joan Stark

**ADMIN PRESENT:** Ryan Wraught and Aimee Hovis

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kathy Benson, Alex Carr, Heather Carter, Danette Cole, Kevin Duree, Jim Hull, Necia Jackson, Paul Koerschgen, Sandra Knight, Josh Kurtz, Eric Larlee, Rick Leeper, Faith Lindley, Marni Malefyt, Marla Rethwill, Mia Sheppard, Jamie Sowell, and Yancy Wells.

1. **CALLED TO ORDER** at 6:04 p.m.
2. **ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS TO AGENDA BY BOARD MEMBERS**
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
  - MOTION:** By Carol Mitchell to approve the agenda
  - SECOND:** By Howard Fetz
  - VOTING:** Motion passed unanimously.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:**

(Routine items which require Board action. This list of consent agenda items is to be approved or disapproved collectively. The Board may remove one or more items from the agenda by majority vote and proceed to vote on the balance of the remaining items.)

  - A. Regular Board/Budget Hearing Minutes for June 25, 2020 approval
  - B. Regular Board Minutes for June 10, 2020 approval
  - C. Acknowledge Payment of Bills\*
  - D. Personnel Report
  - E. Appoint Attorney of Record (Hungerford & Hungerford)
  - F. Appoint Insurance Agent of Record (On Course Insurance Agency)
  - G. 2020-21 District Designations and In-House Appointments:
    1. Official Publication (The Dalles Chronicle)
    2. Fund Depositories (Oregon State LGIP, Columbia State Bank)
    3. Custodian of Funds (Ryan Wraught)
    4. Budget Officer (Ryan Wraught)
    5. Business Manager (Aimee Hovis)
    6. Chief Administrator (Ryan Wraught)
    7. Negotiator (Ryan Wraught)
    8. Authority of Titles: Block Grants, Title IA, Title IIA & D, Title III, Title IV, Title V, Title VI, Title VII, Title IX, Hot Lunch; PL-94-142, and PL-81-874, ADA (Ryan Wraught)
    9. Superintendent as Affirmative Action Officer (Ryan Wraught)
    10. Authorize the Supt. and Business Manager to sign all checks.
    11. Designate Ryan Wraught as Dist. Safety Officer and Compliance Officer for OSHA, Asbestos and Related Safety Concerns.
    12. Approve Sub. Rate Daily pay for 2020-21 School Year \$189.32 per day for the first ten days.
    13. Direct Superintendent to dispose of surplus property as per policy DN.

**MOTION:** By Carol Mitchell to approve the agenda  
**SECOND:** By Melissa Huntley  
**VOTING:** Motion passed unanimously.

5. **RECOGNITION/PRESENTATIONS**

A. **Technology Update:** Jamie Sowell presented an update. Large projects that have happened for SWCSD are the 1:1 Chromebooks for 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade classes and 1:1 iPads for 1<sup>st</sup> -4<sup>th</sup> grade classes. New high tech boards have been purchased for some of the classrooms that allow Bluetooth connectivity from teacher's phones, computers, or iPads. It also allows several student's iPad displays to be on the board for group instruction in the classroom. Online registration is now open. All parents should have received an email from the school with a link to register their kid(s). The school has purchased Chromebooks, iPads, hotspots, and Activ Panels with the 50k Google grant. Oregon Department of Education has also estimated \$142,000 in a Connectivity Grant to assist schools with distance learning. The grant will be used for additional hot spots and internet connectivity, laptops for teachers, document cameras and Activ Panels. Special recognition to Heather Carter and Heidi Gibson for facilitating the Donor's Choose program to help fund new iPads for their 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class. Thank you for all those in the community and SWC PTO that helped donate in the Donor's Choose program.

6. **INFORMATIONAL**

A. **Athletic Director's Report**.....Jim Hull

OSAA Athletic season have been adjusted to:

Season 1: Aug 31<sup>th</sup> to Dec 27<sup>th</sup> No athletic programs running

Season 2: Dec 28<sup>th</sup> to March 6<sup>th</sup> Basketball

Season 3: Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup> Football and Volleyball

Season 4: April 19<sup>th</sup> to June 20<sup>th</sup> Track and Field

The above season are all superseded by any ODE or Governor Brown's mandates.

All sports require students to have 9 days of practice before the first game to help student prepare physically. There will also be no state championships in the 20-21 school year.

B. **Superintendent/Principal's Report**.....Ryan Wraught

Recognition: Special thank you to the staff at SWC. Teachers have been training and preparing all summer for this fall. The grounds and buildings look wonderful, thanks to the hard work of the maintenance and grounds crew. Thank you to Yancy Wells for all his painting. Thank you to Jamie and his summer staff in getting all the Chromebook and iPad ready for students this fall. He has also put in new Wi-Fi hubs around the district to help with connectivity.

Funding: State school funding has been backfilled with 400 million from the Education Stability Fund. Student Investment Account was originally funded for \$277k but has been reduced to \$92k. High School Success grant will help fund with mental health counseling and Chromebooks for high schoolers. The Connectivity Grant will also provide \$142k in new connectivity funds.

Insurance: It is my recommendation for the school district to hold their insurance with OnCourse Insurance company. Mike McGowan has been working with the district for years.

Reopen Schools: This summer has been very busy in planning for how schools will reopen this fall. The state has provided multiple versions and ordinances for schools to follow to allow them to open. Currently the governor requires the specific levels on the county level for schools to have in-class instructions. At this time Wasco County's numbers will not allow SWC to open later this month. The governor is stressing the importance of having in-class learning for K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade as soon as possible. SWC is providing Acellus Online classes in conjunction with teacher aided instruction for K-12<sup>th</sup> grade.

7. **BOARD DISCUSSION**

A. **DRAC Update:** The Army Corp of Engineers had 40 soldiers moving almost 5000 cubic yards of fill from Warnock Family Ranch, to build up the ground so the third corner of the future track can be built. There were 10 trucks moving fill and unloading 100 truckloads a day. They will be completed with their work on August 10<sup>th</sup>. DRAC will be planning a special thank you reception/BBQ for the Army Corp of Engineers to return to be recognized and thanked for all

their hard work. This will also provide the community to meet and thank them.

8. **BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Elect Board Chair/Vice Chair**

**MOTION:** By Rob Miles to appoint Josh Thompson as the Board Chair for the 20-21 school year.

**SECOND:** By Joan Stark

**VOTING:** Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** By Tamarra Ferguson to appoint Carol Mitchell as the Board Vice Chair for the 20-21 school year.

**SECOND:** By Howard Fetz

**VOTING:** Motion passed unanimously.

**B. Set Date and Time for 2020-21 Board Meetings**

**MOTION:** By Carol Mitchell to set the 20-21 school year monthly board meetings for the second Wednesdays of the month at 6 p.m.

**SECOND:** By Howard Fetz

**VOTING:** Motion passed. Five votes yes, one vote no.

**C. Ready Schools, Safe Learners**

It was discovered that no motion is needed. School Board was counseled that the Ready Schools, Safe Learners was provided in the Board packet and is on the District webpage.

**D. Staff Insurance MOU for 2020-21**

A MOU has been negotiated by SWACE/SWEA/Superintendent and tentatively agreed upon. The district and the staff will share the insurance increase 50/50. With a total increase of \$27.84. The district will increase the insurance CAP by \$13.92, and reduce the Dental/Vision contribution by \$13.92.

**MOTION:** By Howard Fetz to approve the Staff Insurance MOU for 2020-21.

**SECOND:** By Joan Stark

**VOTING:** Motion passed unanimously.

**E. Wamic Property**

After a brief discussion on rather to post the Wamic Property for sale; and with the knowledge that the South Wasco Parks & Recreation not able to prepare a master plan for the property; the Board chose to table any further discussion on the property at this time.

**MOTION:** By Rob Miles to hold onto the Wamic Property and at this time not to post property for sale.

**SECOND:** By Joan Stark

**VOTING:** Motion passed unanimously.

**F. Working Agreement 2020-21**

A quick review of the Working Agreement occurred.

**MOTION:** By Tamarra Ferguson to approve the Working Agreement 2020-21.

**SECOND:** By Howard Fetz

**VOTING:** Motion passed unanimously.

**G. Credit Proposal for high school 2020-21**

High School English teacher, Sandra Knight gave the Board a presentation on the rationale for temporarily moving the high school to a 6-period day and credit proposal change for the 2020-21 school year.

**MOTION:** By Tamarra Ferguson to approve the credit proposal for the high school 2020-21.

**SECOND:** By Howard Fetz

**VOTING:** Motion passed unanimously.

9. **BOARD GOALS**

- A. The 2019-20 goals were included in the Board packet for review. Supt. Wraught asked

the Board to be prepared to discuss the goals for 2020-21.

10. **COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE ABOUT AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Josh Kurtz provided his thanks to all the staff at SWC. He has been impressed with how many teachers he has seen this summer at the school working. He also extended recognition to Supt. Wraught and Business Manager Hovis for working all hours to keep the school running.
- Mia Sheppard has some questions about how she may use Acellus while on a business trip, and how that may work with teachers. Mr. Wraught assured Mia that teachers will be flexible and as accommodating as possible for families and students.
- Faith Lindley also wanted to thank everyone for the extended hours working in the summer and for the teachers coming in during the summer to train on Acellus.

11. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:** N/A

12. **RECESS TO EXEC. SESSION:** No Executive Session.

13. **ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING** at 7:49 p.m.

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