

**SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2019**

The Board of Directors of Sherman County School District met in the Sherman County School/Public Library Meeting Room in Moro, Oregon on January 14, 2019. The following were present: Chair, Kristie Coelsch; Vice Chair, Jesse Stutzman; Directors: Bill Martin, Scott Susi; Superintendent, Wes Owens; Principal Mike Somnis; Business Manager, Kim McKinney; Board Secretary, Jen Berry; Staff Members: Gerald Casper; ESD Employee, Stacy Shown; Visitors: Larry Hctor, Hayli Sharp.

Absent: Merrie von Borstel

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN

Motion by Vice Chair Stutzman with second from Director Susi to approve the board meeting agenda for January 14, 2019 as amended. **Vote:** 4 in Favor (Coelsch, Martin, Stutzman, Susi) Absent (von Borstel) **Action:** The motion carried.

Motion by Director Martin with second from Vice Chair Stutzman to adopt the consent agenda as presented. **Vote:** 4 in Favor (Coelsch, Martin, Stutzman, Susi) Absent (von Borstel) **Action:** The motion carried.

Motion by Vice Chair Martin with second from Director Susi to establish the budget calendar for 2019-20 as presented. **Vote:** 4 in Favor (Coelsch, Martin, Stutzman, Susi) Absent (von Borstel) **Action:** The motion carried.

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Motion by Director Martin with second from Director Susi to adopt the PACE Joinder of Trust Agreement as presented. **Vote:** 4 in Favor (Coelsch, Martin, Stutzman, Susi) Absent (von Borstel) **Action:** The motion carried.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Kristie Coelsch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

An opportunity was given to make changes to the presented Regular Board Meeting Agenda for this January 14, 2019 meeting. Superintendent Owens added 7.8 Adoption of PACE Joinder to Trust Agreement.

Motion by Vice Chair Stutzman with second from Director Susi to approve the board meeting agenda for January 14, 2019 as amended. **Vote:** 4 in Favor (Coelsch, Martin, Stutzman, Susi) Absent (von Borstel) **Action:** The motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

No comments related to agenda items were received.

PRESENTATIONS

Recognition of Students, Staff, and Community Members

We are extremely fortunate to have gracious staff and community members who support our school and students. This school year we are continuing the tradition of recognizing various supporters at the beginning portion of each School Board Meeting. While it is possible that we may periodically miss an opportunity to thank someone, we sincerely appreciate the commitment of all of our supporters. We would like to recognize the following people for their devotion to our schools, students, staff and community.

- January is School Board Appreciation Month. On behalf of all the students and staff in the Sherman County School District, we want to thank our dedicated school board members!
- The library staff for coordinating the mitten tree.
- Thank you to local road officials for their continuous communication with the District related to inclement weather.
- Ron McDermid for coordinating the Junior Hoops Program.
- Deidra von Borstel and the leadership class for organizing several holiday activities for our students and staff including; dress-up days, a locker decorating contest, and a door decorating contest.
- Education Foundation for their support and continuous organizational work.
- Booster Club and the PTO for their support of our students.
- Jeff Kaser and Jill Harrison for keeping the score books at the basketball games.
- Bert Perisho for keeping the game clocks at the basketball games and Tracy Fields for filling in.
- The Pep Band under the direction of John Gronberg for your musical energy and enthusiasm at the basketball games. You Rock!

We truly appreciate the amazing support we receive from so many thoughtful people. Thank you to everyone in our great community and school district for your continued support! When you have time please visit our Sherman County School District Web Page for the monthly appreciation comments.

School Board Appreciation Month

Superintendent Owens expressed his sincere appreciation to the members of the board and presented each of them with a certificate. The elementary student council decorated the board room and wrote thank you notes to the board members.

Student Body Report

Gerald Casper gave the Student Body Report for Desiree Winslow as she was unable to attend. In the report the student body extended their thanks to the board for their support and dedication. The ASB is planning a high school dance in February. They are looking at raising money to purchase a new high school mascot.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Business

- Approved Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on December 10, 2018.
- Approved Bill Listing, Financial Statement.

Personnel

- Approved temporary hire of Jeanie Pehlke, .45 FTE Confidential Secretary
- Approved contract amendment for Jennifer Berry, Confidential Secretary
- Approved hire of Carrie Somnis, High School Track Coach
- Approved hire of Ethan Moore, .5 Assistant High School Track Coach
- Approved hire of Jessianne Miller, .5 Assistant High School Track Coach
- Approved hire of Samantha Roberts-Smith, Jr. High School Track Coach
- Approved Joe Justesen, High School Baseball Coach
- Approved Deidra von Borstel, .5 High School Tennis Coach
- Approved Kalie Rolfe, .5 High School Tennis Coach

Motion by Director Martin with second from Vice Chair Stutzman to adopt the consent agenda as presented. **Vote:** 4 in Favor (Coelsch, Martin, Stutzman, Susi) Absent (von Borstel) **Action:** The motion carried.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Owens thanked the board members for their service to the district. His report included district enrollment, a thank you to the Sherman County Court for their support, upcoming District professional development, changes to state open enrollment laws, Confidential Secretary update, a transportation update, Special Education support, the upcoming County Court and ESD Superintendent's meeting, the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the Safety Committee meeting, and the upcoming COSA Conference.

K-12 Administrator Report

Principal Somnis reviewed state test scores and drop-out rates. He thanked Deanna for her work with the SKORE program and all of the groups involved. He invited the board to the upcoming “Be a Champion in Life” assembly. He reviewed upcoming events here at the school including the Talent Show, Umpqua Singers concert, possible play-off basketball game, Finals Week and the FFA Leadership Conference.

Athletic Director Report

Athletic Director Somnis updated the board on the current basketball season. He noted that the Spring schedules are almost complete.

6-Man Football Pilot

Athletic Director Somnis reported that feedback from the 6-man football pilot program has been very positive. Our school was approved to move to 6-Man Football next year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board Zone Position Consideration Continued Discussion with District Legal Counsel

Superintendent Owens briefly reviewed what was discussed on this topic at previous meetings. Melinda Thomas, attorney from the High Desert ESD that provides legal counsel for the district, joined the discussion via phone. She gave an explanation of the research she has done on the topic. She then gave her advice to the board stating that there is no evidence that the current process was established by election therefore, the board can change how the directors are nominated by resolution or board action and the change does not have to be submitted to the electorate at an election. She noted that the current board elections policy will need to be revised. Ms. Thomas then offered to answer questions from the board regarding her analysis.

Chair Coelsch thanked her for her clear explanation.

Ms. Thomas added that the board has the option to take this to election although the timing would need to be considered and it would be quicker and more economical to be decided through board action.

The board had no further questions and appreciated her analysis.

Superintendent Owens confirmed a timeline moving forward with Ms. Thomas. He then thanked her and expressed everyone’s appreciation for her help.

The board had a brief discussion on the timeline of future tasks.

Superintendent Owens commended the board for their transparency on this topic.

Monument Sign Continued Discussion

Vice Chair Stutzman updated the board on the purchase of signs for the back of the building (facing the highway) and the financial support from the Athletic Foundation. The board is in support of the purchase of these signs.

He reviewed the monument school sign for the front of the school. He will bring the price and a design for the board to review at the next meeting.

Vice Chair Stutzman spoke with Gary at the Bank of Eastern Oregon in Heppner. He is not opposed to the idea of the LED sign and noted they have done this in the past. Gary wanted more time to research this and then he would report back to Vice Chair Stutzman.

The board thanked Vice Chair Stutzman for his work on this project.

NEW BUSINESS

Division 22 Assurances

Superintendent Owens announced that the district has reviewed all of the Division 22 Standards of the Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 581, Division 22 and is happy to publicly report to the community that Sherman County School District is in compliance with all of its standards. The board acknowledged the report.

Establish Budget Calendar for 2019-20

Business Manager Kim McKinney reviewed the budget calendar with the board.

Motion by Vice Chair Martin with second from Director Susi to establish the budget calendar for 2019-20 as presented. **Vote:** 4 in Favor (Coelsch, Martin, Stutzman, Susi) Absent (von Borstel) **Action:** The motion carried.

Audit Report

Business Manager McKinney had previously given the board a copy of the audit report for their review. She offered to answer any questions from the report. She noted that the district got a clean report.

Motion by Vice Chair Stutzman with second from Director Martin to accept the 2017-18 audit report. **Vote:** 4 in Favor (Coelsch, Martin, Stutzman, Susi) Absent (von Borstel) **Action:** The motion carried.

Memorandum of Understanding with Sherman County – Reunification Site

Superintendent Owens thanked the multi-agency Safety Committee. He expressed how thankful he is of the county for their support of the safety program. The committee has decided to move the main reunification to the courthouse given their additional facility and proximity to the school and keep the Wasco Events Center as an optional site.

Motion by Director Martin with a second from Vice Chair Stutzman to accept the Memorandum of Understanding with Sherman County-Reunification Site and direct Superintendent Owens to sign. **Vote:** 4 in Favor (Coelsch, Martin, Stutzman, Susi) Absent (von Borstel) **Action:** The motion carried.

Memorandum of Understanding with Wasco Events Center – Optional Reunification Site

Motion by Vice Chair Stutzman with second from Director Susi to accept the Memorandum of Understanding with Wasco Events Center-Optional Reunification Site and direct Superintendent

Owens to sign. **Vote:** 4 in Favor (Coelsch, Martin, Stutzman, Susi) Absent (von Borstel) **Action:** The motion carried.

Approve 1 Year Softball Co-op with The Dalles High School

Superintendent Owens explained that we need to approve this annually according to OSAA. We will have one student that would like to play softball with The Dalles. This gives our students options.

Motion by Director Martin with second from Vice Chair Stutzman to approve the one year Softball Co-op with The Dalles High School. **Vote:** 4 in Favor (Coelsch, Martin, Stutzman, Susi) Absent (von Borstel) **Action:** The motion carried.

Mid-Columbia Center for Living, Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc., Juvenile Prevention and Sherman County School District .8 FTE Qualified Mental Health Professional Position Collaboration Grant Proposal

Superintendent Owens explained that our school recognizes the need for additional counselor support. He recently requested that Center for Living give the district the funding for the counselor that they have been providing, making them a district employee and Center for Living has agreed to this. GOBHI provides the funding and discussions need to take place with GOBHI before this is finalized. Superintendent Owens thanked MCCFL and GOBHI for working with the district. He is hoping to move forward with this by the end of the month and have the position filled sometime in February.

PACE Joinder of Trust Agreement

This is an agreement for the insurance received through PACE.

Motion by Director Martin with second from Director Susi to adopt the PACE Joinder of Trust Agreement as presented. **Vote:** 4 in Favor (Coelsch, Martin, Stutzman, Susi) Absent (von Borstel) **Action:** The motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

No comments from visitors.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, CLOSING COMMENTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Board Zone Positions
- Monument Sign
- Counseling Update
- League Changes
- Safety Plan and Signage Update
- Duplicate Family Mailings

NEXT MEETING

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Coelsch declared the meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Chair, Kristie Coelsch

Board Secretary, Jen Berry