

SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MAY 14, 2012

The Board of Directors of Sherman County School District met at the Sherman County Public/School Library in Moro, OR on May 14, 2012. The following were present: Board Chair, Bill Martin, Members, Verna Simantel, Liz Mills, Ted vonBorstel, Ken Melzer, Superintendent/Principal Ivan Ritchie, Business Manager Kim McKinney, Confidential Secretary Linda Burnett, Staff; Wes Owens, Brandon Hammond, Cindie King, Gerald Casper, Jillian Echlin, Leo Baptiste, Todd Swan, Patricia Finch, Visitors; Tom Finch, Seth Echlin, Jason Earl, Erin, Tori, Luke and Ellie Stone, Dell and Nikki Squire, Paul Peterson ORVED.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN

Motion by Director Ted vonBorstel, with second by Director Verna Simantel to approve the consent agenda as amended. **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Director Ken Melzer with second by Director Ted vonBorstel to adopt the Pierson/Prentice Hall textbook series for Social Studies recommended by the teachers. **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair, Bill Martin called the meeting to order at 7 PM, beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Cindie King introduced Student Of the Quarter, Ellie Stone, and gave some recognition to her sister Tory and brother Luke as well.

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT

Principal Wes Owens introduced Jason Earl, who reported on the following:

- Student Body Elections: New officers for the 2012 – 2013 Student Body have been elected, and they will meet before the end of the school year to start making plans for the new school year.
- Staff Appreciation: On Thursday, May 10, the student council recognized the certified staff for Staff Appreciation Week.
- Educator of the Year: The Educator of the Year (selected by old and new student council members) will be recognized at the Award Program on May 29.
- PACK: On June 28, the Student Council will be helping at the Children's Fair that is sponsored by the Sherman County Commission on Children and Families.

OTHER DELEGATIONS OR INDIVIDUALS

Tom Finch was present, representing Mid Columbia Bus Company. He presented grants gifted by Mid Columbia Bus Company, to the Board to be presented to students at graduation. Some will honor those who completed OAKS testing, and some will honor girl and boy students of the year, and some are given to support the school libraries.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Director Ted vonBorstel, with second by Director Verna Simantel to approve the consent agenda as amended. **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

Approve Board May 13, 2012 Agenda

Approve minutes of April 9, 2012 Regular Board Meeting

Approve minutes of Board Work Session, May 1, 2012

Approve Bill Listings/Financial Statements

Board Report

6.2 Discuss one-campus plan

REPORTS

Principal Wes Owens reported on the following:

- National Teacher Appreciation Week: Mr. Owens spoke a word of appreciation for all the certified staff do.
- OAKS Assessment Update: Mr. Owens reported good progress has been made on the testing for the year.
- Academic Program Planning Guide/Advisory Period: Parents were mailed packets containing an Academic Program Planning Guide, Career Related Learning Planning Sheets, and Pre-Registration forms. The hope is more parents will be involved in the registration process.
- Folktales from Around the World – Drama Production: The Theatre Arts class, along with their instructor, Jillian Echlin, and several volunteers presented a drama production recently. It was a job well done!
- Student Body Elections: April 20, the student body elections were held.
- State Senator Ron Wyden Visit: On May 3, Ron Wyden visited SJSHS. This was a community forum organized by our AP American Government and Politics class.
- National Honor Society Induction: Three students were inducted into the National Honor Society May 7.
- Honor Roll Pizza Party: On May 2, the SJSHS Booster Club rewarded the 1st semester honor roll students with a pizza and root beer float celebration.

- Mathlete Competition: 18 students will compete in the annual Mathlete Competition to be held in Heppner.
- Graduation Meeting: An organized meeting was held for all seniors on May 8.
- FFA Banquet: The FFA Banquet was held on May 3.
- FFA Plant Sale: The FFA hosted an extremely successful plant sale. Nearly all the plants sold on the first weekend.
- Community 101: Local Organizations will be receiving grant money from the Community 101 Leadership Group.
- Prom: This year prom was held at the Rufus Community Center.
- District Track and Sherman Invitational Track Meets Hosted at Home: Sherman Jr./Sr. High School and the Sherman Athletic Foundation hosted these events.
- District Track and District Tennis Results: Girls and Boys Track and Tennis teams all brought home 2nd place from their respective District Meets. They will participate in State Meets the weekend of May 18.
- Sherman County Education Foundation: Planning stages of developing a Sherman County Education Foundation.
- Sherman County Hall of Fame: Planning stages of developing a Hall of Fame program for the Sherman County School District.
- School Board Invitation to Graduation: All School Board Members are officially invited to join the administration up front for graduation ceremonies on June 2, at 11 AM.
- Upcoming Events at Sherman Jr./Sr. High School
 - Outdoor School – May 14 -17
 - AP Test – May 15
 - Social Studies OAKS – May 15 – 17
 - Mathlete Competition – May 16
 - Community 101 Grant Awards – May 17
 - State Track – May 18 -19 (Leave May 17)
 - Art Mural Field Trip – May 18
 - 6th Grade Orientation – May 22
 - Psychology Norcor Field Trip – May 22
 - Junior/Senior Recognition – May 23
 - Fine Arts Festival – May 24
 - Band @ Wasco Parade – May 28
 - Academic/Athletic Awards Program – May 29
 - FFA Shop Skills – May 30
 - Senior Scholarship Night – May 31
 - Senior Breakfast – June 1
 - All School Assembly – June 1
 - Graduation Practice – June 1
 - Staff Graduation Practice – June 1

- Graduation – June 2
- Junior High Awards – June 5
- Finals Schedule – June 5 -8
- Mid-Columbia Livestock Show – June 7 b- 10
- FFA Livestock Judging (After School) – June 8
- Basketball Tournament June 14 -16

Mr. Ritchie reported on the following:

- OAKS Testing will be completed May 17, 2012
- Robotics Team went to Stevenson May 12, 2012
- Pre-School Visitation: On May 10, 2012, 13 preschoolers visited the elementary school, enjoying their trip on the yellow bus, and a tour of the school.
- Outdoor School: The sixth grade class is at outdoor school at Camp Tupper this week. They are involved in activities including fish studies, forestry, animals, water aquifers and survival studies. Mrs. Cranston and Mrs. Baptiste are both at camp with the students.
- Artist in Residence: We have an artist in residence at the elementary school this week. She is teaching the children to use charcoals and pastels.
- Talent Show: Mrs. Sharp has organized a talent show, which will be held May 24.
- Dental Sealant Program: This week children, whose parents approved, are being given dental sealants at the elementary.
- Spring Music Program: The K – 4 Spring Music Program is Monday, June 4. The theme is American Folk Music.
- Accelerated Reader Rewards Day: June 5th is the end of the year celebration for Accelerated Readers. It will include the bounce house, OMSI display and other fun events.
- Science Fair and 6th Grade Appreciation Speeches: These events will be held June 7th.
- Last Day of School – June 8: The class Olympics will be held and there will a Hawaiian Luau for lunch, hosted by Cindie Brown.
- Board Meeting cancelation: There will be no board meeting this Wednesday, May 16. A conference call with Johnson Controls, Ivan Ritchie, Kim McKinney, and Bill Martin will be held to get more details regarding their proposal. The Budget Meeting May 22 will be prefaced with a meeting with Jason Higby from Johnson Controls.

Verna Simantel reported on the ESD Budget Meeting: The ESD will be funded \$100,000 less than last year, and they are not making many changes as far as how their budget will be run. Mike Carol will stay with the ESD next year, and Robert Waltenburg, from Grant County will share that position with him. Some savings in their budget are coming from junior staff replacing retiring staff.

FIRST READING OF ORVD CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACT

Paul Peterson was in attendance to review the contract and answer any questions. He reported the following people have been elected to the board: Samuel Lee, COSA Rep. Sheran Klein, Laurie Wemer OEA, Chalkboard Project, Kevin Noreen, ESD Paul Zastro. This board asked Paul to make one modification to the contract – Item 6.3. The ORVD Board would like the second sentence of that paragraph stricken. Sherman County School District Board would like to see this contract limited to a 2-year agreement.

REVIEW RECOMMENDATION FOR SOCIAL STUDIES TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

Mr. Ritchie presented textbooks from Pierson/Prentice Hall that Elementary and Jr. Sr. High School teachers have reviewed, and he reviewed what is included in the purchase of these texts. Textbooks need to be adopted for use in the classrooms next fall. **Motion** by Director Ken Melzer with second by Director Ted vonBorstel to adopt the Pierson/Prentice Hall textbook series for Social Studies recommended by the teachers. **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

DISCUSS SINGLE CAMPUS PLAN

Chair Bill Martin presented the discussion regarding a single campus plan. He sees a need to discuss this and put it in the form of a scheduled plan. Mr. Owens suggested the board set a date to make a decision and present their plan. He also suggested the Board meet in a work session to set their goals before setting a solid date. Bill Martin suggested a work session be held at 6 o'clock, before the next board meeting on June 11, 2012. Board members will bring their suggested goals, and structure them at that time. Nov. 12, 2012 would be the target date to make a decision as to whether we will move to one campus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 9 PM

ORS 192.660 (2) (a) Consider the Employment of a Public Employee

ORS 192.660 (2) (d) Labor Negotiations

REGULAR SESSION 10 PM

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Martin declared the meeting adjourned at 10:07 PM.

Chair, Bill Martin

Confidential Secretary, Linda Burnett