

Regular School Board Meeting

Board Members Present- Brett Moore, Scott Spears, Meg Moore

Others Present- Mat Miles, Bruce Neil, Amie Breshears, Kelsey Stitzel, Kyle Barnes, Maxine Parker, Shawn Parker, Brendan Kelley, Darren Hansen, Lisa Murchison, John Frisch

Call to Order- Chair Brett Moore called meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Agenda Approval- Meg Moore made a motion to approve the agenda as presented; Scott Spears seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Communications- Bruce Neil received an anonymous letter regarding staff parking spot. The letter stated that due to concerns about student safety, parents should be able to park along the fence by the elementary school and staff should park across the street. Bruce addressed the concerns by having the staff park by the AG house, leaving the area along the fence for parents to park. We will monitor how this works for everyone.

Good of the Order- We now have lights on the flag 24/7 as brought to our attention by Darren Hansen.

Patron Comments- No Comments

Consent Agenda- Minutes for December 8th Meeting under New Business action- should read "Classified Collective Bargaining Agreement". Meg Moore made a motion to approve minutes of December 8th as corrected; Scott Spears seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Reports-

FFA- Brendan Kelley reported that things are going well. District competition is coming up on Wednesday, January 17th. Karley Witten and Alisa Fox will be attending.

The FFA held a Hamburger Feed on Saturday the 13th at the High School Basketball games. Chapter was successful on the feed receiving a profit of \$292.00.

The FFA received a shipment of plants from Hubbard on the West Side for hanging baskets and flowers to be cultivated in the green house.

District officer interviews will be held; three girls are getting interviewed: Karley Witten, Emily Best and Lorissa Johnson (all juniors). Alumni will narrow the candidates down to two.

Booster Club- Darren Hansen reported they are in the process of ordering a scorer's table. The next Booster Club meeting will be March 2nd at 7 p.m. The presentation to Bob Gaertner at the Basketball game was well received.

Superintendent- Bruce Neil reported that the senior class had questions concerning the amount of money in their account. Amie Breshears, Mat Miles, Bruce Neil and Lisa Murchison have agreed on an amount of \$3,154.00 as the current amount in the senior fund. Amie explained how the money is brought in and tracked. Scott Spears suggested to track by year of graduation not just by year in school.

Stewart Roberts Chief of Police in Pendleton, Oregon, came today for a safety audit. He gave some suggestions on what we need to do for more safety of our school. Lisa Murchison asked if we have a plan for non-school hours. Bruce stated that Chief Stewart did give some ideas on what we can do under extenuating circumstances. Bruce will have a more detailed report at next meeting.

Bruce is working on projections for next year enrollment numbers. Charter applications are starting to come in for next fall.

Principal-Mat Miles reported that we are halfway through 3rd Quarter.

Chad Witty and Wyatt Hostetler are District Champs in Wrestling. State is coming up. Track will be starting soon. Parent meeting will be held at the end of month, and the first meet will be March 18th.

Mat spoke about graduation and how Cove's accountability for graduation rates is unique. We have several homeschooled students who take only elective classes here, and as such, are counted on our enrollment. These students often end up not graduating, so it counts against us as a drop out on state reports.

Facilities- Kyle Barnes reported on the facilities and what is happening around our district. He has partnered up with Mr. Olmsted and the shop students to finish some projects. We have received 2 bids on Matthew Briney's door openers. Bids are coming in on the Aluminum Football Bleachers; the goal is to have the home-side done by Play Day. Research into underground irrigation is underway, as well as work on the crow's nest- adding another window and fixing the main door and adding additional lighting around the buildings and grounds. The plan includes the use of LED lights for longer light life. New glass for trophy cases will be installed. Finished projects include: installing the dishwasher in the staff room, replacing a water heater, installation of new flag pole lights, replacing the lights that were out in the parking lot, putting up a light pole by AG House and Elementary parking lot, and the removal of some trees in front of Elementary School and High School. Plans are underway for the old gym include procuring bids for windows, changing the storage area, work on the Foyer, and exploring sound proofing and lighting options. The AG House locks will be changed. The sealant is coming up on the pavement between the old gym and the Elementary School. Hampton's Paving will redo it when they do the High School parking lot.

John Frisch asked if they can have an update on facilities and progress when the Budget Meeting comes up so that he can know the progress for the budget process.

Financial- Amie presented the financial reports. Meg Moore questioned the bill on Nationwide Business Concepts (NBC) regarding black toner. Amie explained NBC has been contacted and automatic shipping of toner has been cancelled. Lisa Murchison asked about the bill for the gym floor. We are paying the remainder of the bill since the floor is finished. We had been holding a retainage until floor repairs were complete. John Frisch inquired into the ownership of the buses. Meg clarified why we own our own buses.

Old Business- Discussion Items

Discussion on holding a special Board Meeting with an executive meeting on March 7th @ 6 p.m. to discuss Bruce Neil's evaluation. Regular school board meeting is scheduled for March 15th @ 7 p.m.

- a. Supplement- an informative newsletter that goes out to board members.

- b. Cove School Fiscal Management policies –
 - 1. Policy DB- District Budget – Discussion of need to prepare a budget calendar. Amie will prepare calendar for next meeting.
 - 2. Policy DBEA- Budget Committee – Deleting 4 year term language; 2nd reading next meeting.
- c. Update 360 Evaluation- receiving input from all 3 levels of staff (Elementary, Middle School and High School.) Evaluated self and goals, which will be available at March 7th meeting. Community member surveys are being collected. John Frisch questioned the viability of Bruce Neil’s ability to pick and choose the questions. Brett Moore commented that this is a new standardized form being used this year, which was not prepared by Bruce.
- d. Update Development of District Goals and Performance measures- We plan to have a matrix in place by the end of the year. Other priorities have pushed the completion of this back.

New Business-

Action-

Adoption IMESD Local Service Plan. Board wants to see contract and cost of what we are purchasing. Most of the utilization of the plan revolves around Tech services. Action has been pushed back to next meeting.

Future Agenda-

- ~ Adoption Local Plan Service – Information
- ~ 2nd Reading on OBEA Policy
- ~ Update Goals Performance Measures
- ~ Budget Calendar
- ~ Budget Board Members
- ~ Renew Teacher Contracts
- ~ Update on School Calendar
- ~ Review of School lunch program

Meg made a motion to adjourn at 8:21pm, Scott seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Board Chair- Brett Moore

Superintendent- Bruce Neil