

Regular School Board Meeting

Board Members Present- Brett Moore, Scott Spears, Steve McLean and Meg Moore

Others Present- Bruce Neil, Mat Miles, Kelsey Stitzel, Amie Breshears, Lisa and Mariah Murchison, John Frisch, Brendan Kelley, Doug Girdner, Darren and Deb Hansen, Blake Manley, Andy Lindsey, and Michaela Hill.

Call to Order- Chair Brett Moore called meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Brett read rules of order.

Agenda Approval- Item # 10 D. Consider resignation of school board member. Scott Spears made a motion and amended the agenda. Steve McLean seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Communications- No reports

Good of the Order- Bruce Neil reported on the happening of traditional May events: with Erich Dressen's expertise, the live-streaming of the May Day program was successful and the program went well; the annual Cove Play Day ran very smooth this year; the improvements to the outdoor bleachers were completed and the public seemed pleased with the results; Kim Tally and Jeanne Ralph were winners and recipients of the Crystal Apple award; the Scholastic Book Fair, underway this week, created lots of anticipation and enjoyment for the Elementary students and staff as they gather in the library to choose books; the seniors did an excellent job in their presentations yesterday, with a special notice by Mat Miles for Jaren Hackwith's project which can be seen outside, above the High School main door reflecting Jaren's career goal in graphics; Lisa Murchison mentioned the engaging interaction between the seniors and the guests, judges, and community members during the presentations in the gym, and Mat remarked on the variety of presentations; Michaela Hill coached and led a cheer team, which consisted of doing a cheer during a High School Basketball game.

Patron Comments- Darren Hansen commented Mr. Neil's request that staff park up by the AG house has worked out well, so now the focus might want to shift toward Mill Creek Road with the idea of slowing traffic down when approaching the school. Darren suggested a speed bump or some sort of sign warning of a school zone. We are looking into it.

Consent Agenda- Re-wording of minutes of April's Board meeting unclear. Bruce Neil is working on them.

Reports

Student Body- April and May are typically very busy months: Michaela Hill reported on funds raised by the seniors at the School Carnival held in April; the prom, also held in April, Michaela reported was the best one she has been to; then in May, two track athletes are going to State, and graduation will be held next week.

FFA- Brendan Kelley reported on the Cove FFA members' participation in the May 2nd and 3rd livestock judging competition in Albany. Cove FFA students ended up 4th out of 30 schools with the advance team, which consisted of 5 students of whom 3 were rookies. The FFA plant sale took place Friday morning and

reportedly went very well with the selling of hanging baskets. The FFA Banquet was well received; Jake Hines and Casey Best prepared prime rib, T-bone, and tri-tip with FFA making a profit of \$6900 for the night, from a gross take of \$9,000.

Today, the FFA members are rototilling the garden to plant grass seed. Dennis and Lisa Murchison donated a bag of seed for coverage. The FFA is considering raising a steer on the plot. The FFA also reported something is killing the chickens, possibly a raccoon or a skunk. Lisa asked about animal restrictions in city limits, the response was that since it is a school zone, there are no restrictions.

Booster Club- Deb Hansen reported they have received more applications for scholarships than they thought. There will be no meeting for the Booster club until August due to obligations for lining out Cherry Fair. The group is planning on having the Annual Booster club breakfast in September. The Booster Club asked the school to help with funding for a scorer's table. The school agreed to put in \$1000.00

Superintendent- Bruce Neil K-8th grade conferences are on 25th and 26th with early release of 12:05 p.m. The school is attempting to stay consistent with release times.

In regard to the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment approaches to learning – we are doing well. Math area is 12.6, has 16 questions, and the reading is a timed test. In our region, Cove students demonstrate a readiness to learn and score at a higher level. Title 1 data on K and 1st grades has shown the progression to be impressive.

Steve McLean inquired about the purpose of student led conferences, wanting to know if they are designed for students to take ownership and be responsible to their parents by letting parents know what they, the students, are learning at school.

Andy Lindsey suggested holding conferences a little earlier in the year might help students (and parents) work on areas that are needing attention.

John Frisch remarked he doesn't like student led conferences. He stated, "it is like dinner talk.". He stated he prefers Teacher/Parent conferences.

Principal- Mat Miles reported Union/Cove schools combining for prom went well; senior presentations went great; Matthew Briney's automatic doors will be installed on May 23rd & 24th before graduation; the FFA had a great dinner at their banquet; the green house looked great, and the FFA is operating in the black this year--a huge leap from red to the black—and he added, "Good job"; the AG business class has been going well, incorporating Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Kelley together to help students understand how a business works.

Lisa Murchison commented on Matthew Briney's outstanding senior project and how Matthew presented his Power Point using Mr. Dressen's voice to narrate. Jacob Colvin knew all the ins and outs of the project and jumped in and helped Matthew. Great kids, great job, all very impressive.

Financial- Amie Breshears presented financial reports which are much appreciated by the board.

AD- Blake Manley reported he is taking 2 students to State Track: Alisa Fox and Alex Graffunder. High School Softball plays Friday, if they win they play Pilot Rock on Saturday. Baseball is done for the year,

Blake commented, "It was a life lesson, more so." A middle school league was formed with 9 teams included in the league.

OSAA changed the rules for High School Volleyball to the best out of 5 games. The change is to allow JV girls more time on the court. Football will go back to 6 quarters played in a week from the current allowance of 5. Looks like Friday Varsity games and with Mondays for JV. We are hosting a Passing Camp on June 4th; we will charge a small fee; it will be flag football--no pads. Darcy Carreiro will be starting Open Gym for Volleyball Summer League along with Girls Basketball Summer League. Boys will have a summer league and Brett Moore will be in charge until the position is filled. Middle School Track reported a great season which is now over. Mykiah Overton threw 81 feet in the javelin. Due to space, the Hall of Fame is getting narrowed down, so members are being contacted.

Old Business-

- A. Cove District Goals and Performance measures – Still getting input from staff.
- B. Board and Administrators supplement- May- Board reported they still enjoy and like to read the supplement.
- C. IMESD Local Service Plan- Mat Miles has reached out to other districts to see what they are doing with their Speech Pathology and School Psychology to see if we can do anything different or partner with another district. At this time we are unable to get services differently.
- D. Meg Moore's resignation letter.
- E. Capital Improvements at the AG Education Center- During the facility tour, it was noted some things that can be done to improve and benefit the AG Program. No money has been spent on the facilities for some time. Improvements will benefit the entire student body, not just FFA. The business class helped out a lot with students "seeing the whole picture". AG components outside of FFA: 6th Grade has plant/animal science which will give them college credit; Tractor Training is going on now, and there will be a test at the end of the year for students 14-16 years of age who are interested in certification; some capital improvements are on the list to improve the structures and locations; there are a variety of learning opportunities provided for students interested in AG classes.
- F. Policies- Fiscal Management & Students – DJ District Purchasing--emergencies get more. If it's 15% over budget, bring to board for approval; get appropriate bidding with DJC. Bidding requirements: There are 3 levels of bidding: first--\$5,000 the district can hire anyone; second--\$50,000 requires a minimum of three quotes; and third--over \$50,000 requires public advertising of bid. All are based on estimated cost.

New Business/ Action Items-

- a. IMESD Local Service Plan- Meg Moore made a motion to accept the Local Service plan for 2016-17 year; Julie seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- b. Bruce Neil recommended Doug Girdner as Head High School Girls Basketball coach; Scott Spears made a motion; Steve seconde; motion passed unanimously.
- c. Randy Witten renewing/extending classified contract 2016-17 school year. Julie Witten excused herself from the motion. Scott Spears made a motion to renew/extend Randy Witten classified contract for the school year of 2016-17; Meg Moore seconded; motion passed unanimously.

- d. Resignation of Meg Moore affective June 30th, 2016. Scott Spears made a motion to accept Meg Moore's resignation from the Cove School District Board; Julie seconded; motion passed unanimously. Bringing back to next board meeting letters of interest in the Board position. There will be a Q&A for interested individuals on June 21st 6-6:30 p.m.

Future Agenda-

- ~ Minutes from April 19th
- ~ Lunch Program
- ~ Renew Contract Director of Maintenance
- ~ Consider High School English & Science Teachers
- ~ Renew Contract of AD
- ~ Recommendation for Head High School Boys Basketball Coach
- ~ Board Position

Julie Culver-Witten made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:55 p.m.; Meg seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Brett Moore, Board Chairman

Bruce Neil, Superintendent