

Cove School District

Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Regular School Board Meeting

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

Others Present- Bruce Neil, Mat Miles, Kelsey Stitzel, Amie Breshears, Blake Manley, Trevor Leithner, Deb Hansen, Michaela Hill & Dan Landa

Call to Order- Chairman Brett Moore called meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

Communications- No Report

Good of the Order- Steve McLean commented about how he has been hearing that the parents and players have such a positive impact on this year Middle School Football team.

The Fall Regional OSBA training was good. Gave him some insight and got his attention.

Very positive things happening at Cove School with Bruce Neil's position and interaction with the students. Scott Spears has heard how the new AG teacher, Brendan Kelley, is doing a good job; he has a lot of enthusiasm.

Cross Country team is doing very well. Alex Graffunder is top runner for boys and Alisa Fox for the girls.

K-1st grade took a trip today to the Frisch Farm Pumpkin patch, Bruce Neil drove the new type #20 bus. It was a fun trip for all. We are working with the Cove Preschool on some joint activities. Kids are really enjoying it.

Patron Comments- No Comments

Consent Agenda- Meg Moore made a motion to approve the minutes as read for June 8th and September 15th meetings; Scott Spears seconded; Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

FFA- Trevor Leithner reported that about 15 students attended Leadership competition and Cove took 2nd place to Imbler.

Next weekend will be a feed at the Homecoming Football game.

Fall Festival is coming up on the 31st of October. Lots of things going on up at the AG House.

Student Body- Michaela Hill reported that the ASB amended the school constitution to add all participants in fall sports are now eligible for the homecoming court. The homecoming dance is this weekend with preparations underway. Homecoming is the following week. New activities to be added this year include brawly ball and powder puff football. The students are very excited to see how these two events go, the hope is to make both of these annual events during homecoming week.

Booster Club- Deb Hansen reported that the booster club has done a couple feeds and is currently deciding if they want to continue. They will be doing a feed during the Middle School Boys Basketball Jamboree on Oct. 31st. They are still working on collecting funds for a scorer's table which will cost around \$3,000.00. They would like to go through "Kimmel" in order to keep the purchase more local. Deb mentioned that they have been discussing making a presentation to Bob Gaertner in honor of his attendance at all Cove games for many years. The Booster club feels his support deserves recognition by the community.

Superintendent- Bruce Neil reported that conferences went extremely well for both Elementary and High School this quarter. K-5th had 100% participation of parents attending. In addition, the elementary teachers have been working on changing the report cards to better reflect student progress toward state standards.

OSAA update, Bruce has written several letters and submitted them to OSAA and is waiting on final ADM #'s. We are under the cap this year. He will attend the executive assembly in December to plead our case.

Oregon School Board Association (OSBA) dinner went well. Steve McLean and Julie Witten attended. They got a perspective of local schools and state wide perspectives on current state challenges and legislative issues.

Principal- Mat Miles reported on upcoming homecoming week and the activities planned throughout the week.

High School Conferences were changed up this year to the same time as the Elementary school, and it proved to be very successful.

PSAT for sophomores and ASVAB for Juniors will be this week.

November 11th is Veteran's day; we will be having our annual veteran's day assembly. The exact date for the assembly is being arranged.

Celebrity, Rachel Crow, will be making an appearance in LaGrande. She has an interesting anti-bullying story of her own that might be beneficial to Cove students. We are trying to set up a day to have her here for an assembly in November. She is known for her work on the television show, "X-Factor", and has a pop song out entitled "Mean Girls".

Financial- Amie Breshears distributed detailed account reports. Scott Spears asked whether the Student Body funds, Athletic Pay to Play and Admissions, are placed into the same fund or are in separate funds. Amie will look into it and email Scott the answer.

Amie reported on the procedure of control measures taken since our audit. The superintendent, Bruce Neil, will be responsible for opening bank statements and initialing them. He will also initial invoices when signing checks. The deputy clerk and secretary (Amie and Kelsey) will count admissions/concession boxes together. PO invoices underwent a change where High School teachers now must have the high school principal, Mr. Miles, approval first, then the PO is given to the superintendent who must sign the PO as well. Credit card purchases for trips will be handled the same as before; individuals will sign out the card and then sign it back in when the purchase or purpose is completed.

Amie is currently working on getting Mat Miles on the signature list with the bank. The bank needs the September minutes approved. Amie has fiscal authority and Mat is bonded.

AD- Blake Manley reported that High School Volleyball finished up last weekend. It was a bumpy road, but the girls did not let it get them down. They “played great in spurts”. The football team needs a win over Burns this weekend to go to playoffs. It was difficult scheduling JV games this season since other schools did not have enough players for JV games; the difficulty with scheduling JV games was compounded by the new regulations for quarters by the OSAA.

Alex Graffunder, Alisa Fox, Kyndal Murchison and possibly Garrett Rice will be going to state for Cross Country. Middle School Football and Volleyball will have their awards banquet Nov. 3 or 4th. Middle School Boys basketball practice started on Monday the 19th. Cove Charter School will host a Middle School Boys Basketball tournament for the first time. It will take place on Saturday, October 31, starting at 10:00 a.m. Imbler, Union, Enterprise and Cove teams will participate. There has been talk about having an elementary co-ed basketball team for 3-5th graders. Odin Miller and possibly Robert Marler will coach the team.

Board & Admin Supplement: Brett Moore read “Tackle Your Biggest Challenge as a Board Member” to the board members and audience. The board liked it, thought it was very helpful and to the point. It was a clear message.

Discussion of Board Governance Policies: “AD” “AE”. Scott Spears led the discussion on updating and upgrading policies and board responsibilities, as well as modifying and updating district policy language including outdated references such as twenty first century school council. Will be an agenda item on next agenda. Make certain we stay in compliance with verbiage for executive session wording.

2015-16 School Board Goals a few goals bulleted.

- District policy development and Maintenance
- District Operations and Performance
- Board Self –Governance and Operations

Need to schedule a board training with OSBA, need an area to focus on for this training.

Expectations and timelines for the Superintendent Evaluation. Set March 15th date. Brett suggested it be brought back to the January board meeting.

First reading of Policy update with latest suggestions from OSBA. Need minor tweak in verbiage. We are in compliance with policies. Come back to board for 2nd reading to amend and adopt.

Action- Approval of Lewis, Poe, Mueller Audit will be tabled until Scott can look it over.

Bruce Neil recommended Louis Ortiz for High School Boys JV Basketball coach. Steve made a motion to hire Louis Ortiz for JV Boys Basketball coach, Scott Spears seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Patron Comments-- Dan Landa is concerned we do not have a practice for a lock down for kids to be familiar with if something happens.

Future Agenda-

- Old Gym Improvements

- Policy Revisions
- Audit Report
- Board/District Goals
- Current Lockdown practice

Meg Moore made a motion to adjourn meeting at 9:06pm; Scott Spears seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman- Brett Moore

Superintendent- Bruce Neil