

Cove School District
Regular School Board Meeting
February 21, 2017
HS Math Room

Board Members Present

- Brett Moore, Steve McLean, Julie Culver-Witten, Andy Lindsey

Others Present

- Bruce Neil, Mat Miles, Amie Breshears, Lisa Murchison, Deb Hansen, John Frisch, Darren Hansen, Kelly Carreiro, Darcy Carreiro, Lorissa Johnson, Tara Thomas, Heidi Thomas, Diane Frisch, Arnold Coe, Gene Coe, Patty Lindley, Kristine McLean, Meg Moore, Travis Duby, Kyle & Tammy Robinson, Shawn Parker, Amber Parker, Blake Manley, Mark Mallory, Brendan Kelley, Nathan Weishaar, Brett Beverage, Derrek Murchison, Dan Landa, Steve Joseph, Maxine Parker

Call to Order

- Vice Chairman, Julie Witten called meeting to order at 7:00

Flag Salute

Agenda Approval/ Emergency Adjustments

- Remove Item B from New Business, "Consider hiring high school track coach". Not prepared to recommend anyone to hire.
- No Executive Session
- Add "Removal of Scott Spears as chairman of school board" to New Business

Communications

- Bruce thanked Darren Hansen for letting the District use his tractor for snow removal
- Darcy Carreiro wrote an email acknowledging our maintenance for how great the gym looked between all the home games

Good of the Order

- Bruce discussed how he thought the spot light & disco ball at the last two basketball games worked out well to boost spirit.
- Bruce pointed out that the District installed a gate next to Title 1 building for extra safety so that kids do not run into street chasing a ball.

Patron Comments

- John Frisch spoke on behalf of a group of individuals from the community who are frustrated by activities that have taken place by members who represent the District. They wrote a letter regarding their concerns & requesting a few things that they would like to happen. They circulated the letter & gathered 55 signatures on a petition, which they turned into the board.

John requested the letter be read at the public meeting. Bruce commented that he thought only board should read it at this time & should not make comment at this time.

- Arnold Coe asked what the status of communications to board members was, is there a procedure that is followed every time? He would like the board/administration to take some time to look into that question.
- Arnold Coe - Election Round Table at Founders Hall Ascension School Thursday, February 23rd at 7pm. Also may meet on Tuesday, February 28th if something comes from the first meeting & they feel they need to meet again. Would like to assist with finding candidates for the board positions coming open.
- Arnold Coe spoke of his appreciation towards the local ambulance crew for assisting his wife, please don't take them for granted.
- Brett Moore said this is our community, we may have different thoughts & opinions & may get frustrated with each other, but we are here together.
- Meg Moore showed appreciation to Darren & Dan for all the work they did during the winter snow storms.

Consent Agenda

- Brett had minor modification concerning the misspelling of Dianne Greif's name. Steve made motion to approve meeting minutes for Jan 24, 2016, Brett second the motion, motion passed unanimously.

Reports

a. Student Body - Lorissa Johnson

- Basketball season has concluded. She really like the school spirit from the light show that was presented at the last games.
- Track season coming up soon.
- Excited to end school year positively.

FFA - Brendan Kelley

- February was busy.
- District Leadership competition in Imbler:
 1. 23 students went.
 2. 18 competed in parliamentary procedure & ended up 4th as an advanced team & just missed moving on to sectionals.
 3. Our B team in parliamentary procedure, kind of like JV in sports, was made up of a lot of freshman & placed 4th overall, which is real good taking into consideration that they were competing against students who have been competing for four years.
 4. 2 students moved on in job interview, Karley Witten & Sam Short. Karley beat the girl who won state last year, which moved her onto Sectionals last week, but didn't move on to regionals.
 5. Students have option to do parliamentary procedure or speech. 6 students elected to compete in speech.

- Brendan has researched grants & has written & received the following:
 1. \$1000 grant called the career technical student organizational. Students must be an enrolled FFA member to go to competitions, so the District has to pay an affiliated membership which cost \$1,000 per year. This grant will cover the current year memberships.
 2. \$2500 grant through Wilco which will buy cattle panels for the school farm.
 3. \$3000 grant from Farm to Store, which will buy lighting & watering systems in green house.
 - This week is FFA week. Students are looking for community service projects to give back to the community, if any community members have an idea of a community service project that they can take part in please contact Mr. Kelley.
- b. Booster Club - Deb Hansen
- Reiterating they are starting playground project fundraising, but will be a couple years until playground is actually built.
 - Next meeting March 1st at 7pm.
 - Steve said how appreciative he is for how much the Booster Club does for the District.
 - Arlene Goodson plaque was given at the last basketball game & recipient's family were very grateful.
- c. Superintendent - Bruce Neil
- Noble family had a fatality in the family. Bruce was very grateful with how IMESD came in with crisis team for students & staff. IMESD said there was a lot of compassion from our students.
 - DARE program graduation was today & went well.
 - IMESD started a step program where high school students learn about computer technology. At this time we have 5 students who will attend the expo in La Grande on March 9, 2017.
 - The District purchased another 3D printer to increase availability to students.
 - Please keep focus on the District mission, which is to give kids the best experience we can give them.
- d. HS Principal & ASB - Mat Miles
- Today was a good example of what we as community do right. District students interacted very well with each other & towards staff. All three counselors we had here remarked as to how impressed they were with our students reacting to this type of tragedy & the empathy & care they had for others.
 - District chose to move Senior Projects from end of school year to middle of school year. They took place a few days after last board meeting. Overall, staff feel the move was a success. Staff will review & see what can be changed for next year, but real happy with result. Now that senior projects are done, the second half of the Senior Transitions class will consist of personal finance, shown as a Business course through Treasure Valley Community College and it is going well.

- Basketball season ended well, thank you for all the community support. Track, baseball & softball all coming up soon.
 - Middle School Basketball are at Huntington tournament this weekend.
 - Brett & Julie commented that our high school girls were impressive this year and they should be very proud of how much they grew throughout the season.
 - Recently posted the opening for our science teacher position, so if you hear of any let administration know.
- e. Financial - Amie Breshears
- Presentation of financial reports – Monthly reports: Disbursement Detail Listing, Consolidated Board Report (current month & FYD), Lunch Report, Student Body Profit & Loss.
 - Brett asked question about a specific check that was written.

Old Business/Discussion Items

- a. Policy IGD Student Activities Administrative Regulation
- Bruce is still waiting on legal opinion on modified draft that he sent to Spencer Lewis at OSBA.

New Business/Action Items

- a. Approving IMESD's 2017-18 LSP Resolution for Services
- Bruce reviewed the pamphlets/brochures prepared by IMESD. Per Brett request, Bruce will request the more detailed fiscal breakdown from IMESD that they have supplied in the past at our request. Bruce will also request that a representative from IMESD come speak to the board. Steve asked if it is time sensitive, or is ok if we put this off till next meeting? Bruce said that it is ok to approve next month. Mat made comments regarding the personal touch they have, especially after this weekend's tragedy. IMESD was in touch with him late Sunday evening to ask if we needed counselors at the District.
- b. Steve made a motion to remove Scott Spears as chairman of the Cove School Board. Andy second. Motion passed unanimously. Brett made some comments regarding setting personal interests aside & looking at what is best for the students. We need board leadership that has the ability to do that.
- c. Brett made a motion to nominate Steve as the new board chairman because he has a lot of interest in the school & the students. Andy second. Motion passed unanimously.

Future Agenda Items

- a. Budget Calendar
- b. Certified Negotiation Calendar
- c. Superintendent Evaluation
- d. Update on PERS - financial impact
- e. High School & middle school track coaches
- f. Renewal of teacher contracts

Next Meeting - March 14th at 7:00 pm

Motion to adjourn meeting by Brett, Steve second motion, motion passed unanimously at 7:55.

Steve McLean, Board Chairman

Bruce Neil, Superintendent