

Board Members Present-Brett Moore, Patty McClure, Julie Culver-Witten, and Meg Moore. Scott Spears was absent.

Others Present-Bruce Neil, Mat Miles, Kelsey Stitzel, Gerri Silveria, Maxine Parker, Jan Michel, Arnold Coe, Kyle Barnes, Megan Espinola, Josey Koehn, Lisa and Dennis Murchison, Jason Gorham, Andy Lindsey, Patsy Cleaver, Steve and Kristina McLean, Kim Gilsdorf, Ted McBride, Todd and Wendy Gorham, Dan Landa, Kyle and Tami Robinson, Heidi Thomas, Deb Hansen, and John Frisch.

Agenda Approval- Meg moved to approve the agenda has presented, Julie seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Communications-None to report

Good of the Order- Mat reported Bailey Hill is leaving for a mission, through his church, to Japan after graduation. Two graduates from Cove, Tygh Tennis and Jake Harris, are enlisting in the Marine Corp and will start their training in San Diego.

Patron Comments- Steve McLean asked how the math contest went. Mat replied he would report on it during his principal report. Arnold Coe said he thought the OSBA training was excellent but it appears the training was geared to protect the superintendent. There was one major piece missing regarding public openness and lack of transparency. He wanted to know about the cost of the training. Maxine Parker was wondering about a forum for prospective board members. Bruce said he would work to get a Q and A session set up. Deb Hanson stated the Booster Club is looking into purchasing a new popcorn popper for the concession stand. The old one is burning popcorn and not safe. Booster Club would like the School District will pay for half. Bruce and Deb to discuss this option.

Consent Agenda-Patty moved to approve the minutes from March 17th, with the correction to the date of the meeting from 2105 to 2015. Meg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Reports-

FFA- Megan Espinola reported the State FFA convention went well. Karley Witten was 4th in public speaking. Officer candidate interviews will be April 23rd for the chapter officers. May 9th is the FFA banquet and alumni auction at 5 pm. She asked for permission for the FFA CDE trip to be approved. This will be held in Albany and Corvallis on May 4th and 5th. Board requested an additional male chaperone accompany them since it is an over night trip. Approval for the trip moved to new business.

ASB-Josey Koehn reported the Carnival on April 18th went well and they earned a total of \$667.30. ASB elections will be May 27th. Candidates will need to complete an application and

make a speech. The Junior/Senior picnic will be May 18th with no definite plans yet where it will be.

Superintendent-Bruce reported the Kindergarten roundup went well with a few perspective students from out of the district. Numbers appear to be lower at the time, with under 10. The Kindergarten held a "Moms and Grandmas " day. They did a short play and served muffins. They are planning to do a "Dads and Grandpas" day also. Safety fair was held today in LaGrande for K-3 grades. There were 6 stations for the students to think about safety-from water to bus safety. Missoula Children Theatre did the play "Little Mermaid". There were 2 performances and it went well. Thanks to Eric Gustavson and Ted McBride for the help. The number of out of District Students break down was presented. The state has set the funding for schools, but it may increase depending upon the state forecast. Arnold Coe requested a report on the number of students going out of district. Bruce presented a video on Smarter Balance testing from several student's point of view. Mid Columbia Bus Company has been sold to Landmark Transportation from Ontario, Canada. They are a smaller student transportation company and plan to keep Mid Co name and operational procedures the same. Athletics are going well. Eric Gustavson and Kyle Barnes were named the Crystal Apple Winners from Cove.

Principal Report- Mat reported there are 19 students graduating. April 28th is senior projects presentation night at 5 pm. Prom is May 2nd at EOU with Union and North Powder. May 13th is Senior award night, National Honor Society induction and baccalaureate at the Baptist Church. Seniors last day is May 13th also. Graduation is May 23rd at 6:30, Mat explained the goal of the school is to have a 100% graduation rate. Our school requires 26 credits and state requirement is 24. Two of our students are on track to complete graduation requirements this summer due to various reasons. The math students did very well at the Math Contest at EOU. Parent/teacher conference were held and class schedules for next year were completed. Ted McBride stated the band participated in EOSSMA at North Powder. There were over 230 students from the area and played was one band. 68 students from Cove went including 6th through 8th grades. Shop class will be working on the crow's nest this spring. The ag house is full of plants and a new sign has been added to the reader board stating our web site and check us out on Facebook.

Financial -Kim Gilsdorf presented the financial report. There was a \$16,000 transfer of funds to the food services fund. Gerri wanted to know if there were plans to change the lunch program next year. Bruce said the number of lunches are down in most districts. A lot is in part to the new food guidelines. It is complicated and not an easy fix. Kim said the first budget board meeting is scheduled for May 5th at 6:30.

Kyle Barnes presented capital improvements needed for 2015. The Board will review the list along with input from the Budget board. Dan Landa said at a school his children attended, parents volunteered to complete some of the improvements needed. This helped to reduce costs at the same time help the community and school. No decisions were made.

Old Business-

No old business was discussed

New Business-

Superintendent Contract Renewal- Arnold had questions about time table discussed in contract for renewal. Brett stated that item was changed. Arnold said he would like to see the evaluation form. Steve Joseph said that section 12, references Section 12 which should reference Section 9. The position of Athletic Director duties are removed from the new contract. This will allow Bruce more time for Superintendent duties. Patty moved to modify Section 12, last sentence to reference Section 9, not Section 12 and to approve the contract from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018. Julie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Principal Contract-Bruce recommended the renewal of Mat Miles' Principal Contract for the next 3 years. The renewal would include 3% increase for each year with the benefit dollars being the same as CEA. moved to renew Mat's Contract from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018. Patty seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

IMESD Local Service Plan- The contract would provide the same services currently the District is receiving. The Plan listed no dollar amount. The Board would like to see the dollar amount on the contract. Bruce recommended tabling the renewal of the contract until the next Board meeting. The Board was in agreement.

Hiring of Middle School Girls/Boys Track Coach-Bruce recommended the hiring of Jamie Murchison as the Track Coach for the Middle School track teams. Meg moved to hire Jamie as the Coach. Julie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Settlement Agreement for Wendy Gorham- Meg moved to accept the Settlement Agreement between Wendy Gorham and the District as presented. Meg moved to accept the Settlement Agreement. Patty seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Budget Board Appointee-There is one position open for the Board. Steve McLean and John Frisch expressed interest in the position. Steve withdrew from consideration. Patty moved to appoint John to the Budget Board. Julie seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Music in the Park- Ted McBride presented the itinerary for the Band and Choir to take a three day, 2 over night trip to Silverwood, Post Falls, Id, June 4th, 5th and 6th. They have been doing this for about 6 to 8 years. There are 17 students interested in going. Ted has three chaperones, Sharon Pretti, Kim Tally with Timur Gaston as a backup. Julie moved to approve the trip. Patty seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

FFA CDE Trip- Julie moved to approve the overnight trip to Albany, May 4th and 5th, with the addition of a male chaperone. Meg seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Future Agenda Items-Local Service Contract from IMESD, 2015-2016 School Calendar, Assignment for Board Members to hand out diplomas, Popcorn Popper, Board Candidate Forum.

Adjournment-Meg moved to adjourn the meeting. Julie seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Board
Chair

Date

Superintendent

Date