

Cove School Board  
March 17, 2015  
Regular Meeting

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

Others Present: Bruce Neil, Mat Miles, Kelsey Stitzel, Steve Joseph, Geri Silveria, Andy and Patty Lindsey, Josey Koehn, Cara Ayres, Kim Gilsdorf, Deb Hansen, Darren Hansen, Arnold and Jean Coe, Jan Michel, Trista Loree, Maxine Parker, Justin Baker, Kyle and Tammi Robinson, Eric Gustavson, Carol Hindman, Lynda Frank, Debbie Murchison, Ross Hubbard, Wendy and Todd Gorham, Lisa and Dennis Murchison, Dan Landa, Dashia Jones, Jessica Baker, Steve McLean, Kenyah Gallegos, Amilie Gallegos, Taylor Fett, Andrea Mallory, Shannon Gray (Snacz Leader-OHSU).

Communication-Bruce said Ted McBride was named academic educator of the year by EOU. Marshall Baybado nominated him as having a very positive influence on his life.

Good of Order- Bruce reported that OSBA training will be tomorrow from 6-9 pm in the math room. Choir took 2nd place at the CCC Jazz Festival. Brett stated that we have a new format for the Board agenda.

Patron Comments- Brett remarked that we now have a clipboard for patrons to sign if they would like to speak during the meeting. They need to indicate what agenda **item** they would like to speak about. Deb Hanson stated that the Booster Club meeting has been changed to the 1st Wednesday of the month. They hope this will help to increase attendance. Andy Lindsey spoke that the Union County Little League would like to make improvements to the field this year. Bruce and Andy will get together to look at the improvements needed. Arnold Coe asked about executive session and wanted to know if executive minutes were approved.

Consent Agenda- Patty moved to approve the minutes from Feb 17, 2015 with the addition of Michael Hill's last name in the minutes. Julie seconded and minutes were approved unanimously with the addition.

## **Reports-**

SNACZ- the SNACZ group made a presentation regarding healthy snacks and development of better eating habits. The group handed out healthy snacks during Halloween and made posters. They would like to have the concession stand have healthier foods to sell.

Charter Council- They met last week. Bruce reported the state school fund budget looks like it will be funded at \$7.235 billion. At this rate the district would see funding drop by \$12,000. Kim Gilsdorf from IMESD said the ideal funding level would be \$7.8 Billion which would see an increase of \$380 per student. They also discussed the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs- and the focus STEM will have on education. Bruce also talked about the state testing changes due to implementation of Common Core. The Kindergarten

Readiness data was reviewed. Bruce handed out a sample of a new report card the K-5 teachers developed. These report cards focus on scope and details of what students are learning and how they comply with the eight keys of behavior the school has adopted.

Arnold requested the Board positions and term expiration date. Position 1- Meg Moore, June 2017; Position 2- Patty McClure, June 2015; Position 3-Scott Spears, June 2017; Position 4-Brett Moore- June 2017; Position 5-Julie Culver-Witten, June 2015.

Dennis asked who was running for the two positions. As of now Steve McLean is running for Position 2; Julie Culver-Witten, Andy Lindsey and Dan Landa are running for Position 5.

Principal Report-Mat reported this week is the end of the third quarter. Track season is in full swing. The State FFA convention will be in Silverton this week with 14 students going. Senior projects are coming together and presentations will be April 28<sup>th</sup>. Drive 4UR School was a success and the Booster Club appreciates all those that took the time to drive.

FFA-Josey Koehn reported on the upcoming convention March 20-23, 2015 in Silverton. Karley Witten and Josey will compete at the State convention. Josey and Megan Espanola will have scholarship interviews also at the convention.

ASB-Josey also reported they held an assembly to celebrate Pi day awards. Ezekiel Elmer memorized 32 digits. Kevin Loveland made his Spring Break Safety Speech. On April 14th the school will send students to the Math competition at EOU.

Financial-Kim stated that we received \$199,000 from the State of Oregon. She went over payables and the lunch fund. There have been no transfers of money yet from the General fund to Food Services. She is proposing Tuesday May 5, 2015 for the first meeting of the Budget Committee and presented an agenda for meeting dates.

Type 20 Bus-Meg reported that she met with Bruce to discuss use of two Type 20 buses. They determined the buses would be driven between 10,000 to 12,000 miles per year. Meg has not heard back from Tony Barnhart from Mid-Co Bus Company regarding the possibility of leasing a bus for just one year. It is not known if Cove will move back to 1A status, which would effect the amount of bus use. The current Type 20 has 113,000 miles on it.

### **New Business-**

Ross Hubbard made a presentation regarding the 8th grade class going to Wahooz. He has secured chaperones for the trip. Meg moved to approve the trip and Julie seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Teacher Resignation-The Board received a copy of Wendy Gorham's resignation letter effective February 9, 2015. Meg moved to accept Wendy's resignation and Patty seconded, Julie abstained, Meg, Patty, Scott and Brett approved.

Teacher Contract Renewals-Bruce recommended the renewal of probationary teachers, with all evaluations having been completed and rated satisfactory. Probationary teachers are Cara Ayres, Kelli Jones, and Kelly Neil. Patty moved to approve the renewal of probationary teachers, Julie seconded with motion passed unanimously. Bruce recommended extending contracts for all contract teachers. Scott moved to accept the renewal of contract teachers, Patty seconded and motion passed unanimously.

IMESD Contract for Business Service-Bruce recommended the contract read “the contract could be canceled with 60 days’ notice”. Scott moved to approve the fiscal contract with IMESD, Patty seconded and motion passed unanimously.

OSEA (Classified) Contract-Bruce reported that the contract was signed. Patty moved to approve the OSEA Contract, Scott seconded with Julie abstaining; motion passed with Brett, Scott, Patty and Meg voting in favor.

### **Old Business-**

**CEA Agreement**—Brett signed copies of the 2014-2017 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Cove Education Association.

Recess at 8:12 pm to go into Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660.2.h and i, to confer with legal counsel and to discuss the evaluation of the superintendent.

School Board came out of Executive Session at 10:09 pm.

CEA Grievance-apology letter that was drawn up in regard to the CEA Grievance was reviewed. Patty moved to accept the letter to apologize to the Cove Staff, parents and community members. Julie seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The letter will be retyped and Board members will sign it tomorrow, February 18, 2015 at OSBA training.

### **Future Agenda Items-**

Principal Contract, Superintendent Contract, Budget Board and Dates, Type 20 Bus, Small Gym improvements, Bleachers, and Lunch Program

Adjournment-Meg moved to adjourn at 10:15 pm, Julie seconded and motion passed unanimously.

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Brett Moore, Board Chair

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Bruce Neil, Superintendent

