

Board Members Present – Meg Moore, Julie Culver-Witten, Scott Spears

Board Members Absent – Brett Moore, Patty McClure

Others Present – Bruce Neil, Mat Miles, Jayne Puckett, Mary Apple, Molly DelCurto, Tammi DelCurto, Lisa Murchison,

Call to Order – Chairman, Meg Moore called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Agenda Approval / Adjustments – Meg approved the agenda with the addition of discussion items 9A) Board Policies and 9B) Facilities with no objections from the board.

Good of the Order – Mr. Dressen’s CAD class has been working on metal signs. A sample of their work was on display.

Consent Agenda – Julie moved to accept the minutes of March 18, 2014 as presented. Scott seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

FFA / Student Body – Molly DelCurto reported FFA students recently attended the state FFA convention. Several members placed within the top eight in state competitions. Greenhouse plant sales are starting. The annual FFA banquet and silent auction will be held on May 2nd. High school student body held their annual school carnival recently. High school math students participated in an annual math competition at EOU today. There were approximately 450 students from eastern Oregon participating in the math contest and Cove students placed well. Prom and May Day are being held soon.

Superintendent – A one-school-one-book program is being held in the elementary classes. Sixth graders are leading the book discussions. The EOSSMA middle school music festival was held last week at Cove. High school conferences were held recently. Pre-school students will be visiting the school this spring. OAKS testing will be finished soon. Spring sports are in full swing.

InterMountain ESD – Mary Apple informed board members that Crystal Apple Awards will be held on May 14th with two people from Cove being honored. Area schools are testing the smarter balance testing programs. Mary presented information on services provided by IMESD for Cove’s Local Service Plan.

Charter Council – No meeting this last month.

Principal – Mat reported the middle school music festival was held last week at Cove School. Seniors are preparing for their senior projects. Prom will be held this weekend in conjunction with Union School. The 2012 yearbook is at the print shop and will ship by May 12th. Anyone with questions on yearbooks should contact either Mat or Bruce.

Financial – The March financial statement, detail financial statement, bills paid and kitchen report were presented.

Policy Manual – The board will discuss their policy manual at the next meeting.

Facilities – Bruce & Mat have been reviewing facility usage. Both the elementary and high school computer labs are used sporadically. The labs are used for testing, but with the possible purchase of chrome books and mobile classroom carts, testing could be done in classrooms. This would free the rooms for other activities. The district technology committee will be meeting soon to discuss the issue. The Title 1 building needs to be demolished. It is an old building with no foundation and some mold. The mold issue has been tested and it is safe for usage at this point. The high school modular is only used one day a week and could be better utilized. Students are working on cleaning up the high school shop area and will be moving the small greenhouse to the ag center. After cleaning up the shop area, the school bus could be parked near the bus barn.

8th Grade Trip – An itinerary for the 8th grade Trip to Wahooz in Idaho was presented. Kelsey Stitzel and Bruce Neil have been approached to be chaperones on the trip. Julie moved to approve the 8th grade trip to Wahooz on May 7th with appropriate chaperones in place. Scott seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

IMESD Local Service Plan – Scott moved to approve the IMESD Local Service Plan as presented. Julie seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Custodial Substitute Wages – Cove, Elgin and Union schools all pay minimum wage of \$9.10 per hour for substitute custodians. The Imbler school district pays \$11.00 per hour. The board will discuss this further at the next meeting.

Budget Board Members – Julie moved to appoint Kenny Fite as a budget board member. Scott seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Future Agenda Items – custodial substitute wages, special school board meeting May 6th, policy manual, facilities, technology update, graduation-diplomas hand out, superintendent and principal evaluation, achievement compact,

Executive Session – The board met in executive session beginning at 8:15 pm.

Adjournment – Scott moved to adjourn at 8:48 pm. Julie seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Board Chairman

Date

Superintendent

Date