

Board Members Present – Meg Moore, Patty McClure, Scott Spears, Brett Moore, Julie Culver-Witten
Others Present – Bruce Neil, Mat Miles, Jayne Puckett, Mary Apple, Lisa Murchison, Gerri Silveira, Kelly Hackwith, Kyle Barnes, Maxine Parker, Toby Koehn, Molly DelCurto, Dick Mason, Connie Freeman, Landon Moore, Erich Dressen, Jaren Hackwith, Jacob Colvin, Mathew Schmidt, Ted McBride, Jayden Moore, Colton DeMeerleer

Call to Order – Chairman, Meg Moore, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Agenda Approval / Adjustments – Meg approved the agenda with the addition of 9H) Band/Choir Trip, 10C) Eagle Scout Project, 10D) Gym Flag – Senior Project, 10E) Title I Building, 10F) Band/Choir Trip, 10G) Facility Needs with no objections from the board.

Communications – Mr. Neil held a Cove Community Conversation meeting recently. Three community members were present.

Consent Agenda – The January financial statement, bills paid and kitchen report were presented.

FFA / Student Body – Molly DelCurto reported FFA students placed well in the recent FFA district CDE competition. Several students will be competing in the FFA sectional competition this week. FFA will be celebrating FFA Week next week and have a community breakfast on Thursday. The state FFA convention will be held in Bend, Oregon this year during spring break.

Student Body President, Jayden Moore, reported there will be a donkey basketball game on March 11th. The district basketball tournament will be held this week. Prom is scheduled for April 19th.

Superintendent – Bruce presented information on Cove's kindergarten readiness assessment scores. Third grade reading has met the goal of at least 60% passing test requirements. Information on Common Core Curriculum was shared.

InterMountain ESD – Mary Apple explained the InterMountain ESD's local service plan. The board will receive more information about the local service plan and will approve it at their next meeting.

Charter Council – No meeting was held this month.

Principal – Mat reported there are several senior class members who are nervous about meeting graduation requirements. District basketball will be held in Baker City this week. High school yearbooks will hopefully be printed and shipped within the month.

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

Student Presentations – Computer Assisted Drafting teacher, Erich Dressen, and students Jacob Colvin, Jaren Hackwith and Kurtis Schmidt showed metal signs they are designing and making with the plasma cutter in the school's shop. They have designed signs for the agriculture education center, elementary building and high school building. They are also working on a FFA emblem sign and a leopard head.

Landon Moore would like to refurbish the baseball field and baseball shed for an Eagle Scout project. He plans to bring in new dirt, trim trees, reroof the shed and repair the backstop. Landon has been in contact with Kyle Barnes to discuss these plans and the Little League Association will support the project financially. See below for action item.

Colton DeMeerleer asked for the board's approval on his senior project to install a remote controlled rolling flag in the high school gym. Colton has gathered donations to pay for the flag and has volunteers ready to help install the flag. See below for action.

High School Football Co-op – OSAA has approved the football co-op between Cove and Union Schools. Bruce has met with Union's superintendent and athletic director to discuss logistics. A tentative 2014 football schedule was presented showing two home games to be played in Union and two home games to be played in Cove. Union's athletic director is looking to schedule more junior varsity football games.

High School Football Co-op, cont. – Coaching staff, uniforms, transportation, schedule and practice locations were all discussed. More discussions are needed to work out all of the details. There will be additional costs to each school for a change in uniforms/helmets.

Bus #2 – The board has decided to keep bus #2 for now. It has been used twice for a back-up when bus #3 is unavailable. It could possibly be used to transport football team players to Union for practice next fall.

Facility Needs – Kyle Barnes would like to have the Title I building checked for mold. The board would like Kyle to look for local contractors to perform this service. The high school modular classroom is in poor condition and is only used one day per week. The board would like administration to reevaluate room usage to see if some areas can be better utilized. Three proposals were presented for refinishing the gym floors. See below for action.

Bond Levy – The board would like to gather input from community and staff on the subject of a bond levy. Since time is running short to place a bond levy on the ballot, the board will consider a bond levy in another year.

Board Goals – The board has decided to put off their goal of a 2014 bond levy and consider it in the future.

Negotiations – The first negotiations meeting with certified staff will be held on February 25th. Meg and Scott will begin negotiations with the certified staff. The classified staff would like to begin negotiations soon also.

Band Trip – Music teacher, Ted McBride, presented a proposed itinerary for a band/choir trip to the Clackamas Community College Jazz Festival. He would like the district to pay for entrance fees and busing. Approximately 30 students would be attending the festival and staying overnight at a church in Portland. See below for action.

Phone System – Bruce presented cost information on a new phone system. The board would like more information and something in writing on the maintenance contract. The board took no action on the phone system.

Board Policies – OSBA is waiting on information on two policies before printing new policy books. Bruce is working on getting information to OSBA on these policies. OSBA's cost for posting the policies on Cove's website is \$1095/year with a \$600 set-up fee. The cost of their policy update subscription is \$50/month. The board did not take any action on this subject.

Eagle Scout Project – Julie moved to approve Landon Moore's Eagle Scout project of refurbishing the elementary baseball field and baseball storage building. Patty seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Gym Flag – Senior Project – Brett moved to approve Colton DeMeerleer's senior project for a drop down flag in the high school gym subject to Kyle Barnes's approval. Julie seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Title I Building – Brett moved to proceed with an evaluation of mold concerns in the Title I building up to a cost limit of \$1200. Julie seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Band/Choir Trip – Julie moved to approve a band/choir trip to Clackamas Community College Jazz Festival March 13-15, 2014. Patty seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Facility Needs – Brett moved to accept a proposal from Brandsen Hardwood Floors with a cost not to exceed \$15,000 and subject to favorable references checked by Kyle Barnes to refinish the new and old gym floors. Julie seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Future Agenda Items – phone system, facility needs, negotiations, football co-op

Executive Session – The board met in executive session in accordance with ORS 192.660(d).

Adjournment – Brett moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 pm. Patty seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Board Chairman

Date

Superintendent

Date