

Board Members Present- Steve McLean, Scott Spears, Julie Culver-Witten, & Meg Moore

Others Present- Mat Miles, Bruce Neil, Kelsey Stitzel, Amie Breshears, Kristine McLean, Lisa Murchison, Andy Lindsey, Karley Witten and Emily Best

Call to Order- Vice President Scott Spears called meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Communications- No Report

Good of the Order- We had our Veteran's assembly this year on November 12th. Mr. Hubbard and his class did very well with organization and putting the assembly together. There were more new faces this year that showed up for the assembly.

New bleachers were installed in the old gym; they look very nice.

Patron Comments- No Comments

Consent Agenda- Steve McLean moved to amend the minutes of October 20, 2015 to clarify Bruce Neil and Mat Miles attended the OSBA dinner along with Steve McLean and Julie Culver-Witten. Meg Moore seconded motion; motion passed unanimously.

Reports

FFA- Emily Best reported the FFA Fall Festival on October 31st didn't turn out quite the way they expected. The group made half the profit they made in previous years. They suggested the date be changed for next year, so they are better prepared.

The Homecoming Feed went well. The FFA would like to thank Frisch Farms for their donation of meat and pumpkins.

FFA is considering holding a Christmas Festival where they would offer Christmas trees, baked goods, apple cider, and coffee for sale. The group is hoping to raise money for funding contest and hotel expenditures, the construction of a new barn, and raising additional animals.

Student Body- Student Body officer, Karley Witten, reported the council has plans in the works, as well as events currently happening in the high school.

During homecoming week the high school had nearly 100% of the students dressed up all week for spirit week. Brawly ball and Powder Puff were big hits, and the student body would like to make these events an annual occurrence. The council determined that they need to do some work on the planning of the community pep assembly in order to get more involvement from community members in the future. The Noise Parade and bonfire went well. Several Union Football boys came over and helped lead class cheers, which was fun. The council felt the Homecoming dance was a little awkward due to the dance being held the week before the Homecoming game. The council decided to request the dates be changed for next year.

Basketball begins shortly, early projections are around 14 boys and girls on each of the teams.

Mr. McBride's choir attended a contest in Hermiston. The students performed well and enjoyed the experience.

Singer, Rachel Crow came to Cove to perform and communicate about bullying. At the age of 12 she was on the X-Factor and has a hit single "Mean Girls". A big "Thank you" to Mr. McBride for making the arrangements for our school to host this event.

Booster Club- No Report

Superintendent- Bruce Neil sent his classification appeal letter to OSAA. "We are easily under the cap," Bruce stated. Bruce and Blake Manley will travel to Wilsonville for the hearing on December 6th. We will have the answer for our classification on December 7th.

We are partnering with Wheatland Ins. to conduct a safety audit with PACE, to determine which areas are sufficient and which are in need of improvement.

On October 30th, working together to make staff and students safe in emergency situations, the school held an in-house Secure Room drill practice with staff only. Everything appeared to be in compliance and no substantial issues were raised.

The classified staff contract is being considered for changes to include vacation time for all 12 month employees. The committee will come back with its suggestions for board action in December.

Principal- Mat Miles reported the Rachel Crow assembly went real well. It was a bit of a rough start to get her here, but ended up great. Big thanks to Mr. McBride.

Mr. Miles stated that the Fall Festival went very well, especially considering the first year status of the FFA teacher. Hats off to Mr. Kelley. The students were a bit disappointed in the expected profits, but the event went well.

There are and were many unique things going on at the moment. Mr. Olmsted has his class putting on covers for the A/C units to winterize the buildings. Ms. Tally's Junior's Health Class did a presentation on Body Systems with the K-5th graders coming through and learning more about the body's systems. Some classes went through twice so they could see all the stations.

Second quarter is off to a good start; next week is Thanksgiving, so it will be a short week. The annual Christmas program will be held on December 15th.

Financial Report- Amie Breshears presented a 5-year comparison report for the district from July 1st to November 10th. Board Members had questions on different accounts regarding the balance differences from previous years. Amie also presented Student Body financials, and board members made inquiries regarding balance details.

AD Report- Bruce Neil reported high school cross-country boys won the state title, while the girls' team took second place. Alex Graffunder won an individual 5th overall, and Alisa Fox broke the school's record.

Due to student participation numbers, to begin, the high school basketball teams may only have half-games for JV. The middle school boys' basketball team's win/loss is currently at 2-2; they are playing well with hard total of 16 boys playing.

Wrestling is starting up with 5-6 Cove students participating; the numbers are up from last year.

Old Business

A date was set for the December Board meeting which will be December 8th at 7 p.m. at the AG House.

The Christmas Program will be held on December 15th at 7pm in the High School Gym.

Board & Admin Newsletter was given out to Board Members. They expressed their appreciation for the newsletter and remarked it is good reading. Bruce stated he recently renewed it.

Discussion of Support Services Policy:

- Emergency Drills- In compliance, change some language on fire drill policy.
- Earth Quake- It was determined we need improvement in this area. The language of Earthquake drill needs addressing in order for compliance with state requirements. Therefore, the issue will be brought back to the board for further discussion at the December meeting.

District Goals 2015-16- It was determined that the board will work along with staff to put together goals that are specific to our district using an example template from North Shore SD.

Policy Updates- We had the second reading of the ten recommendations from OSBA.

Action-

- a. Steve McLean made a motion to approve the audit for June 30, 2015; Julie Culver- Witten seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- b. Meg moved to approve graduation date for May 28, 2016 at 18:30 (6:30pm); Julie Seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- c. Steve McLean made a motion to amend recommended OSBA Policy DJC-AR Special Procurements and Exemptions from Competitive Bidding, by deleting under section 10 the telecommunications solicitation authorized per our policy outline; Meg Moore seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- d. Julie Culver-Witten made a motion to adopt 2015-16 School Board Goals; Steve McLean seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- e. Meg Moore made a motion to adopt Code AE District Goals; Julie Culver-Witten seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Future Agenda

- Classified Vacation
- Emergency Drill Policy EBCB
- Update on refining of district goals
- 360 Evaluation
- Address management letter comments
- OSAA Update

Julie Culver- Witten made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:51pm; Meg seconded; motion passed unanimously.