

Regular School Board Meeting

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

Others Present- Mat Miles, Bruce Neil, Amie Breshears, Kelsey Stitzel, Blake Manley, Jordan Hackwith, Brendan Kelley, Deb Hansen, Darren Hansen, John Frisch, Kristine McLean, Karley & Breanna Witten, Dan Landa

Call to Order- Chair Brett Moore called meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Agenda Approval- Scott Spears made a motion to approve agenda as presented; Meg Moore seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Communications- No Report

Good of the Order- Steve McLean commented how impressed he was with the organization and implementation of the Huntington Tournament and how much the kids enjoyed it and supported one another.

Karley Witten presented to the Board the speech she gave that won her a trip to the State FFA Convention.

Chad Witty won the State Champion in Wrestling. This is a first time for Cove School. Wyatt Hostetler placed 4<sup>th</sup> in State. Three students went to State with the Cove/Union consortium; two students were from Cove High School and one from Union High School.

Consent Agenda- Meg Moore made a motion to approve January 19<sup>th</sup> and February 16<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented; Scott Spears seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Reports-

FFA- Brendan Kelley reported that Karley Witten is going on to State and he is excited for State Convention trip coming up March 18<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> at OSU. He has 12 others that are going to attend as well.

The FFA will have Hanging Flower baskets available for sale for Mother's Day; they will sell for \$25 a basket.

The FFA pigs will be ready in about a month for sale and butcher. Patrons can buy a whole or half a pig for \$2.75 lb.

The Observer Newspaper came out to the school and wrote an article on the Farm to School egg service. The article addressed the cooperation of K-12, mentioning the kindergarteners helping the high school students gather eggs. The FFA is participating in the Farm to Table and donating 6 dozen eggs a week to Margaret in the Kitchen. The cafeteria has been collecting table scraps for feeding the pigs and chickens in return.

Student Body- Karley Witten reported the past month's sports came to an end. Both Girls and Boys Basketball Teams had a good season.

Softball and Baseball are going to be starting soon. Participation is higher for Cove students than Union this year for Softball, a first. Track will be starting up soon as well.

The recent pep assemble was well received by the students.

The school carnival is coming up; we are looking at holding it in April. No date has been set as yet, but we excited for this event.

The “Mr. Leopard” contest was held for the first time. Both participants and audience members felt it was a success and are hoping to continue it as an annual event. Wyatt Hostetler was crowned “Mr. Leopard”. Congrats to Wyatt being the first Mr. Leopard!

Booster Club- Deb Hansen reported the score table has been ordered. The Booster Club will have a booth at Cherry Fair as usual, selling apparel and memberships. Deb also stated that Bob Girdner sent her a letter thanking the club for the recognition they did at the basketball game for him.

Superintendent- Bruce Neil reported that last month he asked that the staff park up by the tree at the AG house so that parents could park closer to the school. There has been a lot of positive feedback on this.

The bleachers are being worked on by Mr. Olmsted and his shop classes. The old wood has been removed, and the project is projected to be finished by Play Day.

Board Supplement reading material will be discussed at next meeting.

Dr. Seuss Week was this week. The students and staff had a good time. Middle School and High School students read to the younger grades.

Native American Projects from Mrs. Frank’s class were displayed in the elementary hallway. Everyone was very impressed with them.

Middle School Girls basketball 6<sup>th</sup>& 7<sup>th</sup> graders participated in the Battle of the Blues in Imbler and won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the tournament. We are all very proud of them.

Principal- Mat Miles reported that the pep assembly’s key purpose was to honor state wrestlers. Chad Witty is the 1<sup>st</sup> from Cove to win a first place state title. He has won district 4 times. And went on this year to win state. Wyatt Hostetler placed 4<sup>th</sup> in State.

Teresa Farrell put on “Mr. Leopard” for the Senior parents’ fundraiser. It was outstanding. There were six boys who participated and six girls escorted the contestants. The judges were Mat Miles, Kim Tally and Olin Fulfer. It was very entertaining and well exceeded expectations.

Financial- Amie Breshears explained the formula for the lunch program to average meal costs on the last Board meeting’s report.

Steve McLean asked for a clarification of the Farm to School program. Mat explained it to him. He stated that we are lucky because our farm is so close and usually schools have to have farmers bring goods to schools.

On the financial end, Amie stated she has the budget calendar done; she used past budgets as a guide.

Brett Moore would like to take the calendar home to look over and bring back to next meeting.

The budget committee will meet May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Members include: Ab Orton, Monica Hill, Patty Lindsey, Gerri Silveira and John Frisch. Bruce will contact Gerri and Patty to see if they want to continue on the committee.

AD- Blake Manley reported on the wrestling program, stating that Oregon has only had eight wrestlers that have won four district titles, and we have one of those athletes here at Cove. This is a great accomplishment for Chad.

Basketball had three All- League selections: Kyndal Murchison, Trenton Taylor and Sam Short

Middle School Boys Basketball placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in Huntington and Girls placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Softball has six-seven girls from Cove playing and baseball has two Boys from Cove.

Approximately twenty-five students went out for High School Track. We have four volunteer coaches which is really good. The Track schedule is up on the website.

Blake Manley, Ron Rees and Shawn Parker went to a football Heads Up training on NFL Safety Program for concussions. They learned techniques designed to help keep the players' heads out of the collision area. All three coaches are now certified. OSAA requires one certified coach in a district.

Football camp was moved to Joseph. Our kitchen is not set up to handle the overflow as required. EOU is okay with going to Joseph starting this summer for the camp.

Middle schools are getting a Middle School League set up for all sports so Cove can participate with more schools and better organize a schedule. So, far there are nine schools in the league if Union and Imbler join in. This decision was made to reduce the number of times the competition is limited to the same schools playing each other the entire season.

We had an alumni/staff basketball game that was a lot of fun; eighteen alumni and staff showed up to play. The plan is to possibly expand on this event in the future.

Blake will be attending a Coop-Collective Movement in April and will have results at next meeting.

#### Old Business-

- A. Superintendent evaluation- Bruce Neil met with Board last Monday in Executive Session. A letter went out from Board on his evaluation. The board reported the new evaluation process worked well.
- B. Policy DBEA- 2<sup>nd</sup> reading- Budget Committee consider for an action item. Some language to be changed.

#### Action-

- a. Contract extension of Superintendent of 3 years. Steve made a motion to extend Bruce Neil's contract for superintendent for 3 years; Scott seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- b. Bruce Neil recommended Mat Miles for one more year under contract as Principal. Steve made a motion to extend Mat Miles contract as Principal another year; Scott seconded; motion passed unanimously.

- c. Renewal for probationary teachers consisting of three one-year probationary teachers was reviewed. Mat Miles and Bruce Neil recommended Holly Coleman, Brendan Kelley, Kelli Langford and Tara Thomas for another year. Meg made a motion to approve the probationary teachers for another year; Steve seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- d. Contracted teachers were reviewed. Meg made a motion to extend all the contracted teachers listed on the handout available at the meeting, who were also recommended by Bruce and Mat, to be extended; Julie seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- e. The hiring of Assistant High School Track Coach was reviewed. Blake Manley made a recommendation to Bruce Neil that Jordan Hackwith be a paid Assistant High School Track Coach. Meg Moore made a motion to hire Jordan Hackwith as Assistant High School Track Coach, Julie seconded; motion passed unanimously.
- f. Adoption of Policy DBEA- Budget Committee was reviewed. Julie made a motion to accept the policy DBEA; Scott seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Future Agenda-

- ~ IMESD- LSP
- ~ 2016-17 School Calendar
- ~ Progress on District Measures/Matrix
- ~ Budget Calendar
- ~ Consider Fall Coaches
- ~ Recommendations for Classified and Confidential staff

Julie Culver-Witten made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:16pm, Meg Moore seconded; motion passed unanimously.