

Special School Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 15, 2015 @5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Board Chair-Brett Moore
Meg Moore
Julie Culver-Witten
Steve McLean

Administration Present:

Superintendent-Bruce Neil
High School Principal-Mat Miles

Patron's Present:

Trista & Scott Loree
Jon Frisch
Darren Hansen
Travis Stitzel
Travis Duby
Kenny and Misty Fite
Shawn and Amber Parker
Maxine Parker
Coty and Felicia Tennis
Chase Tennis
Ron Rees
Cathy Dillman
Cameron Dillman
Kelly Carreiro
Gerri Silveira
Jack Silveira

Call to Order:

Board Chair Brett Moore called the meeting to order @ 5:41 p.m.

Patron Comments:

No comments

Reports:

Bruce Neil reported that he and Blake Manley on December 7, had attended the OSAA Executive Board Meeting to appeal Cove School District returning to the 1A classification for the remainder of the time block. The Executive Board approved the appeal.

On December 10, Mr. Miles, Mr. Manley and Mr. Neil met with 16 students during lunch. Students filled out a survey expressing whether they wanted to play 8 or 11 man football. All students stated that they would play 8 man football. Some students shared that if we played with Union they would not play. Some said they would play either way.

Mr. Neil shared that administration had received numerous communications from parents and community members expressing that Cove should return to 8 man football. Mr. Neil stated that as a result of the the data administration has collected he recommends Cove ending the football Co-Op with Union and returning to 8 man football playing in the Old Oregon League.

New Business/Action Item:

Board Chair, Brett Moore opened the floor for further discussion before entertaining a motion.

- Gerri Silveira asked about the fiscal impact of ending the Co-Op? Gerri also asked if there is a concern that Cove students will transfer to Union because they want to play 11 man football.
 - Mr. Neil shared that the primary cost to be incurred will be repainting the football helmets. There could be additional costs if the program decides to purchase new uniforms.
 - Mr. Neil let Mrs. Silveira know that this school year we have had several students that have transferred to Union.
- It was questioned by playing 8 man football would underclassman have the opportunity to play in Junior Varsity games?
 - Shawn Parker and Ron Rees explained that typically after the Varsity game an extra two quarters are played. Coach Parker also shared that often it is difficult to find J.V. games because other schools don't have enough players.
- John Frisch asked if future student enrollment projections had been calculated. Mr. Frisch was concerned about Cove bouncing back and forth at the 1A and 2A classifications.
- Steve McLean thanked Union for partnering with us during the football Co-Op.

Action:

- a. Steve McLean motioned to approve ending the football Co-Op with Union returning to 8 man football and the Old Oregon League; Julie Culver Witten seconded; motion passed unanimously.

Future Agenda Items:

Regular scheduled board meeting February 19, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

Julie Culver-Witten made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m.; Meg seconded; motion passed unanimously.