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REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Minutes
April 17, 2018
High School Math Classroom, 7:00 PM

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

A. Call to Order and Introduction of Special Guests

1. Steve called meeting to order at 7:01 pm.
2. Board members present: Andy Lindsey, John Frisch, Janelle Dunlap, Steve McLean; Jamie not available for meeting but quorum was established.
3. Admin in attendance: Earl Pettit, Kelsey Stitzel

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Celebrations and Recognitions:

1. Mathletes – Math contest at EOU, biggest competition EOU has had which consisted of about 350 students from all over this region, all sizes of schools. The students qualify to go to the state competition through math tests, play math games & run a math relay & can also get scholarships to EOU. We took 17 students & 3 students qualified for the state math contest, which means they had to place in the top 3-5% of students. All the students were also very respectful & well behaved.

D. Student Reports/Presentation:

1. Lisa Murchison - ASB
 - a. A lot of events coming up in the next couple weeks: Golf, Track, Softball, Baseball, Mayday, Play day, Senior presentations, FFA Banquet, Plant Sale, Prom, State testing.

E. Booster Club Report:

1. Mr. Pettit/Deb Hansen – Elections coming up next booster club meeting & they are prepared to dissolve if no one will step up. Committee funds currently will be going to the Reader Board – about \$6,500, which will be assisting Jace Svaty for his senior project.

F. Charter Council Report: Mr. Miles

1. Met April 3rd to finish work on charter renewal documents for presentation to the board. Council completed the Cove Charter Continuous Improvement Plan. Charter Council will meet again just before school starts for 2018/19.

G. Agenda: Emergency Adjustments, Item Sequence, or Deletions and Adopt the Agenda

1. By request of Mr. Pettit, add Action item IIC: Permission to purchase a bus.
2. John made a motion to accept the agenda as amended, Janelle second, motion passed unanimously.

H. Public Comments

1. None

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the following **consent agenda** items

1. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. Regular Meeting – March 22, 2018
2. Payroll and expenditure ratification. Disbursement Detail Listing.
3. Superintendent’s Leave and Expense Report
4. Ratification of Superintendent Evaluation Report from March 22 Regular Meeting.
5. Personnel Hiring/Appointments:
 - a. Certified Staff
 - Teresa Farrell – High School Language Arts
 - b. Coaches:
 - Candy McGilvray – Middle School Track and Field
6. Second Reading and Adoption of Policy Revision(s)
 - a. CM: Compliance and Reporting on Standards
 - b. GBH/JECAC (JECAC/GBH): Staff/Student/Parent Relations
 - c. IGDJ: Interscholastic Activities
 - d. IKF-AR: Graduation Requirements

- e. JHCA/JHCB: Immunization, Physical Examination, Vision Screening/Eye Examination and Dental Screening
 - f. FFA & FFA-AR: Memorials
 7. **John made a motion to accept the consent agenda items 2-6 as presented, Andy second, motion passed unanimously. Janelle made a motion to accept the March 22, 2018 minutes, John second, Andy abstained, motion passed unanimously.**
- B. Discussion and possible action to adopt Textbooks/Curriculum:
1. Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and Geometry (Grades 9-12): Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Company
 2. Mr. Pettit discussed the curriculum details. John asked for more details on how a scoring rubric works, Mr. Pettit explained. Steve asked how vertical alignment of curriculum works, Mr. Pettit walked through that process. Various other questions from the board regarding options.
 3. **Andy Lindsey made a motion to approve the adoption of Textbooks/Curriculum as presented, Janelle second, motion passed unanimously.**
- C. Discussion and possible action to approve purchase of a bus.
1. Mr. Pettit stated that we need to purchase a bus for the La Grande route because it is aging. He doesn't suggest us buying a brand new bus because the expense for the La Grande route is not reimbursable, therefore we will be footing the whole bill instead of getting assistance from Oregon Department of Education. He has done much research with many bus companies & has found one that he feels will suit our needs & at the same get us a newer bus with hopefully less issues.
 2. Mr. Pettit is asking for the authority to purchase, we have capacity to purchase right now in capital improvements. John understands that when an opportunity presents itself for used equipment we better jump on it, so he isn't against this, but would like to point out that we have spent a lot of money that wasn't specifically budgeted, but we happen to have the capacity to purchase.
 3. Our current contract with MidCo for our transportation services within our District ends in 2020.
 4. **John moved to authorize Mr. Pettit to spend up to \$20,000 to purchase a bus, Andy second, motion passed unanimously.**

III. REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Board Requested Discussions: OSBA support for Leadership Transition
1. Mr. Pettit spoke to Mr. Kelley from OSBA about days they owe us for our superintendent search contract, he was in agreement, although the District would be responsible for his travel. Some ideas that Mr. Pettit through out to the board were: 1. how to conduct any kind of hearings, 2. discussion about goals – board goals & objectives in relation to District goals that are set by Charter Council, 3. Evaluation of administration, 4. Evaluation of the board. After discussion, the board would like to look at a couple evenings to discuss most of these items in June. Mr. Pettit will look into getting something scheduled.

2. On a different note, OSBA trainings/conferences will be happening this summer & Mr. Pettit has figured it into the budget for all board members to attend at least one.
- B. Deputy Clerk – Amie was not at meeting:
1. District Financial Report
 - a. Monthly Board Report
 - b. Consolidated Board Report
 - c. 5 Year Comparison Report
 2. Student Accounts
 3. Lunch Report
 4. Mr. Pettit answered a few general questions from John. John will contact Amie with additional questions. John would like to see the Monthly Board Report for the past couple years.
- C. Superintendent Report (Information/discussion items)
1. Capital Plan Update
 - a. Removal of playground starts on the third week of June & start installation of new playground on July 9th. Supposed to be done in August. Many volunteers from the community have agreed to assist.
 2. Charter Renewal
 - a. Once the charter council had a target it moved along very well. A lot of productive discussion happened. They went line by line & completely reconstructed the document & eliminated a lot of things that were not needed. In renewal process there is no requirement for a public hearing, but because they completely revised the document, Mr. Pettit believes it would be best practice to have a public hearing. It is his suggestion that the May regular meeting should start 30 minutes early for a public hearing.
 - b. Various discussion & questions from the board. Steve asked what is the benefits of having a Charter School rather than a normal District School? Mr. Pettit explained that our charter students out-perform the district students academically, therefore if we have students who are high performers, then that tends to increase the performance of all students. Fiscal stand point is not the primary concern, because primary concern is what is best for the students who live in this district, but fiscally if we can keep our classes at an ideal size, it is fiscally sound. We are running pretty close to the most efficient & instructionally sound practice as we can. We are gaining about 90 students from outside the District right now & without the Charter School we wouldn't have those & therefore may have to have combined grades in the same classroom, which would not be efficient. We have resources for the correct population which allows the District to have extra opportunity.
 3. Student Enrollment: 277 as of April 10
 - a. Influx of students in 6th grade has put us over our class size goal, but the influx are all in District, therefore we are somewhat stuck with the overage. Because the students start going to different classes in 7th grade, this shouldn't be an issue next year. Mr. Pettit is planning to make 6th grade teacher a contained environment,

which means the staff person would only teach 6th grade classes, instead of some high school or junior high classes intermingled as it is now.

IV. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Charter Council Hearing
- B. Board Training Update
- C. Continued discussion on homeschool policy

V. UPCOMING EVENTS

- A. Budget Committee Meeting.....May 1
- B. May Day..... May 3
- C. Play Day.....May 10
- D. Regular Board Meeting.....May 15

VI. ADJOURNMENT

- A. **Andy moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm, Janelle second, motion passed unanimously.**