



Reedsport School District 105

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School Board Meeting Minutes For April 10, 2019

Call to Order – Chairperson Eric Brandon called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

A quorum was established with the following board members in attendance: Chairperson Eric Brandon, Director Jennifer Clark, Director Greg Carter, Director Carey Jones and Director Shelley Swift.

The following Reedsport School District Staff members in attendance: Superintendent Jon Zwemke, Special Education Coordinator Parma Roe, Principal Jerry Uhling, Principal Amanda O'Brien, Office Manager Sheri Wall, Office Manager Sherri Zeller, Attendance/Athletic Secretary Michelle Williams, Attendance Lisa Smart, and Temporary Board Secretary Dee Brechel. Teachers included Cristina Bettsworth, Jessica Vasquez, Susie Chaney, Sarah Wells, Charissa Hixenbaugh, Jennifer Tymchuk, Katie Corcoran and IA's Brian Klier, Kayla Willson, Dianna Willis, Janet Ramsay, Kiralye Gould, Shelbe Renner, Carrie Zubek, Sandra Johnston. Also we had former board member Patty Laskey was also in attendance. Community Members are on sign in sheet.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Director Shelley Swift motioned to accept the Revised agenda as submitted Director Jennifer Clark seconded the motion, the motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent Awards were announced and letters were read to the parents by the student's teacher. Winners of the award are Landon Stephens letter read by Ms. Cristina Bettsworth. Bryson Manicke letter read by Ms. Jessica Vasquez. Both of the students from RCCS was not present.

Community Comments came from Karen Plagmann concerning the Life Skills Program for the Reedsport School District and the importance of the program to the students, community and to the employees. Sandy Johnston express her support of the program as a teacher of RCCS. Alia Huskey stated she has two children in the life skills program and gave her support in keeping Life Skills Program within the Reedsport School system. Lynne Lorenzen is a Life Skills licensed substitute teacher who read the Reedsport School District Mission and Vision Statement: "We are an inclusive community, with heart, empowering all who walk through our doors." "Empowering individuals to reach their full potential and achieve their goals." Charissa Mallory commented they have a child in Life Skills who this year finally trying to say words. Janet Ramsey is an IA/teacher at RCCS and has been blessed to able to work with the current

administrator's because they care so much for the staff and the children. Janet thanked everyone as she will be retiring at the end of the school year. Stacey Riley is a parent of an autism child and ask them to consider the undo stress that will be placed on these children by busing them out of the district. Jennifer Tymchuk is a Life Skills teacher at RCCS expressed her concern for both the families and the other children. She stated that her students would increase to over 60 and is worried about the level of service. Bart Bryan's daughter is in the Life Skills program and really enjoys her school, friends her community and the IA that works with her. She loves helping with tasks and she cares. Kiralye Gould IA at HES expressed concerns of the safety and health risks in busing the children to Coos Bay with them being on the bus at least 45 minutes each way. Sabrina Sorrels stated that their child does not do well on the bus and they would have to drive her to and from and would have to wait in the parking lot each day waiting to drive her back to Reedsport. Chairperson Eric Brandon expressed his thanks to everyone for coming and it meant a lot to him and the rest of the board to hear the compassion behind the comments. Every student's education is a priority and at this time the Life Skills Program has not been finalized. Chairperson Eric Brandon and the Board Members gave a directive to the Superintendent to put Life Skills under Discussion item for the next board meeting. The next step will be to setup a work session between the board and South Coast ESD to educate the board and the community is allowed to sit in but not to speak. Another directive to the Superintendent to get education out to the community concerning the reason behind his decision. Also the board urges the community to speak with the Superintendent and ask him the reason why. Education goes a long way in decisions. The Superintendent will direct Board Secretary Donna Shaw to schedule the work session as explained by the board and to notify through email. Board Member Carey Jones also express his thanks to everyone who came and spoke to the board.

RCCS Principal, Jerry Uhling's report was on hand for review and he informed the board that they do have maybe 7-10 kids that still need to meet their central skills to graduate. This past couple of weeks has been meet with great success. The Superintendent ask Mr. Uhling to tell the board how they acknowledge when a student passes their central skills is by doing an all call and ringing a bell that way all the students know

HES Principal, Amanda O'Brien's report was on hand for review. Amanda added from a last minute report from their Smart Coordinator we have served 31 kids and given out 72 books from our volunteers, there are 13 volunteers who regularly come and they have served 82 hours. They have reached 32 goals and have two more to go in the next 30 days.

SPED Director, Parma Roe's report was on hand and she added since turning in her board report she has gone through all the files for Life Skills and gathered all their scores and a little more than half will qualify for the ESD program.

Business Manager Rachel Amos report was on hand for review. Business Manager Rachel explained to Board the budget calendar with the first budget committee meeting was scheduled on May 8th but just realized that is also the night of the board meeting. We need to look at a different date. Chairperson Eric Brandon asked if we approve the budget in one meeting when would it be adopted, Rachel responded that is would be done in June. Chairperson Eric Brandon asked the board if May 7th was open to them for the Budget Committee all agreed. Rachel requested this to be added under items for action as Revised Budget Calendar to make it official, Chairperson Eric Brandon added the revised budget calendar as item E. Rachel pointed out to the board from her fiscal reports that the estimated ending fund balance from last

month has gone down approximately \$50,000 with the 17/18 State School Fund closeout and does not include the transportation costs. There was a little over \$200,000 in local revenue that was not estimated or in the reports to ODE that came in higher so we will have a negative adjustment in our State School fund for 17/18 just under \$200,000. Bond refinancing went into escrow and will let the Superintendent explain it to the board.

Classified Staff Representative was not available.

Certified Staff Representative Charissa Hixenbaugh updated the board on the Spanish classes and their studies. Our band/choir director Olivia Salzman-Coon has a Highland Spring Concert for April 23, 2019 at 6:00 pm scheduled at RCCS Pacific Auditorium. Counselor Sandi Donnelly reminded everyone that local scholarship deadlines for seniors is April 15th, PEO is April 17th, Rotary is May 2nd, and scholarship night is May 21th at 6:00 and invites you all to attend. Brave session has a multiple classes going on for students. RCCS had several students who were winners in the Douglas County Traffic Safety Commission poster contest and received various amounts of money all in total was \$1100.

Student Representative Ethan Logan read from a written report. In the last month we ended 3rd quarter, had spring break and now into Braves session. During this time the juniors and seniors have been busy working on their central skill tests. He outlined activities happening at RCCS.

HES Registrar Lisa Smart submitted a report with the packet. Chronic Absenteeism was updated by Lisa and spoke about the attendance for both schools and how both the board and administrators have been listening. Lisa spoke about the materials, posters and the tee shirts and the posters will be placed in town at various businesses and public places. They also want to get the schools bell schedule and calendar out to the community hoping this will help us fight to get our kids back to school. Bumper stickers and posters are just a few of the items we will be seeing. It has been making a difference promotional marketing tools have been ordered. Also, what will help our kids get to school is our School Calendar. Superintendent has been listening to the calendar committee this year with ideas to make it less confusing to the parents for when their children are to be in school. Thank you for listening.

Superintendent Jon Zwemke added to the attendance report that it is a very positive active campaign. He reported that the Bond Refinance rate per \$1,000 will drop to an estimated \$1.23 of district bond levy. On annual basis our entire tax base we will save about \$70,000 in annual savings to the district taxpayers and over the for 25 years remaining on the bond, and estimated \$825,000 savings. The administrators and myself traveled to Southern Oregon University in Ashland, Western Oregon University and to Portland job fairs. We collected quite a few resumes and will begin screening and scheduling interviews of candidates and get people hired in the next month. Joint Committee on Student Success report from Morgan Allen they want to invest 2 billion in education. There seems to be more awareness in funding education at a more appropriate level with more accountability.

Director Shelley Swift made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Director Jennifer Clark seconded the motion, and motion passed 5-0.

Action Items:

- A. Chairperson Eric tabled this until after the election in May to see if we are going from a 7-member board to a 5-member board.

- B. First Reading. 2nd Reading on future agendas.
- C. First Reading. 2nd Reading on future agendas
- D. First Reading. 2nd Reading on future agendas
- E. Revised Budget Calendar - Director Jennifer Clark made a motion to approve the Revised Budget Calendar, Director Shelley Swift seconded the motion, and motion passed 5-0.

Discussion items:

- A. Staff Appreciation – discussed the letters received from students and teachers.
- B. Discussion concerning 5-member board vs 7-member board and how many people are on the ballot. Additional explanation on why the district is entertaining a 5-member board.
- C. Election- 3rd week in May.
- D. Superintendent discussed the School Calendar 19/20 committee and they have been meeting and trying to get each building needs for staff and students on the table for review and it is not yet completed.
- E. Summer OSBA Conference, Superintendent told the board that Board Secretary Donna Shaw should have already contact each member to see if they were going to attend. The opportunity to get together with other board members dealing with issues similar to what you are dealing with and the networking is very valuable. Chairperson Eric Brandon stated with the summer conference and the possibility of having two new board members is very informational and the one in Portland is more intensive. There have been 6 rooms reserved for the board members.

Board Member Comments:

Director Carey Jones requested if he could contact our newspapers in getting cooperation from them to publish items regarding the Reedsport Community and schools. The Board gave their approval for Board Member Carey Jones to reach out to the newspapers. Chairperson Eric Brandon thanked Tenneal Wetherell from SCESD for being here and for the work session and next board meeting. The DLT last night went very well and to align both schools. There were a lot of good comments that came out of the discussion. Director Carey Jones stated that reading the letters from the staff appreciation made him think about exactly what the DLT team was saying, and how amazing a simple hello how is your day going from a teacher in the hallway to students heading to the classroom. He read 140+ letters and at least 130 of the letters each child mentioned how popular it was in their day not whether they receive good grades or bad grades. Director Carey Jones gave kudos to those teachers and staff in both schools. Both administrators please pass that on to your staff.

The Future Agenda was read and the next Board meeting will be on May 8th 2019 at 6:30 PM.
In the District Office Board Room

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm

Respectfully submitted by Dee Brechel for Donna Shaw.


Eric Brandon, Chairman Date 5-8-19


Jon Zwemke, Superintendent Date 5-8-19