



# Reedsport School District 105

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## School Board Meeting Minutes For May 8, 2019

Call to Order – Chairperson Eric Brandon called the meeting to order at 6:37 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, Counselor Sandi Donnelly and Husband Mike Donnelly, Office Manager Sheri Wall, and Board Secretary Donna Shaw. Teachers included Monica Cape-Lindelin, Dan Vasquez, Jennifer Tymchuk, Sarah Wells, Charissa Hixenbaugh, Nick Squires, Olivia Salzman-Coon, Ron Frakes, Sub Teacher Lynn Lorensen and IA's Brian Klier, Karen Plagmann, Kiralye Gould, Carrie Gillen, Sandra Johnston. Also, we had in attendance former board member Patty Laskey, Superintendent from Southcoast ESD Tenneal Wetherell and Beth Frakes. 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 Jacob Hutchinson letter read by Mr. Nick Squires. Joseph Kennedy letter read by Mrs. Olivia Salzman-Coon. Bodhi Lion letter read by Mrs. Monica Cape-Lindelin. Samantha Howard letter read by Mrs. Tymchuk.

Community Comments came from Lynn Lorenzen concerning the Life Skills Program for the Reedsport School District and she wanted to make sure the Board knew she was not compromising the district and her license is good for subbing for the rest of this year, she would like to help in any way she can.

Charles Ostmeyer spoke to the board about his two students one 17 and one 15. He is very concerned about South Coast Education School District taking over the life skills program, the last two years his kids have improved more than they ever did under the umbrella of South Coast ESD. The IA's seemed to know more about my children then the teacher. The South Coast ESD claims to have all the training yet I have not seen it come out in the children yet. Ron Frakes concerned that the South Coast ESD program will not work well and if we do go with the South Coast ESD we should be very wise and careful in our decision making.

Director Greg Carter asked if he could say a few words to everyone. He spoke on culture and how the board believes we cannot wavier importance of the program to the students, I believe that our faculty and staff are greatest resources. I believe in our superintendent and the administration, I know there will be mistakes but I believe overall he has a good heart and it's for our kids. We are all team mates and team mates work together. We need to do better as a Board, as a staff, and as a community. Our kids deserve better and they are watching.

RCCS Principal, Jerry Uhling's report was on hand for review.

HES Principal, Amanda O'Brien's report was on hand for review.

SPED Director, Parma Roe's report was on hand for review she did want to add that she was touched by Director Greg Carters statements.

Business Manager Rachel Amos report was on hand for review.

Charter Advisory Representative Director Shelley Swift spoke on how she has been going to the Charter Board Meetings and that the Charter Board needs direction from the School Board in order to move forward.

Classified Staff Representative was not available.

Certified Staff Representative Charissa Hixenbaugh updated the board on the positive things that all the teachers were doing this last month. Director Carey Jones asked how many students were involved with the AVID program and Charissa directed him back to Principal Jerry Uhling who then mentioned Mrs. Gunn has 22 students.

Superintendent Award was presented to Seth Durgeloh and letter read to the parent by his teacher Mr. Dan Vasquez.

Student Representative was not in attendance.

Chronic Absenteeism was spoken about by Sheri Wall.

Superintendent Jon Zwemke commented that it has been a very busy week. He was given lots of thank you's from community members and staff for Superintendent Tenneal Weatherall and Kathleen Stauffs presentation at the Work Session. Outdoor School, all staff potluck, commencement, retrofit for classrooms at Highland and we will continue to stay busy through August. Teacher Appreciation week has been so wonderful with staff and students, HPO, classified and other groups showing their appreciation of the teachers. The Board received a \$5,000 check as we finished up the last session of the Promise Scholarship. The District Leadership Team and Board re-energize now about learning about the light house motel building unity and vertical alignment positive culture within our schools.

Director Shelley Swift made a motion to approve the consent agenda items A-B1, C1, D-I, Director Greg Carter seconded the motion, and motion passed 5-0.

Director Shelley Swift made a motion to approve the consent agenda items B2 and C2. Director Jennifer Clark abstained and Director Greg Carter 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the moved passed 4-0.

#### Action Items:

Recommendations after the Second Reading of GBDA from Superintendent was to possibly think about changing the name and add designated places, so a third reading will take place at the June Board meeting with a clean copy.

The second reading of policy IKF recommendation was to not bring it back to the next meeting, but to go with the IKF-AR for a third reading at the June board meeting with a clean copy showing honors diploma and handbook findings with Principal Jerry Uhling.

Superintendent explains the calendar to the board and expresses the positive and negatives that came from the staff. The calendar committee worked hard to come up with this calendar. Chairman Eric Brandon asked if the Calendar 2019-2020 had any weather days built into it. Jon explained that it did not. Director Carey Jones asked if we were to have a snow day would we be able to put in on a Friday, superintendent said possibly one. Director Shelley Swift motioned to adopt the calendar and Director Jennifer Clark seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Jennifer Clark motioned to accept the Superintendents Contract Director Greg Carter seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

#### Discussion items:

Staff Appreciation – May 16<sup>th</sup> after started discussion decision was made to have the work session will read the letters and set discussed the letters received from students and teachers. Discussion 5-member board vs 7-member board Superintendent gives an explanation on why the district is wanting a 5-member board.

Election- 3<sup>rd</sup> week in May.

Life Skills Work Session was discussed no decisions were made.

Community Comments were made concerning Like Skills in support of it staying at Reedsport and not consorting with South Coast ESD.

#### Board Member Comments:

Director Carey Jones mentioned he had a wonderful time at Highland with the students and staff. Shelley Swift gave kudos to the fun Teacher appreciation time at RCCS.

The Future Agenda was read and the next Board meeting will be on June 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm

Respectfully submitted by Donna Shaw.

 6-12-19  
Eric Brandon, Chairman Date

 6-12-19  
Jon Zwemke, Superintendent Date