

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

February 9, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Reedsport District Office Board Room

- I. <u>CALL TO ORDER @ 6:31 PM</u>
- II. ESTABLISH A QUORUM
 - A. Attendance: Tom Capps, Carey Jones, Carrie Oldright, Bonnie Booher, Jack Dailey, Angie Brownson, Jon Zwemke and Eric Brandon (joined virtually @ 8:00 PM)

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- V. <u>ACCOLADES</u>
 - A. Superintendent Awards
 - 1. Postponed to March meeting.

VI. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Individuals may address the Board on agenda items. Please let the Board Chair know which item you wish to address. You are limited to no more than three (3) minutes. You may address the Board on a topic not on the agenda as long as it does not pertain to a complaint against a staff member. However, the Board reserves the right to refer the matter to the administration.

Public Comment Rules for virtual meetings: Anyone wishing to provide public comment or testimony may submit their comment/testimony in written form or email to the Board Secretary. Comment and testimony received by 3:00 PM on the day of the meeting will be included in the meeting. Any comment/testimony received after 3:00 PM and through the duration of the meeting will be added to the minutes but will not be included during the meeting. Comment and testimony received after the meeting concludes will be saved for the next regularly scheduled board meeting. Submit Comments to: Reedsport School District email: <u>stipton@reedsport.k12.or.us</u> or mail to: 100 Ranch Road Reedsport, OR 97467

VII. <u>REPORTS</u>

- A. RCCS Administrator Jerry Uhling
 - 1. Training and assessment evaluations this month.
 - 2. Shout out to Charissa Hixenbaugh. It is counselor's week so we want to recognize her efforts for our students.
- B. RCCS Leadership Report Karen Plagmann
 - 1. Mascot Committee see letter of interest from Student Leadership.
 - 2. Policy FF would be the policy that covers the make-up that committee.
 - 3. Sub committee could be the same people as renaming field committee or use different members and volunteers. TBD
- C. HES Administrator Amanda O'Brien
 - 1. Teachers are working on interventions and progress reports.
 - 2. PD reschedule will be this Friday. Adjusted due to maintenance issue in building.
 - 3. Grades should be available online as of tomorrow.
 - 4. Bus schedule has changed and it seems to be working better between the two campuses.
 - 5. Title 1 audit has been submitted and exit meeting this week where we will be given any findings or correction plans.
 - 6. Out door school we are looking at is in Kellogg Springs. Would like to attend overnight, but if not, we would still like our 5th graders to participate in person as a day trip.
 - 7. Classes have been attending the Oregon School of Art in Gardiner for field trips and that has been working well and the students have enjoyed the new opportunities.
 - 8. Leadership would like to plan a family engagement night with more details to follow.
 - 9. Kindergarten roundup planning is beginning. This is an important and busy process before next fall.
 - 10. REEF party for excellence in reading. Great turn out and made younger students excited to participate.
- D. Business Manager Angie Brownson
 - 1. Received approval to go out to bid for new audit firm. That has gone out and we are waiting to hear back.
 - 2. By Feb. 23rd we need two board members to join Angie & Jon to open bids. Please respond to Angie about participation before that date.
- E. Certified ARE Representative Julee Noel
 - 1. $3^{rd} 5^{th}$ wanted to thank REEF for the AR program. Next time we may add 2^{nd} grade.
 - 2. Please speak to Certified Teachers before making decisions on policy changes that will affect classrooms
 - 3. Julee will gather anonymous staff comments to help the board hear the feedback.
 - 4. BB it would be great to include staff in the AR program.

- F. Maintenance Report Michael Schoppe
 - 1. RCCS has significant roofing damage. Getting bids for repairs.
 - 2. Permanent plumbing repair that should solve the issues at RCCS.
 - 3. Plumbing issues at HES where in the main sewer line. It did postpone PD day on Friday, but has been repaired and building was ready before school on Monday.
 - 4. Timers for stadium lights has a PO pending.
 - a. C.J. Padlocks on girls' softball field are gone. Will they be replaced?
 - b. Yes, we need signage and new locks.
 - 5. Would like to have a surplus garage sale in the main warehouse at the DO to get rid of as much as possible before donating or throwing surplus away. Date & time TBD
- G. Technology Report Thomas Capps
 - 1. PA systems are waiting for ODE approval for purchase. Still hoping for install over spring break. Supply chain has been slow.
 - 2. Early purchase of chrome books was a good idea because we will not be waiting for those.
 - 3. Regarding surplus garage sale, computers, chrome books and laptops will be available for surplus. They are older and slower, but could be used for parts.
- H. Superintendent Report Jon Zwemke
 - Need a School Board member to volunteer for the Charter Advisory Committee.
 a. Carey Jones would like to be added to the list as the Board Member volunteer.
 - 2. The list is pretty staff heavy but we will continue to seek community involvement as well.
 - 3. District Leadership Team is mostly teachers and admin but we do have a few classified employees as well. We would like board members to rotate in visiting those meetings.
 - a. First meeting March 15th from 4:30 7:00 pm
 - b. Need a Board volunteer to join us for this next meeting.
 - 4. Jon attended the Superintendent winter meeting in January. Enjoyed the discussion and will continue to read and learn about our staff and community being overwhelmed by the last two years and how we can support and encourage improvement on a personal and professional level.
 - 5. ODE is working to consolidate reporting which will help get more useful information on what is most needed for students in our area.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Actions that are routine or usually call for no discussion, such as approving minutes of previous meetings, acceptance of donations and similar actions, are often handled together in one vote by the Board

- A. Approval of Executive Board Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2022
- B. Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes from January 12, 2022

- C. Approval of New Hires/Assignment Changes/Volunteer
 - 1. Donna Shaw Instructional Assistant @ HES
 - 2. Andrew Schoppe Temp IT Assistant
 - 3. Larry Stephenson Varsity Boys Baseball Coach
- D. Approval of 2022-23 Licensed Personnel Action
- E. Carrie Oldright made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda as written. Bonnie Booher seconded. Vote: yes 4, no 0. Approved.

IX. <u>ACTION</u>

- A. Approval of Superintendent Contract
 - 1. BB & CO negotiated with Jon. Suggested changes were reviewed by the entire board last month.
 - 2. Thank you, BB & CO, for all your hard work.
 - 3. Bonnie Booher made a motion to accept the Superintendent Contract as written and attached in the packet. Carrie Oldright seconded. Vote: yes 4, no 0. Approved.
- B. Review OHA Press Release from February 7, 2022
 - 1. OHA has presented a timeline to relax mask mandate.
 - 2. Does not include possibility of a new variant nor possibility to have mask mandate reinstated.
 - 3. Over 400 empty hospital beds are a requirement to remove the mask mandate. If we see the hospitalizations increase, there may be a reinstatement.
 - 4. Districts will be required to review safe learner guidance with strong recommendations for mitigating measures.
 - 5. Concern there may be exposure that may force students into quarantine and force our district back into distance learning.
 - 6. Going to distance learning may affect, state testing, field trips, graduation, etc.
 - 7. When a student is vaccinated, they do not have to quarantine. If the majority of our students are vaccinated, that allows us a bigger margin to avoid distance learning.
 - a. This time frame gives families the opportunities to get students vaccinated to help avoid distance learning.
 - 8. No one can see into the future, but we are aware that large numbers of infections and exposures does affect instruction and activities for the remainder of the school year.
 - 9. After March 31st we have some big decisions to make for the best practice for all of our staff, students, families and community.
 - a. The fear is that unmasked, unvaccinated majority will send us back to distance learning which is no good for staff, students or families.

- 10. It is important to get feedback from many different demographic, educational and medical angles.
- 11. CJ this will take research and reading and listening to the staff, families and community for the board to decide on how to proceed.
- 12. CO there is a lot of unknowns and we must be able to assess as changes and information comes to light.
- 13. Leaving the choice open may create bullying and dissention.
- 14. Only 44 school days left in this school year and we do not want to finish the year distance learning.
- 15. BB will we be quarantining for Covid only or any other virus as well.
 - a. JZ We are only required to quarantine for Covid infections.
- 16. Much discussion between board members carried on. Decision to gather more information and input as well as virtual meetings to help the board make the most informed decisions for the health and safety of our staff, students and community.
- C. Approval of SCESD Digital Instruction Material Adoption
 - 1. We want a local online platform and SCESD is creating this platform. School boards must approve curriculum adoption.
 - 2. BB will there be supplemental materials or will all of it be online?
 - a. We would like to design it so that there are options that may welcome students back to the district.
 - 3. CO Will there be requirements for our staff?
 - a. No, this will not create problems for our teachers and staff.
 - 4. CJ would students be allowed to take classes that we do not offer?
 - a. JZ it is possible, but we will have to see what is provided.
 - 5. Bonnie Booher made a motion to approve the SCESD Digital Instruction Material Adoption. Jack Dailey seconded. Vote: yes 5, no 0. Approved.
 - a. Eric Brandon had arrived virtually to participate in this and subsequent voting for the remainder of the meeting.
- D. Approval of DESD Local Service Plan
 - 1. No need for our district to vote because we are not in the Douglas ESD even though we purchase services from them.
- E. Approval of Budget Calendar
 - 1. First Budget Committee meeting will be May 11th at 5:30 PM.
 - 2. If a second meeting is needed, the second BC meeting will be May 25th at 6:00 PM.
 - 3. Angie Brownson will be sending out calendar invites and materials.
 - 4. Carrie Oldright made a motion to accept the Budget Calendar with the stipulated meeting date agreements. Bonnie Booher seconded. Vote: yes 5, no 0. Approved.

X. <u>DISCUSSION</u>

- A. CO Brought up a community members concern about proposed bill 1521 which will make standard requirements for a School Board to meet in order to fire a Superintendent and asked for the SI for clarification.
- B. It puts minimum standards in SI contracts. Right now, the language is varied. Some of those no cause terminations will have specifications with minimum standard for termination.
- C. Our contract already has this wording and will not affect the current Reedsport School District Superintendent contract.
- D. CJ it is a testament to our board that we have this desire to move forward in a long-term arrangement for the betterment of our students, staff and community.

XI. <u>COMMUNITY COMMENTS</u>

Reference statement in section VI for procedure and rules to share community comments.

XII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. BB It's been a constructive meeting with a lot of good information.
- B. JD Thank you to Principal O'Brien for providing the curriculum that was delivered as requested.
- C. CJ Boosters had a meeting on Monday and have decided April 16th will be the sports auction. Will be looking for donations. Tickets will be on sale on line hopefully next week.
- D. CJ Thank you to the board for your diligence and your work. We have a really great board and great district staff. SI and building admin are great and we work together well because it's all about the kids.

XIII. FUTURE AGENDAS

- A. March 9, 2022 @ 6:30 PM Board Meeting
- B. April 13, 2022 @ 6:30 PM Board Meeting
- C. April 23 26, 2022 Jon out of town @ Principals Conf. in Bend
- D. May 11, 2022 @ 6:30 PM Board Meeting
- E. June 8, 2022 @ 6:30 PM Board Meeting
- F. June 21 26, 2022 Jon out of town @ 48th Annual COSA Conference

XIV. ADJOURNMENT @ 8:33 pm

Next School Board Meeting: Wednesday, March 9, 2022

Submitted by Sharmen Tipton, Reedsport School District Executive Assistant / Board Secretary

Eric Brandon, Chairperson	Date	Jon Zwemke, Superintendent	Date