



Reedsport School District 105

WORK SESSION & MONTHLY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

JANUARY 10, 2024

I. CALL WORK SESSION TO ORDER @ 3:00 PM

- A. Bonnie Booher called the work session to order at 3:00 pm
- B. Budget Basics – Rachel Amos, Business Manager presented the district budget
- C. Rachel Amos opened the floor for questions. Board members asked questions to understand how the budget is created and what we spend that money on.
 - 1. General Fund Monthly Summary Report is the part of the budget that the board has the most control over.
 - 2. The Expenditure Report has everything we spent money on in that month.
 - 3. Fiscal Year is July 1st to June 30th of each year
 - 4. The adopted budget is what we projected was going to be for revenue and expenditures for the year.
 - 5. Bonds and future bond opportunities were discussed.
- D. Work Session concluded at 4:10 PM

II. CALL REGULAR SESSION TO ORDER @ 5:30 PM

- A. Carey Jones opened the regular session meeting @ 5:31 PM

III. ESTABLISH A QUORUM

- A. Bob Morin, Jack Dailey, Carey Jones, Carrie Oldright, Bonnie Booher (virtual), Jon Zwemke, Rachel Amos, Sharmen Tipton

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

- A. No changes to the revised agenda.

VI. ACCOLADES

- A. January is School Board Appreciation month.
 - 1. Our school board is a volunteer position. They are elected, but they are not paid. Every month put in hours and hours to serve students and staff of our school district. They make a lot of important decisions, they spend a lot of time researching issues, finding out what the community wants, representing the values of the community and trying to look out

for all the students. We thank each member of the board for their tireless efforts.

B. Superintendent Award Presentations

1. Our Superintendent Awards is an opportunity for our teachers to identify and talk about the great achievements of one particular student. The teachers only get one opportunity each year. It is a special to celebrate our outstanding students.
2. Lily Lewandowski, 1st Grade / Amber Foster, 1st Grade Teacher
3. Sadie Smith, 3rd Grade / Whitney Isley, 3rd Grade Teacher
4. Leelan Block, 5th Grade / Missy Watts, 5th Grade Teacher
5. ~~Alex Martinez, 7th Grade / Cormac Dailey, Computer Technology Teacher~~
 - a. Postponed to February meeting.
6. Tyson Ewing-Martin – 7th Grade / Tara Adams, History Teacher
7. Julia Gilliland, 11th Grade / Bailey Brown, Social Studies Teacher

VII. 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 if it does not pertain to a complaint against a staff member. However, the Board reserves the right to refer the matter to the administration.

Anyone wishing to provide public comment or testimony may submit their comment/testimony in written form or email to the Board Secretary. Comments 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 will be saved for the next regularly scheduled board meeting. Submit Comments to: Reedsport School District email: stipton@reedsport.k12.or.us or mail to: 100 Ranch Road Reedsport, OR 97467

VIII. REPORTS

A. Business Manager – Rachel Amos

1. Discussion about possibilities for future bonds

B. Superintendent Report – Jon Zwemke

1. Draft LUH MOU
 - a. In the event that the hospital requires additional space for such emergencies as natural disaster or national emergency, they have requested a partnership with the district to utilize our facilities.
 - b. The board asked some questions that Mr. Zwemke will take to the next meeting with the hospital and report back to the board.
2. SIA Grant Acceptance
 - a. In November, the board approved the Student Investment Account (SIA) grant application.
 - b. The application has been accepted and the district has been awarded that grant
 - c. The board will need to vote to accept the grant award. That will take place during the

Consent Agenda.

3. 24-25 School Calendar

- a. In preparation for the next school calendar Mr. Zwemke used the pattern established in the 23/24 SY to begin formatting the 24/25 calendar.
- b. This next month we will be presenting this rough draft to staff and will be requesting input. The next draft of the 24/25 SY will be presented at the next board meeting for board review.

4. Early Literacy Grant submission

- a. Non-competitive grant that provides our district with approximately \$80,000
- b. During a Superintendent virtual meeting with Governor Tina Kotek, we learned that 100% of school districts in Oregon submitted the application for this grant.
- c. The purpose of this grant is research based, extremely focused, high intensity literacy instruction targeted to kindergarten through 3rd grade. This will create strong readers early, which is intended to make students more successful in their educational career.
- d. Our grant application was focused on curriculum, professional development and materials needed to utilize the new curriculum.
- e. In the next month or so we should have a time frame for approval and then acceptance of the grant. The board will have the opportunity to review the plan and budget associated with this grant and ask any additional questions before voting to approve the grant award.

5. Charter Advisory Committee is working on acting as a liaison to our liaison to our community stakeholders; staff, students, parents with the focus of making recommendations towards district improvement.

- a. They would like to develop creative ways to increase parent involvement in schools.
- b. Discover some strategies to increase community support and participation in the district.
- c. Community, parent, student and staff surveys to help focus our efforts.
- d. The committee is looking for more members to assist in this endeavor.
- e. The board would like to know where and when the Charter Advisory Committee will be meeting for the rest of the 23/24 SY.

6. In February, the principals will be reporting on academic data for reading and math utilizing the Maps assessment as well as improvements and trends they are seeing.

7. Lewis Transportation have notified us that they have not been selected at this time for the electric buses. They will continue to apply for similar grants in an effort to upgrade their fleet to continue to provide reliable and safe transportation for our students.

8. Board asked how much time our SRO spends in the buildings. The response from the police department is that if the SRO is required to take a criminal case or back up a fellow

officer, those responsibilities take precedence over the schools. He is also required to do reporting and that is additional time he is not able to be on campus.

- a. The board suggested the SRO to go to areas where students hang out, like the skate park, and question any kids that are not in school during school hours.

IX. 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 Board Meeting Minutes from December 13, 2023

B. Approval of Student Investment Account (SIA) Grant #34523 Award

1. The grant is \$677,718.07 not the \$180,000.00 that is shown on the grant agreement, so Rachel is requesting that this be fixed before we sign the agreement.

C. Carrie Oldright made a motion to accept A. and B. on the Consent Agenda with the stipulation that the amount of the grant be corrected as stated by Rachel Amos. Bob Morin seconded.

Vote: Yes 5, No 0. Approved.

X. ACTION

A. Small Desk Policy Rewrite: Section K/L: District/Community Relations – 2nd Reading

1. KG – Community Use of School Facilities – 2nd Reading

- a. Suggested change to wording in paragraph 4 to read “\$600.00 or more per calendar year”.
- b. In paragraph 5 accept “school” instead of “district”
- c. Jon will confirm if it is appropriate to change paragraph 6 to read “one year” instead of the suggested “three month”.
- d. Suggested adjustments to the outdated fee schedule as presented in the current AR to be updated to reflect other districts and consider cost increases.
- e. Add wording in paragraph 6 such as, “any person, group or organization using district facilities are required to follow and adhere to board policy”.
- f. This policy will be held over for a third reading.

B. KGBB – Firearms Prohibited

1. Local law enforcement declined to comment on school policy.
2. A survey of surrounding districts showed that 6 of the 7 surveyed did not adopt this policy. One district does have limited signage even though they did not adopt the policy.
3. Two community comments were read into the record. Both comments indicated they support not adopting this policy and not having signage for a “gun free zone.”
4. Senate Bill 554.2021 requires that if boards are going to make a firearm prohibition that there be clear signage that the campus is a gun free zone.

5. Jack Dailey made a motion to not adopt policy KGBB as recommended by OSBA. Bonnie Booher seconded. Vote: Yes 4, No 0. Board member Carrie Oldright abstained. Motion is approved.

XI. DISCUSSION

A. Staff appreciation

1. One date to recognize all staff. What date?
2. What will we be doing to celebrate our staff
3. The board would like the principals to check with staff in their buildings to see what the consensus is about what day would be preferred and suggestions for possible food options.
4. Suggested dates would be April 9th and 11th

XII. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

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

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. The board wants to thank everyone who took part in the celebration. Everyone did a wonderful job on all the decorations, cards and gifts. It is wonderful to get to see the accolades and appreciate our outstanding students. The staff and students make board work worth all the time and effort.

XIV. FUTURE AGENDAS

- A. January 24-26, 2024 – OACOA/OASE Winter Conference
1. Attending: Jon Zwemke
- B. February 14, 2024 – Regular Session Board Meeting @ 5:30 PM

II. ADJOURNMENT @ 7:14 PM

Next School Board Meeting: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 @ 5:30 PM

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

CAREY D. JONES

Carey Jones, Board Chair

Date

Jon Zwemke

Jon Zwemke, Superintendent

2-14-24

Date