



Jefferson County School District 509-J
445 SE Buff Street, Madras, OR 97741

Board of Directors **BOARD MEETING** *Minutes of:*
Monday, February 10, 2020, 7:00pm

ATTENDANCE: Chair Jamie Hurd, Courtney Snead, Kevin Richards and Tom Norton

ABSENT: Vice-Chair Laurie Danzuka

REGULAR SESSION – 7:00pm

Board Chair Jamie Hurd called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance; then thanked the families for coming this evening.

AGENDA ADOPTION -

Courtney Snead moved to adopt the agenda as presented – **Approved 4/0.**

SCHOOL / STUDENT SPOTLIGHT – Buff Elementary & Bridges High School had students honored this evening as part of the student spotlight.

PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- ✓ **Student Representative Report** - Brooklyn Stinson shared the student representative report. Board Chair Hurd shared that she and Brooklyn will be going on a district tour on the 25th of this month. Brooklyn will be promoting the student representative position for next year. Kevin Richards thanked Brooklyn for her efforts as the Student Representative so far this year – she has done a great job.

Tom Norton asked about field trips, if they go through the district and where the funds come from. Superintendent Parshall explained that they go through the school's administrator and the district office receives copies; and the funds come from sources from the individual schools' funds or fundraising.

- ✓ **Student Investment Account (SIA) Report** – Superintendent Parshall introduced Melinda Boyle to provide the SIA report. Melinda provided a handout summarizing the timeline and shared that we are right on schedule with the planning; in March the SIA plan will come before the board for review and approval. Tom Norton asked about what came out of those 12 focus group sessions. Melinda explained directing the board to the following page, and summarized the positive themes emerging and areas of recommended improvement. Courtney Snead shared that typically with strategic planning community input is gathered; they come up with a draft and then test it back out to the community – and asked if that is the process we are using.

Superintendent Parshall explained that we are not, we are testing it internally with our teachers and administrators. Right now, due to the time constraints and the work load the plan is to keep it internal but that may be something we do in the future. Melinda also shared a summary on the YouthTruth student feedback - that 1,066 secondary students were surveyed.

Tom Norton asked about the positive themes emerging, showing 'positive class size' yet, also as an are recommended for improvement 'smaller class sizes'. Melinda Boyle explained that that came out of K-2 as a recommendation; the data shows we have positive class sizes compared to the state of Oregon, but on the focus they felt there should still be smaller class sizes especially in the younger age groups. Tom Norton also asked about the YouthTruth survey and whether there was a breakdown of what came from youth, parents and staff. Melinda said she does not have that breakdown.

Melinda also explained the appendices for reference – for SIA Planning and the equity lens.

Board Chair Jamie Hurd thanked Melinda Boyle and the team for all the extra effort that everyone is putting in towards this plan.

Melinda Boyle continued to share about the tier level support and the importance of the tiered plan.

Superintendent commented regarding the plan being new to Oregon Department of Education; of which they need to develop guidance for this new plan along the way; the work load to get clarification out to us has been tremendous. The communication to the departments has been very valuable but also a tremendous work load, especially to smaller districts like ours – we do not have a communications department, we carry that work ourselves.

Melinda Boyle shared in more detail the SIA strategies and activities and explained the process and the fact that there are a number of things that may need to be bargained for (such as calendar days) and so that is also considered in the process. Superintendent Parshall shared that we will probably bring more strategies to bring as we proceed because they know there will be shortages to hire certified teachers – so we are saying 'here is what we'd like, but reality is'. Melinda concluded that this is continuous cycle; we will continue with the focus groups; it is an ongoing process; our plan is evolving; we are aware that there are areas that will need to be bargained but we are still working hard on the plan.

Tom Norton thanked Melinda and the team for the well-rounded focus groups and information. He expressed a desire as a board member to see the breakdown of certified, classified, community, students and parents; he believes seeing the information from all groups is important.

- ✓ **Pre-School Report** – Melinda Boyle explained that another arm of the Student Success Act is the pre-school success, she provided a handout and explained that we are eligible for the “preschool promise - \$30.8 million annually in the State of Oregon – the preschool has to be open this fall. The proposal is for a preschool alongside the MHS teen program. There are also conversations taking place regarding the teacher/cadet (Career Pathway) to build future teachers. Superintendent Parshall explained about the pre-school promise grant and the tiered program.

Discussion took place regarding the proposed preschool program (what percentage of kindergarteners attend pre-school; the fact that there is not enough space in Madras for all the interest; whether it is a free preschool; if we will be required to apply each year; and the hope that we will be able to secure some State funding).

- ✓ **OSBA Legislative Update** (Courtney Snead)
Courtney Snead presented on the OSBA Legislative Policy Committee meeting from 1/25/2020; she briefly shared on the 2019 legislative recap; 2020 short-session and the 2021 session potential priorities. She also enthusiastically reported about her attendance (via scholarship) to the NSBA Equity Symposium on February 1, 2020 and the NSBA Advocacy Institute meeting.

Courtney Snead informed the board that Senator Wyden is coming next week for a town hall meeting at the PAC.

- ✓ **509-J Board Communication Committee Update** (Kevin Richards & Jamie Hurd)
Chair Jamie Hurd explained the intent of the board communication committee is to develop a plan to engage with the community at a board level. They plan to publish an article in the paper a letter from the board (twice a year). Chair Hurd prepared a draft of a flier that they may distribute when presenting. District staff and board members will be presenting at Rotary on February 25th. Discussion took place about who will be attending the Rotary meeting.
- ✓ **Promise Scholarship** – Chair Jamie Hurd explained about the previous year’s scholarships that were awarded and communication that is taking place with the two recipients. Conversation took place about the process and need for two board members (sub-committee) that may be interested in the scholarship program this (2019/20) year. Kevin Richards expressed an interest and the board members present thought that Laurie Danzuka may be interested as well. Board Chair Jamie Hurd will communicate to Laurie Danzuka regarding her interest and prepare application information to proceed in the process for this year’s program.

HEARING OF CITIZENS / DELEGATIONS

The 509-J Board of Directors reserves this time for citizens to share comments or concerns. Because time is limited, as a standard practice, as a courtesy to others and to maintain our meeting schedule, guests will be allotted three minutes to speak. If you have a group attending regarding the same topic, you will need to appoint one speaker. Each person wishing to speak will have signed in at the beginning of the meeting to be recognized.

County Commissioner Mae Houston – expressed that she came as a friendly visitor and wanted to thank the board members for their volunteer service. She shared how she appreciates hearing about the accomplishments (improved test scores, graduation rates, sports accomplishments) and appreciates the board volunteering, encouraging teachers and all the school staff to give a quality education to students hoping they will have it for life – thank you.

Lenita Bilanovic – MEA president in Madras. Lenita she wanted to share an update on the Warm Springs K-8, they developed a WSK8 Safety Coalition to address concerns about staff issues including behavior expectations for students; last week the coalition had a meeting with WSK8 school administration to discuss issues and have good active conversation. They found out they agreed on some top issues/solutions which they can work on together – like, reworking the student handbook to be clear on behavior expectations and behavior calls. They also discussed other resources that can be put in place to support students, staff and administration. They feel like this is a step in the right direction and plan to continue to meet collaboratively on the issues of the administration, district officials and staff. Lenita also used this opportunity to mention the SIA and said, as discussed earlier in the meeting there are resources for WSK8 because it is a focus school and they are excited about that work/resources as well. She expressed that MEA's goal is to help facilitate the process to build a better school for everyone; where staff, students and admin feel supported and able to facilitate learning, and also to give teachers a platform to communicate their thoughts and problem solving ideas and they think this is a great step.

Board Chair Jamie Hurd thanked Lenita and said how she appreciate how staff and administration can work together to work on problems and solutions and that is what makes 509-J great; when they can come together on things – thank you.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Consent Agenda

Approval of Board Minutes of **January 13, 2020**

~~December Financials~~ - pull financials for discussion (requested by Courtney Snead)
Personnel Action

Courtney Snead requested to pull the December financials for discussion.

Tom Norton moved to approve the consent agenda without the December financials as they were pulled for further discussion – **Approved 4/0.**

Courtney Snead asked about the transportation fees reflected in the December financials – we budgeted \$30,000 and we are already 95% of budget - she is wondering what happened. CFO Martha Bewley explained that the first piece reflects transportation reimbursement and the requirement for districts to provide transportation for foster care and that will be reimbursed.

Courtney Snead moved to approve the December financials as presented – **Approved 4/0.**

- 2. Resolution #20-12, Various Grants (\$103,508)** – Superintendent Parshall explained the resolution includes carryover funds from Title IA and Title IIA; a donation from Bright Wood Corporation for the MHS Band program and a donation from Madras Runners.

Courtney Snead moved to approve Resolution #20-12 as presented – **Approved 4/0.**

3. Appoint Budget Committee Members

Martha Bewley explained that there has been one application of interest for the Budget Committee - Lindsay Foster-Drago who had served on the ESD board previously. This budget committee position is a three-year term.

Tom Norton moved to appoint Lindsay Foster-Drago to the Budget Committee. Chair Jamie Hurd; Tom Norton and Kevin Richards voted in favor; Courtney Snead abstained due to work she is doing for the Madras Aquatic district and does not want there to be any perceived conflict of interest. – **Approved 3/0.**

REMINDERS:

- ✓ **Tuesday, February 18, 2020** – Board/Exec Team School Visits (9am-Noon)
- ✓ **Tuesday, March 3, 2020** – Board Leadership (Jamie & Kevin)
Chair Hurd shared that the board leadership has not been well attended this year – if it is not a good time please let her know and they can discuss a different time. Tessa will send the schedule and calendar invites again.
- ✓ **Monday, March 9, 2020** - Board Work Session @5:30pm – *[Budget 101]*
- ✓ **Monday, March 9, 2020** - Board Meeting @7:00pm

BOARD & SUPERINTENDENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Amazing time at NSBA.
- Ben Anderson hosted a lunch for staff and students at the high school (100lbs of tri-tip); really reflects what this community is about – it was great.
- Sports related – varsity girls, feeder programs to come and sit with the varsity girls during a JV game. As a youth coach it's nice to see 'light bulbs' come on as the younger ones listened to pre-game talk and learn.

- Coffee Cuppers at FFA was great; the FFA youth represented us really well.
- Kinder connection and faith based network that meets to discuss the need for resources for homeless – impressive what a benevolent community we have.
- Last two weeks of PLC work has been great – secondary teachers this week, last week all elementary level teachers. Very pleased with focus and practice.

MEETING CLOSURE/ADJOURNED

With no further business Board Chair Jamie Hurd adjourned the meeting at 8:16PM

Tessa Bailey, Executive Assistant

Draft to Board for approval at next meeting.

Monday, March 9, 2019

Jamie Hurd, Board Chair

Ken Parshall, Superintendent

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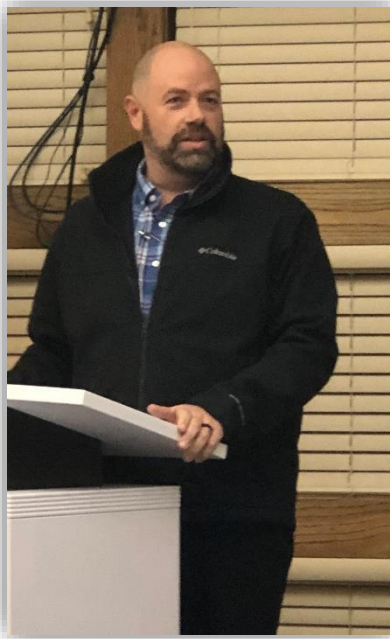
PHOTOS OF THE EVENING



A full house at the JCSD 509-J board meeting on Monday, February 10, 2020.



Buff Elementary student spotlight students and the JCSD509-J Board of Directors on Monday, February 10, 2020.



Bridges High School Principal Jason Weeks recognizes Maria Isabel Garcia Jaimes during the student spotlight at the JCSD board meeting on Monday, February 10, 2020.



Student spotlight student from Bridges High School, Maria Isabel Garcia Jaimes (and son) along with Principal Jason Weeks and JCSD 509-J board of directors at the JCSD board meeting on Monday, February 10, 2020.