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Jefferson County School District 509-J

445 SE Buff Street, Madras, OR 97741

Board of Directors **BOARD MEETING** Minutes of:

Monday, March 9, 2020, 7:00pm



REGULAR SESSION:

ATTENDANCE: Chair Jamie Hurd; Vice-Chair Laurie Danzuka; Courtney Snead; Tom Norton and Kevin Richards

ABSENT: None

REGULAR SESSION – 7:00pm

Board Chair Jamie Hurd called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Laurie Danzuka moved to amend the agenda to add regional education network and board communication to the presentations/reports/communication/discussion items. The board **Approved 5/0.**

SCHOOL / STUDENT SPOTLIGHT – Superintendent Parshall introduced Chris Wyland, principal of Madras Elementary to present the awards to Madras Elementary Oregon Battle of the Books participants for the evening's school/student spotlight.

PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- ✓ **Student Representative Report** - Student Representative Brooklyn Stinson shared the student rep report covering the Jefferson County School district, she also shared that they went on a tour of WS and Metolius in an effort to try and better acquaint herself with the district. Board Chair Jamie Hurd also asked her to share what she is doing to recruit for the next year's student representative position. Brooklyn shared that she is putting announcements together for them to share at school and reaching out to students who may be interested.
- ✓ **Impact Aid presentation** [Martha Bewley] – Superintendent Parshall explained that this is a verbal presentation only as it was covered in the work session this evening but asked CFO Martha Bewley to give a very brief summary. Martha Bewley summarized that during the work session she shared about a training she attended last fall that provided an overview on impact aid, how it is calculated and how we can better estimate and improve what we receive.

- ✓ **Teacher of the Year update** *[Superintendent Parshall]* - Superintendent Parshall shared the ODE Teacher of the Year process; he explained that there were fifteen teachers were nominated in our region. Now teachers have the opportunity to submit their application packets; once they complete the application process each component district will be informed about the teachers who have completed the process and are moving forward in the nomination process. After the panel selects the regional teacher of the year they are honored for the region and then considered for the State of Oregon Teacher of the Year.
- ✓ **Bond Purchase agreement update** *[Martha Bewley]* – CFO Martha Bewley explained that this topic was also covered in the work session this evening but summarized that we recently had the opportunity to refinance or refund our bonds from 2013; we weren't able to refund all of them but we did was \$24.6 million. The total savings was \$2.1 million (close to \$2.2 million), about 8.81% overall savings (these were bonds we levied for). Board member Courtney Snead said she wanted to clarify because she feels this is a huge deal – the district will not be levying \$2.1 million dollars on our taxpayers on our bond because we refinanced; it literally translates into saving money on our tax bill – is that accurate? Ms. Bewley confirmed that is accurate.
- ✓ **Student Investment Account (SIA) update** *[Melinda Boyle]* – Melinda Boyles shared in detail about the Student Investment Account. She shared about section five that is the heart of the plan (explaining the tiers of priority). She explained that this plan is not equal but it is equitable based on our students. Kevin Richards asked about the timing of getting into tier 2 and tier 3. Melinda explained that we have to do what we can to expend (tier 1) by June 30th following the plan and we will have to be watching the funds all the time. Superintendent Parshall explained that there will most likely be shortage of qualified candidates considering the fact that everyone will be looking to hire and added to the explanation of the process of the level of tiers. Discussion continued regarding the SIA plan, the timeline process for bargaining, the flexibility of the plan and the calendar for 2020-2021 school year. Melinda concluded the presentation on the SIA plan by sharing the final requirements to have it posted on the website, bring it before the board and show proof that it has been brought before the board for approval; it is on the action plan to approve later in the evening.
- ✓ **2020 Census** www.wecountoregon.com *[Laurie Danzuka & Ken Parshall]* – Laurie Danzuka explained information about the 2020 Census (history, why it is mandated, etc.) and concerns about the trust factor in tribal communities and the need to educate families about the census in a safe way, explaining the importance so they can be counted. Superintendent Parshall shared what is being done in an effort to help in the process out in Warm Springs as part of our family engagement process.
- ✓ **[added] Regional Education Network** – *Laurie Danzuka shared about the Regional Education Network and their focus in conjunction with the Student Investment Account - focusing that our front line staff are getting the professional development that they need. She explained about the efforts and discussions taking place specific to the needs of Central Oregon and our community such as growing our own and early childhood education.*
- ✓ **[added] Board communication update** – Board Chair Jamie Hurd shared that last month

Courtney Snead, Tom Norton and Superintendent Parshall presented at the local Rotary and moving forward to next week (3/17/20) there is a scheduled interview with KWSO at 10am; and then on April 28th at noon there will be a meeting at Kiwanis; she asked for board members that can be available to attend any of those opportunities. Laurie Danzuka and Kevin Richards said they are available for the April 28th meeting; and Jamie Hurd and Superintendent Parshall will be available for the KWSO interview.

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.

One person signed up to speak but was not present in the audience to speak; Board Chair Jamie Hurd continued the meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Consent Agenda

- 1) Approval of Board Minutes of **February**
- 2) Financials (January)
- 3) Personnel Action – updated 3/9/2020@4:40pm

Courtney Snead motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented – **Approved 5/0.**

B. **Resolution #20-13, Resolutions to accept, create budget and spending authority for various grants (\$37,333)**

Courtney removed herself from this vote due to conflict of interest due to employment.

Kevin Richards moved to approve Resolution 20-13, Resolutions to accept, create budget and spending authority for the grants (\$37,333) as presented – **Approved 4/1 Abstain (Courtney Snead).**

C. **Resolution #20-14, Resolution to declare surplus property and dispose of property**

Courtney Snead motioned to approve Resolution #20-14, Resolution to declare surplus property and dispose of property – **Approved 5/0.**

D. **CM/GC Findings and Resolution - Metolius Seismic upgrade**

Randy Bryant explained the CM/GC findings and resolution process for the Metolius Seismic upgrade and introduced Jerry Millstead who is the project manager consultant for the project; the two of them are available to answer any questions for the board. Courtney Snead asked if they could explain the pros and the cons of the approach. Randy Bryant shared Jerry Millstead's experience asked that he respond to Ms. Snead's question. He explained that this process does require remodeling and you don't know what is behind the wall so the contractor takes on hidden liability. He also explained that the lowest bidder isn't necessarily the lowest cost because there are changes as you go along. Discussion took place about the process and the timeline. Randy Bryant explained the desired timeline will be completed by the time school starts. Courtney

clarified that it basically streamlines the process; Mr. Millstead confirmed that is the case. Contractors will go through the competitive bid process. Laurie Danzuka commented that this process allows for us to put parameters on the process and also provisions for local services.

Laurie Danzuka moved to approve the CM/GC Findings and Resolution for the Metolius Seismic upgrade as presented – **Approved 5/0.**

E. Student Investment Account (SIA) Plan

Kevin Richards asked the timeline for preschool promise; Superintendent Parshall said they are working on that plan that is due in April. Courtney Snead expressed kudos to staff and those who provided in the process and shared why she is excited about this plan.

Kevin Richards moved to approve Student Investment Account (SIA) Plan – **Approved 5/0.**

Kevin Richards stated it has been helpful to have updates every month and requested a continual update on the hiring process as they proceed with this plan. Superintendent Parshall stated he would be glad to provide the updates.

F. Renewals, Non-Renewals, Extensions & Non-Extensions of Contracts

Ken Parshall shared the list of renewals and extensions as presented to include those that are not renewed. Chair Jamie Hurd asked about the district-wide subs, Superintendent Parshall explained that they are not employee contracts. Chair Hurd asked if the district-wide subs will continue, Superintendent Parshall and Randy Bryant confirmed that yes the temporary sub positions will continue.

Kevin Richards moved to approve the Renewals, Non-Renewals, Extensions & the Non-Extensions of Contracts as presented – **Approved 5/0.**

REMINDERS:

- ✓ **Tuesday, March 17, 2020** – Board/Exec Team School Visits (9am-Noon)
- ✓ **March 23rd – March 27th** - JCSD 509-J Spring Break
- ✓ **Monday, April 6, 2020** – 1st Budget Committee Meeting **5:30pm** *[it was agreed to change the time of the 1st Budget Committee Meeting to be consistent with the board work sessions].*
- ✓ **Tuesday, April 7, 2020** – Board Leadership (Jamie & Laurie)
- ✓ **Monday, April 13, 2020** - 2nd Budget Committee Meeting **5:30pm**
- ✓ **Monday, April 13, 2020** - Board Meeting @7:00pm
- ✓ **Board Training for all District Boards (invite from the community at the Fire District)** – March 18, 2020 [RSVP to Tessa]

BOARD & SUPERINTENDENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Student Investment Plan
- Little Library at Buff created by the High School
- The MHS send off for the wrestlers

- Small town community
- Participation in legislative session
- Future Center – awesome kids
- Wyden town hall - impressed with the student involvement and quality of questions they asked. Appreciate the opportunity to weigh the kids perspective vs. adults
- Culture assembly was incredible
- Challenge to nation and our world with the corona virus but the collaboration has been wonderful; not just in our community but across the country. Staff going the extra mile to make sure our students safety is the first priority

MEETING CLOSURE/ADJOURNED

With no further business Board Chair Jamie Hurd adjourned the meeting at 8:25pm.

Tessa Bailey, Executive Assistant

Draft to Board for approval at next meeting.

Monday, April 13, 2019

Jamie Hurd, Board Chair

Ken Parshall, Superintendent

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PHOTOS FROM THE EVENING

