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445 SE Buff Street, Madras, OR 97741

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

Monday, April 13, 2020, 7:00pm

509-J BOARD
APPROVED
May 11, 2020

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Due to the COVID-19 state-wide restrictions and Governor Brown's "Stay Home, Save Lives" order, the Jefferson County School District 509-J Board Meeting will meet virtually via ZOOM.

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REGULAR SESSION:

ATTENDANCE: Chair Jamie Hurd; Vice-Chair Laurie Danzuka; Courtney Snead; Tom Norton and Kevin Richards (*arrived at 7:04*)

ABSENT: None

REGULAR SESSION – 7:00pm

Board Chair Jamie Hurd called the meeting to order.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Courtney Snead moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Tom Norton.

- Motion Passed 4/0. (*1 member late, joined at 7:04pm*)

PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

- ✓ **Teacher of the Year** – Superintendent Ken Parshall shared the timeline for the JCESD Regional Teacher of the Year 2021 and the Blue Ribbon Panel process.
- ✓ **Distance Learning for All** – Superintendent Parshall asked the executive team members to share specific to their departments: David Hicks (technology); Melinda Boyle (curriculum materials); Barbara Garland (special services) and Randy Bryant (food service, transportation & operations):
 - **Technology** – David Hicks shared that the closer everyone looks to technology for online learning and while it is great in some cases, in our

- community, approximately half do not have connectivity or phones. He shared that they looked at an approach and focused on quality - high school students were first priority and they look at both online and offline options to include all of our students; this will be an ongoing process.
- **Curriculum Materials** – Melinda Boyle thanked the team who prepared the learning packets and explained what the packets include (in both English and Spanish); she explained the supplemental learning followed by the distance learning for all, and provided details about the school packet distribution locations.
 - **Special Services** – Barbara Garland explained that the specialists have contacted families (the special needs and disabilities parents) and together they have looked at each of the individual goals and determined how those goals may be served in the student's current environment.
 - **Food Service, transportation & Operations** – Randy Bryant thanked the staff for all of their hard work. He shared that there are groups of people making cloth masks to provide for those who need them. He shared that we have provided 16,095 meals as well as the curriculum distribution. The custodial staff are cleaning and sanitizing all buildings; if staff come in they continually clean. They are also working on some deferred projects that they haven't been able to get to – a lot of people working hard. Transportation drivers have been distributing food and providing transportation needs.
 - **Thank families & staff** – Superintendent Parshall said some things he has observed during this distance learning is the amazing kindness and patience of the families and staff during this time. He's very proud of our community; the behaviors and collaboration. He also shared that we are now allowed to serve dinners in addition to the breakfast and lunch – when he spoke with Patti Jobe from food services, she and her team did not hesitate to want to help; they asked for a little time to get prepared and they will be serving breakfast, lunch and dinner next week. The teams are working together to get some training setup for our staff to engage in during this time.

Board Chair Jamie Hurd asked if Superintendent Parshall had an update on athletics and graduation. Superintendent Parshall shared that the Governor's executive order has cancelled all activities (all athletics, graduation ceremonies and large assemblies); he has asked the MHS & Bridges administrators stay in contact with the media, families and students and consider alternative celebrations; if we're allowed by then, we can reschedule the graduation (we're not ruling that out – yet) but we need to consider other options as we continue. We know how important this time is and we want to be sure and recognize these kids.

Laurie Danzuka asked about the ability to reach out to families, especially those with limited to no access; and if there is information going out to these families (to the parents) to help them in this distant learning process.

Melinda Boyle said the individual schools are responsible for reaching out to each family, but the material distribution center has requested that they get contact information as well so they can help (and attempt) to connect with families as well, to

try and reach all our students/families – we can never do enough in that attempt. There has been documents attached to the materials going out specific to parents and families; and it is also online for those who have access to our online documents.

Kevin Richards expressed his gratitude for all the hard work taking place to ensure we are reaching our students and families. He said he has heard a lot of positive feedback from parents and families as well.

Courtney Snead also shared her appreciation of the recognition that not everybody has access to the internet, so to provide the packets is a lifesaver for some of the families, and also the time and effort that has went into the development and distribution in such a short amount of time – we are really showcasing our teaching staff, administrators and the entire team amidst this difficult and unprecedented time – thank you all for your effort.

Tom Norton echoed the appreciation of the previous board members and applauded the staff for the parades, the work, the email responses and connecting with the families and asked that Ken Parshall, Melinda Boyle and Randy Bryant please pass that on to their teams for their hard work.

Jamie Hurd shared her appreciation saying that she has been contacted multiple times and various formats (FaceBook; phone calls and emails) and has heard a lot of positive comments and has also experienced (as a parent) the prompt return of emails from teachers and helpful friendly staff at the meal and material distribution location and she is very grateful.

HEARING OF CITIZENS / DELEGATIONS

Due to the COVID-19 state-wide restrictions and Governor Brown's "Stay Home, Save Lives" order, the Jefferson County School District 509-J will accept public comment in writing prior to the meeting. If you are a member of the community and wish to provide a public comment, they will be taken in written format ONLY. Written comments must be received by 1:00 pm on Monday, April 13, 2020 and will be read during the public comment section of the virtual meeting on Monday, April 13, 2020. - Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

ONE public comment was received from Wewa Wilson from Warm Springs.

COMMENT SUBMITTED: This is in regard to the topic of Distant Learning, during COVID-19; and, I am assuming this is being proposed through internet access. Currently, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs does not have full internet coverage for the whole reservation and it would be impossible to provide a equitable learning experience to our students. Not all our students stay in Warm Springs. And, with the new methods being introduced to our children; I am no help in deciphering what and how things are being taught to help my grandson's.

Board Chair Jamie Hurd asked if Superintendent Parshall would reach out and respond to Mr. Wewa so he knows that his comment was read and addressed.

Board Chair Jamie Hurd continued on to the action items for the evening and called for a motion to approve the consent agenda.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

Approval of Board Minutes of **March 9, 2020**
Financials (February 2020)
Personnel Action

Laurie Danzuka moved to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Courtney Snead; motioned passed – **Approved 5/0.**

Resolution #20-15, Various Grants (\$50,512.75)

Martha Bewley explained in detail the grants reflected in the resolution #20-15 in the amount of \$50,512.75.

Tom Norton moved to approve Resolution #20-15, Various Grants (\$50,512.75) as presented, seconded by Laurie Danzuka; motion passed – **Approved 5/0.**

Resolution #20-16, Non-Cash Donations (*MHS Track Program & Safeway gift cards for WSK8 students in need*).

Laurie Danzuka moved, to approve Resolution #20-16, Non-Cash Donations (MHS Track Program & Safeway gift cards for WSK8 students in need) as presented, seconded by Courtney Snead; motion passed – **Approved 5/0.**

JCSD Health & Safety School Plan, 1/24/2020

Randy Bryant explained the Healthy & Safe Schools plan that was created in response to Senate Bill 1062 that has compliance provisions for school districts and charter school. He explained that there are several components to it and summarized the various testing that took place in 2016 and deferred testing due to the COVID-19. He explained that test results will be shown on the district website.

Courtney Snead moved to approve the JCSD Health & Safety School Plan as presented, seconded by Kevin Richards; motion passed – **Approved 5/0.**

2020-2021 PROPOSED School Calendar (190)

Ken Parshall explained the PROPOSED 2020-2021 School Calendar (190 day) as presented.

Courtney Snead asked if this includes activities that are in the SIA plan and how does bargaining impact what ends up happening.

Superintendent Parshall explained that this is a traditional 190 day calendar and if we added the professional development to the week before that would be the bargaining piece on top of this calendar. He said we thought it best to get the traditional / standard calendar to the board to not delay.

Courtney Snead asked after bargaining if there are changes would we just amend the calendar to add the extra week.

Superintendent Parshall said we would modify the staff calendar but would not have to change the school calendar.

Kevin Richards moved to approve the 2020-2021 PROPOSED School Calendar (190) as presented, seconded by Courtney Snead; motion passed – **Approved 5/0.**

Seismic Rehabilitation Project at Metolius Elementary School

Ken Parshall introduced the Seismic Rehabilitation Project and asked Randy Bryant to explain in more detail the background. Randy Bryant explained the Seismic Rehabilitation Project, shared about the review committee and the criteria that the award was based on for the recommendation to award Kirby Nagelhout Construction the contract.

Laurie Danzuka moved to approve the proposed Seismic Rehabilitation Project at Metolius Elementary School as presented, seconded by Courtney Snead – **Approved 5/0.**

REMINDERS:

Next Board Meeting: **Monday, May 11, 2020**

Due to the COVID-19 state-wide restrictions and Governor Brown's "Stay Home, Save Lives" order, the Jefferson County School District 509-J current scheduled meetings are unpredictable; we will inform you of updates as we are informed. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

BOARD & SUPERINTENDENT HIGHLIGHTS

- The Buff & Madras parades were impressive. A lot of smiles, waves and fun.
- Community has been reaching out and supporting our seniors; nice to see.
- Proud of staff and community
- The budget process has been awesome – thanks to Martha and the finance team who worked so hard on it.
- Kudos to the staff for all their hard work during this difficult time.
- This COVID-19 is not an ideal situation but our district staff has done a really good job on working through this difficult time.
- Thank you to all those involved for getting families through this difficult time – it is impressive to see all the people coming together to get the work done and being creative about working around difficult situations.
- The food service team has been wonderful in working together to provide food to the community during this tough time – very heart warming.

Superintendent Parshall reminded the board that Board Secretary Tessa Bailey would sound out a template to the board members to capture their input for the Superintendent Evaluation.

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, May 11, 2020

Jamie Hurd, Board Chair

Ken Parshall, Superintendent

Date

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