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School District 509J
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Jefferson County School District 509-J

Monday, December 7, 2020

Board Meeting Minutes

MEETING LOCATION:

509J JCSD Support Services Building
445 SE Buff Street, Madras, OR 97741



2020-2021 Board of Directors

Chair Laurie Danzuka, Vice-Chair Kevin Richards, Jamie Hurd, Courtney Snead, Tom Norton, Jr.

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

ABSENT: Chair Laurie Danzuka

REGULAR SESSION/CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE - Vice-Chair Kevin Richards called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADOPTION – Courtney Snead motioned to approve the agenda as presented –
Approved 4/0.

PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Ken Parshall reminded the board of the virtual Central Oregon K-12 Legislative Forum to take place on December 17th at 4:30pm-6:00pm.

Superintendent Ken Parshall and Director of Student Services Kira Fee gave the board the reopening update that included information about the following: health metrics; no limited in-person instruction (LIPI) due to staff absences and athletics– OSAA moved back athletics until February 2nd.

Conversation took place regarding the limited in-person instruction (LIPI) and the Governor's recent information. Board members discussed the potential of a letter to the State from our board of directors requesting to give families a choice in the matter. Superintendent Parshall said he would support the board and their efforts to write a letter to Governor Brown.

In order to confirm the board agreement, Courtney Snead motioned to send a letter from the JCSD Board of Directors stating their stance in local decision making process requesting that parents are provided a choice; motion passed – **Approved 4/0**.

Board Vice-Chair Kevin Richards confirmed that Courtney Snead will DRAFT the letter to Governor Kate Brown.

Conversation continued about the logistics of getting kids back in school, transportation concerns, the expense and capacity on reserves.

OSBA Policy Updates - November 2020

- ACB – All Students Belong, Required
- ACB-AR – Bias Incident Complaint Procedure, Required
- GCBDA/GDBDA-AR(1) – Federal Family and Medical Leave/State Family Medical Leave, Conditionally Required
- GCBDA/GDBDA-AR(2) – Request for Family and Medical Leave, Conditionally Required
- GCBDA/GDBDA-AR(4) – Sample Designation Letter to Employee – FMLA/OFLA Leave, Conditionally Required
- GCBDA/GDBDA-AR(1) – COVID-19 Related Leave, Highly Recommended
- GCPC/GDPC – Retirement of Staff, Optional
- IJ – School Counseling Program, Highly Recommended
- IKFB – Graduation Exercises, Optional
- JB – Equal Educational Opportunity[**], Required
- JFCM – Threats of Violence**, Required

Superintendent Parshall explained that the OSBA Policy Updates (listed above) on the agenda are required based on the recent legislation and provided from OSBA as November 2020 updates. The proposed policy updates are provided in the board packet documenting the updates. Board member Courtney Snead confirmed that she reviewed the policy updates and she has no concerns about them. The board will take action on these policies later in the meeting.

HEARING OF CITIZENS / DELEGATIONS

Due 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.

Public comment was given by: Joan McDonald; Alexa Gassner; Jen Flowers and Karla Simmelink. They shared their concerns about getting students back in school; the quality of the education (in-person, remote and returning to school); concerns about the mental health of students and the importance of athletics.

Board Vice-Chair Kevin Richards thanked the citizens for speaking this evening and said the board takes their comments very seriously and as parents the board faces some of those same challenges and frustrations.

Communication continued regarding the comments and concerns shared by the citizens; the need to reach out to elected officials; the differences between our district and Culver and the fact that during this difficult time (COVID pandemic) it is a balancing act with the ever changing communication.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Consent Agenda

- Approval of Board Minutes of **November 9, 2020**
- Personnel Action
- Financials

Jamie Hurd motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented; motion passed – **Approved 4/0.**

B. Resolution 21- 07, Resolution to accept, create budget and spending authority for various grants (\$100,500)

Martha Bewley explained the grants received under Resolution 21-07.

Courtney Snead moved to approve Resolution 21- 07, Resolution to accept, create budget and spending authority for various grants in the amount of \$100,500; motion passed – **Approved 4/0.**

C. OSBA Policy Updates - November 2020 (listed above)

Jamie Hurd motioned to approve the OSBA Policy Update as presented; motion passed – **Approved 4/0.**

D. Resolution to adopt the OSBA 2021-2022 Legislative Priorities and Principles as recommended by the Legislative Policy Committee

Courtney Snead motioned to approve Resolution to adopt the OSBA 2021-2022 Legislative Priorities and Principles as recommended by the Legislative Policy Committee; motion passed – **Approved 4/0.**

REMINDERS:

- PACE Training SB 155 (on going)
- *Central Oregon K-12 Legislative Forum (December 17th, 4:30pm-6:00pm)*
- Next Board Leadership: **Tuesday, January 5, 2021 @9am** (Laurie & Jamie)
- Next Board Work Session: **Monday, January 11, 2021 @5:30pm**

- Next Board Meeting: **Monday, January 11, 2021 @7:00PM**

BOARD & SUPERINTENDENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Supaman assembly was great – it was nice to see the youth introduce themselves in native languages.
- Nobody likes the situation we are in – personal experience with the teachers, school, etc it is going well. Service received has been great.
- So many amazing people representing their school districts from OSBA.
- Despite months long of ... remain optimistic to get kids back in school in January.
- Impressed with the effort – not ideal circumstances.
- We have over 500 employees; the effort that I have seen – I’ve never worked this hard in my life. Very proud of the effort of most of our employees. We will get through this – what we will remember is the way we have treated each other.
- Proud of the community – it’s okay to be frustrated.

MEETING CLOSURE/ADJOURNED

With no further business Board Vice-Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:02PM.

Tessa Bailey, Executive Assistant

Draft to Board for approval at next meeting.

Monday, January 11, 2020

Laurie Danzuka, Board Chair

Ken Parshall, Superintendent

Date

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