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Jefferson County School District 509-J

Monday, April 12, 2021

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR SESSION (7:00PM) 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: Board Chair Laurie Danzuka, Tom Norton, Courtney Snead, Jamie Hurd

ABSENT: Kevin Richards

REGULAR SESSION/CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE –

Board Chair Laurie Danuzka called the meeting to order (apologized for the delay due to the preceding budget committee meeting) followed Pledge of Allegiance 7:10pm.

AGENDA ADOPTION

Courtney Snead moved to amend the agenda to add the superintendent evaluation as a discussion item.

Tom Norton moved to approve the agenda as amended; motion passed - **Approved 4/0.**

PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS/COMMUNICATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

School Update (Executive Team) – Melinda Boyle presented a school update, sharing that the 100 person cohort per week has been removed, no cohort limit; distancing, six feet social distancing in the classroom has changed; three feet for elementary; but MS and HS are confusing because they are based on health metrics so we are staying at the six feet until the end of school year to minimize change and just stay the course.

Athletics Update Superintendent Ken Parshall provided the athletics update; he shared that athletics has continued (with shorter seasons) guided by the health metrics and guidelines provided by the state.

PROPOSED Interagency Education Agreement between the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs & Jefferson County School District 509J & Bureau of Indian Affairs – Melinda Boyle and Val Switzler shared the Interagency Education Agreement between the Confederated Tribes of

Warm Springs & Jefferson County School District 509J & Bureau of Indian Affairs. They explained that this has been a long process that has been worked on for years, but the recent team (Ardis Swift, Jason Weeks, Melinda Boyle, Ken Parshall and Val Switzler) have collaborated and have finalized a document that will be presented to the Confederated Tribe of Warm Springs later in the month. Board members expressed their gratefulness for this MOU and the work that has been done; they would like to see more attendance and media coverage when the agreement is finalized and signed, considering what this document represents to our district and the community – the work that has taken place in order to heal relationships is a great celebration.

Bond Advisory Committee Update - Laurie Danzuka shared briefly about the first bond advisory committee meeting. She said they are looking at other areas to explore for partnerships as they consider the work that needs to take place on the facilities and big ticket items. She noted there are a lot of community meetings and forums taking place in our district – to please help get the word out.

Board Communications Report– Jamie Hurd shared that three years ago the board established a goal to be more communicative and involved in the community representing our district. They try to meet with local government and civic groups. They have met with KWSO, Metolius City Council, Virtual Chamber; Coffee Cuppers; County Commissioners; they are working on meeting with Tribal Council and also meeting with the family university. She explained in summary what they share in the meetings and finds that the process has worked well and the feedback has been really good.

Added report – Superintendent Evaluation – Courtney Snead explained that she (and Jamie Hurd) are on a committee to evaluate the superintendent and is behind in the process but would like to propose to the board that she put something together with input from each of them independently to bring to the next board meeting to evaluate the superintendent during an executive session and then finalize and approve the document during regular session as the final process.

HEARING OF CITIZENS / DELEGATIONS [2-OPTIONS]

OPTION 1: Each person wishing to speak will have signed in at the beginning of the meeting to be recognized. 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.

OPTION 2: Due to the COVID-19 Statewide restrictions 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, in written format ONLY. Written comments must be received by 2:00 pm on Monday, April 12, 2021 and will be read during the public comment section of the meeting - Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. *Please note: comments/complaints regarding specific people or personnel WILL NOT be accepted please refer to the district complaint policy.*

Jacob Koolhaas - Signed up to speak (option 1) and shared that he grew up here in Madras and graduated in '99. He said his three girls are at home because his personal feelings about wearing a mask and is sharing his story. He has a problem with his girls having to wear a mask and doing something that someone tells them they "have to do"; he is only wearing a mask this evening because he was told he has to. He said his family does not wear masks and nobody has got COVID. His daughters would be going to Metolius, and he thinks they have a great staff – he just doesn't agree with them requiring his daughter to wear a mask. He realizes there is a mandate but feels there should be a choice. He does not agree with the masks. In looking forward to next year, he would like to know what will be required and asked about the mask vs. a face shield. He said the online classes are overloaded and his daughters' education are from him and his wife. Right-or-wrong, he is just sharing his story – COVID does not scare him, he works on a garbage truck; what scares him is losing his freedom and someone telling him he has to wear a mask. He just wanted to share his story and let the board know where he is coming from.

The board thanked Jacob Koolhaas for sharing his story/concerns. Superintendent Parshall said he would call and speak to him tomorrow.

Debbie Taylor - Signed up to introduce herself (option 1) as the Jefferson County Internship Coordinator with Youth CareerConnect; she has accepted the invitation to come share a brief presentation to the board next month but wanted to introduce herself beforehand. She shared that today she placed her eleventh student for an internship; she is here and available and has been in the district for about sixteen years.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Consent Agenda

Approval of Board Minutes of **March 8, 2021**

Personnel Action

Financials

Tom Norton *motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented; motion passed unanimously*
– **Approved 4/0.**

B. Approve the PROPOSED Interagency Education Agreement between the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs & Jefferson County School District 509J & Bureau of Indian Affairs

Superintendent Parshall explained that there are not sure if the Bureau of Indian Affairs or the Bureau of Indian Education, if the board would consider that in the motion for approval. Laurie Danzuka clarified the approval process and would entertain a motion to approve between the Confederated Tribe of Warm Springs & Jefferson County School District and the federal agency (if any) that will be required for the authorization.

Courtney Snead motion to approve the proposed Interagency Education Agreement between the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs & Jefferson County School District 509J & Bureau of Indian Affairs with an understanding / agreement to amend the document for whichever

Bureau of the federal government or agency is deemed appropriate for final signatures/approval; motion passed unanimously – **Approved 4/0.**

C. 2021/2022 PROPOSED School Calendar (190)

Jamie Hurd asked if the additional days that were previously discussed (SIA funding) are reflected on this calendar. Superintendent Parshall explained that it is not, due to bargaining – this calendar reflects the days authorized in the bargaining agreement.

Jamie Hurd moved to approve/adopt the proposed 2021/2022 School Calendar (190); motion passed unanimously – **Approved 4/0.**

D. Approve New Superintendent (Dr. Jay Mathisen) Contract

Courtney Snead moved to approve the new superintendent (Dr. Jay Mathisen) contract as presented; motion passed unanimously – **Approved 4/0.**

E. Resolution 21-12, Move appropriation levels within Special Revenue Funds

CFO Martha Bewley presented Resolution 21-12, explaining the budget for multiple ODE State Grants were adopted as Support Services (2000), Enterprise and Community Services (3000), and Facilities Acquisition and Construction (4000); they are now asking that the Board of Directors approves recognition of the transfers to Instruction (1000).

Tom Norton moved to approve Resolution 21-12, Move appropriation levels within Special Revenue Fund; motion passed unanimously – **Approved 4/0.**

F. ESCO Recommendation

CFO Martha Bewley explained the ESCO Recommendation for energy saving performance contracting through permissive cooperative procurement.

Courtney Snead moved to authorize CFO Martha Bewley to negotiate a contract with Ameresco, Inc. for the delivery of energy-saving projects through a permissive cooperative procurement administered by the City of Medford, Request for Proposals issued 3/19/2019 – **Approved 4/0.**

G. Promise Scholarship Committee Members (509J Board)

Jamie Hurd nominated – Kevin Richards and Tom Norton for the Promise Scholarship committee. Discussion took place regarding the process of the scholarship program and if there are conflicts if the board member is on another scholarship committee.

Jamie Hurd moved to appoint Tom Norton and Kevin Richards to the Promise Scholarship committee and make a decision on behalf of the JCSD 509J Board for two scholarship recipients; motion passed unanimously – **Approved 4/0.**

REMINDERS:

2nd Budget Committee Meeting: **Monday, April 19, 2021 @5:30pm** – PAC (If needed)
Next Board Leadership: **Tuesday, May 4, 2021 @9am** (Laurie & Jamie)
Next Board Work Session: **Monday, May 10, 2021 @5:30PM** (Topic: Board Self Reflection)
Next Board Meeting: **Monday, May 10, 2021 @7:00PM**
OSBA Virtual Summer Conferences 2021 – Registration NOW OPEN
<http://www.osba.org/Calendar/UpcomingEvents.aspx>
School Board Essentials - Friday, July 9, 2021 (8am-4pm)
Empowering Youth Voices – Saturday, July 10, 2021 (9am-4:30pm)
Board Leadership and Administrative Professionals Workshop – Friday, July 23, 2021 (8am-1pm)
Raising the Equity Question – Saturday, July 24, 2021 (8am-4pm)

Requested to add/announce:

Graduation – Saturday, June 5, 2021 – time TBA
April 14 – virtual Bond meeting
April 21 @5:30pm, Virtual Town Hall
State – 2nd congressional district, Saturday April 17, between 1-3pm Oregon legislature.com
Special District Elections – May 18th.

BOARD & SUPERINTENDENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Welcome Jay Mathisen, the district had a great selection process – he will be great.
- A video was shared (Representative Bonham 4-09-21, Oregon legislature) regarding Madras Elementary third graders passing two proficiencies – way to go!
- Somewhat getting back to a little normal (being back in school and limited sports).
- Budget committee passed the budget for next year.
- Martha Bewley's work on the budget and work for the district.
- The great work being done in our district.

MEETING CLOSURE/ADJOURNED

With no further business, Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:08 @pm.

Tessa Bailey, Executive Assistant

Draft to Board for approval at next meeting.

Monday, May 10, 2021

Laurie Danzuka, Board Chair

Ken Parshall, Superintendent

Date

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