

Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes – April 12, 2023

OPENING OF PUBLIC SESSION

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Fielder at 6:15 pm, following the Budget Committee Meeting. Vice Chair Fielder led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance:

- X - Shane Stuart-Board Chair – Not Present
- X - Linda Fielder-Board Vice Chair
- X - Bill Hagerty
- X - Diane Boisa
- X - Joseph Boyd - Not Present
- X - Misty Wharton, Superintendent
- X - Ken Richwine, High School Principal
- X - Chad Holloway, Administrator of Facilities and Alternative Education
- X - Megan Kellow, Special Programs Administrator – Not Present
- X – Kristina Albin, K8 Director

Patrons, Students and Staff: Shelley Stoll, Wally Nelson, Mary Hurliman, Russ Sanders, Tera VanDyke, Melanie Merryman, Jennifer Collins, Peter Deam, Christopher Kruebbe, Ash Earls, Cathy Colburn, Heidi Schultz, Mark Cavatorta, Kim Cavatorta

Approval of Agenda – April 12, 2023

MOTION: Diane Boisa 2nd: Bill Hagerty AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

COMMUNITY/SCHOOL PRESENTATIONS

There were no students to present this evening.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Cavatorta thanked the Board for all of the positive developments in the district and for everything they have done over the years.

Christopher Kruebbe commented via chat on Zoom, in regards to the drug and alcohol prevention education. Mr. Kruebbe said he is glad the school is taking it seriously. He added that Oregon is in the top ten in many categories for fentanyl related deaths and overdoses.

CONSENT AGENDA – consolidated motion

- Board Minutes from March 8, 2023
- March 2023 Financial Report
- Ratification of Employment
- Quarterly Statement of Assurance

MOTION: Bill Hagerty 2nd: Diane Boisa AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

ACTION /DISCUSSION

Recommendation: Approve – Awarding American Fidelity the contract for the Paid Family Medical Leave plan, with an effective date of September 2023.

Paid Leave Oregon is a program the Oregon legislature passed in 2019, to begin September 3, 2023. It allows individuals to take paid time off to care for themselves or their loved ones for qualifying situations. It is funded by contributions from both employers and employees. Employers may meet their PFML obligations by providing the coverage to their covered employees through the state-run plan (Paid Leave Oregon) or through an Equivalent Private Plan. The Equivalent Private Plan can either be a Fully Insured Equivalent Plan or an Employer Administered Equivalent Plan (self-insured)

Mrs. Wharton said although this is due to begin in September, they are starting to change their language because the funding may not come through in time.

MOTION: Diane Boisa 2nd: Bill Hagerty AYES: 3 NOES: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

INFORMATION / DIRECTOR QUESTIONS

Superintendent Wharton said the Sheriff sub station at the K8 is ready and pending a computer to be brought down for their use. Mr. Holloway said they will use the receiving door and that they will have a key. There will also be signage for the Sherriff Department on campus. They will be a good presence Mrs. Wharton said.

Information was pushed out to families today about the Betty Ford Clinic, Mrs. Wharton shared. They are drug and alcohol prevention specialists who will be coming to talk about a variety of topics. These trainings and information sessions are for students and staff. It will also include a parent night. Students will be surveyed to see what their perceptions are. All of us at this table are worried about Fentanyl, Mrs. Wharton said. We need to have these difficult conversations with kids.

Mrs. Wharton said admin team is working on getting roles lined up for the next school year. Ursula and Sarah just went to Portland for a teacher recruitment job fair. We have a couple of staff members who are retiring next year. Mrs. Wharton said she will be attending a COSA conference this month for small school districts. There are 141 districts that are considered small schools in Oregon.

Superintendent Wharton shared that is has been since 1979 that Oregon has approved a new female sport. Girls wrestling was accepted and is now a sanctioned sport. Volleyball is on the docket for boys.

Mr. Holloway and Mr. Richwine have been working on the exploratory CTE classes up at the High School. Mrs. Wharton said she was able to go with O'Brien and show the kids the new CTE building. Pictures of the classes have been shared with staff each week and they are enjoying them!

Mrs. Wharton explained that the last timber revenue check of \$165,000 is way down from two years ago at 1.2 million, and the year before that at 1.3 million. They have budgeted very conservatively with that in mind.

Juntos will be presenting to the Board soon. They just went to a chamber meeting with fifteen students and the kids did very well speaking during the meeting.

Ms. Boisa asked about Narcan at the schools and Mrs. Wharton replied that there is plenty of Narcan throughout the school at each site.

FURTHER BUSINESS

There was no further business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Fielder at 6:31 pm.