Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Ocosta School District No. 172, Board of Directors, August 27, 2019, Community Portable #1.

Board Members:	Greg Miller, President; Duane Pegg, Scott Jones, Debbie Carter-Bowhay, and Hillary Bearden.
Administration:	Heather Sweet, Superintendent; Nicholas French, Director of Teaching & Learning; Chris Pollard, JR/SR HS Principal; and Dr. Cindy Risher, Elementary Principal.

**Call to Order:**1.0 The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm and the flag salute was led by President, Greg Miller.

**Approval of Minutes:** 2.0 It was moved and seconded (DP/DC) that the Board approve the minutes of the July 23, 2019 regular meeting as presented thereby ratifying all actions taken.

M/C, unanimous.

# Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

**3.0** None

Consent Agenda:	4.0
General Fund	4.1
ASB Fund	4.2
Transportation Fund	4.3
Debt Services Fund	4.4
Capital Projects Fund	4.5
Payroll	4.6
Payroll Accounts Payable	4.7
Resignations	4.8
New Hires	4.9
Board Policy Review –	4.10
First Reading	
Board Policy Review –	4.11
Second Reading	

It was moved and seconded (DC/DP) that the consent agenda be approved, thereby approving items 4.1 – 4.11, which includes:

- The July General, A.S.B., Transportation, Debt Service, and Capital Projects Fund status reports;
- Payroll warrants 537669 537695 in the amount of \$767,977.52;
- Payroll Accounts Payable warrants 537663 537668 in the amount of \$18,031.80;
- Resignation of Brian Snell as Jr/Sr High Social Studies/LAP teacher and Track Coach and Dawn Barnum as bus driver;
- Hiring of Judith Serrano as ELL teacher, Emily Hamilton as AP Clerk/Business Office Assistant, and Andrea Mirante as 21st CCLC Director;
- First Reading of Policies and Procedures 3241P, 4260, 4260P, 4260-F1, 6213-F2;
  and
- Second Reading of Policies and Procedures 2107, 2421 and 2421P on August 27, 2019.

M/C, Unanimous

### **Finance Reports:**

General Fund, ASB, Transportation, Capital Projects, and Comp Tax Warrants 5.0

6.0

- 5.1 It was moved and seconded (DP/HB) that the General Fund, A.S.B., and Department of Revenue warrants be approved, thereby certifying that the merchandise and services have been received and/or performed for payment: (optional reading)
  - General Fund warrants 537702 537789 in the amount of \$163,499.22;
  - A.S.B. Fund warrants 537697 537701 in the amount of \$5,365.71;
  - Capital Projects warrant 537696 in the amount of \$4,479.30; and
  - Department of Revenue warrants 537790 in the amount of \$645.02 on August 27, 2019.

M/C, unanimous

### Informational Reports:

Principals' Report

6.1 Dr. Risher spoke about:

- Enrollment update: K 54, 1st 52, 2nd 35, 3rd 56, 4th 48, 5th 46, 6th 45. The school currently has three kindergarten classes, Dr. Risher is reviewing applications for an additional 1st grade teacher, and 3rd grade has three classes.
- 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> grade are teaching departmentally this year. By dividing math and ELA/SS instruction at these grade levels, teachers plan to better prepare students for 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- The Elementary Master Schedule was provided to the board. This school year, the elementary gave one period/block of music time to the Jr/Sr High, so the elementary master schedule has more class time than previous years. Each K-6 class has music once a week.
- The School Improvement Plan was also presented to the board. Dr. Risher plans to focus on behavior and social/emotional teaching with PBIS rewards continuing regularly during the school year.
- Student Handbook was then presented to the board.

Debbie Carter-Bowhay motioned to approve the Elementary School Improvement Plan, the motion was seconded by Duane Pegg. M/C, unanimous.

### Mr. Pollard spoke about:

- The School Improvement Plan for the Jr/Sr High was presented to the board: Focus on accreditation, meeting state standards for the Hispanic/Latino student population in regards to attendance, grades, etc., adopting better support systems school-wide, remediation support especially in mathematics, after-school program growth, and improving the study/learning/preparedness skills. Mr. Polalrd is working with Grays Harbor College to bring college courses to the HS. The Character Strong program will be introduced to the students to build character and self-awareness. BHR and True North services will be consistently available to students this year. iTeam will continue to track student progress.
- The Jr/Sr High Master Schedule was provided to the board: Spanish teacher, Judith Serrano, is ready to strengthen the Spanish program and work with the ELL teacher to support Spanish speaking students. Mr. Pollard is still working on hiring an ELA teacher, with a long-term sub filling in until one is hired. Music will be offered for wo periods a day with a general music class/choir for 5<sup>th</sup> period and a band class 6<sup>th</sup> period.
- CTE Program Update: Mr. Pollard discussed meeting minutes, codes, and courses. He has contacted community members to build support for teachers in the CTE program. Multiple teachers have various V codes relevant to the courses they are teaching. Student taking and passing these courses help with their pathway to graduation. The school is currently meeting the CTE need for the 2020/21 school year.

Debbie Carter-Bowhay motioned to approve the Jr/Sr High School Improvement Plan, the motion was seconded by Scott Jones. M/C, unanimous.

## Teaching and Learning Director's Report

### 6.2 Mr. Nicholas French spoke about:

- Attended the state SpEd conference and a migrant conference this month. Plans to attend the SpEd Law conference in September.
- Mr. French is doing staff presentations this week. The focus is on implementing new district policies and new rules throughout the district. There is also a renewed focus on transitioning students with disabilities back into core classes.
- Mr. French will encourage a collaborative approach to problem solving and building support systems. He also plans to provide more assessment-related data at future board meetings.

### Superintendent's Report

#### 6.3 Superintendent Sweet spoke about:

- Goal 1: Academic Achievement. Continuing to secure curriculum, assessment scores will be presented at the next board meeting, and filling open jobs.
- Goal 2: Professional Development. Staff training on Wednesday and Thursday before school starts. September 12<sup>th</sup> there will be active threat training for students, staff, and parents. Staff will be reviewing the handbook and safety handbooks.
- Goal 3: Climate and Culture. Ms. Sweet will continue to meet with district staff to go over perceptions of the district. More training will happen at the Elementary on PBIS procedures. The Jr/Sr High will be working on Character Strong training.
- Goal 4: Community Partnerships. Ms. Sweet has attended city council meetings. On August 22<sup>nd</sup> she invited the mayor, council, and city employees to greet students on the first day of school. The district will be publishing more articles in the Daily World on the South Beach page for community outreach. Students are also permitted to write articles for this section of the paper. Dan Hammock with the Daily World wrote an article about the incoming superintendent that will be published in September. Steve Schmeling and Heather Sweet are looking into putting letters up on the community gym and grandstands to promote Wildcat pride. BHR will continue to provide student services on campus with a new provider.
- Goal 5: Governance. Ms. Sweet spoke about notes from the board work session regarding roles/responsibilities. The WSSDA regional meeting is Octover 29<sup>th</sup> at Rochester Middle School. Debbie, Scott, and Heather will be attending.
- There is a legislative assembly September 27-28 in Spokane if anyone on the board is interested in attending.
- Ms. Sweet will be meeting with board members Scott and Duane next week for an AD discussion.
- Fees collected for student parking will now go into the general fund because the law prohibits it from being collected by ASB. The funds will be used for ASB expenditures.
- Request for an assistant cheer coach due to the squad being over the 10 student threshold. This topic may be on a future board agenda for discussion. The position would be split between two seasons.
- In the future, the ASB will be approaching the board regarding a few bigger purchases. ASB is currently considering using vending machines more to bring in revenue.

### Old Business:

Weight Room Equipment Discussion

7.1 AD Kevin Hatton gathered comments and concerns from facility users regarding the weight room. He believes a \$5,000 to \$7,500 investment could revamp about 60% of the space. He

proposes the district purchases multi-use structures to make space for other equipment and make the area more functional. He suggests the district avoid the electronic equipment that are expensive to maintain. Mr. Hatton is willing to form a committee of coaches to identify need. The Coast Guard is no longer able to help with providing funds to purchase equipment. Mr. Hatton believes an investment into the weight room will improve safety for students. The board supported the idea of forming a group to look into improvements further. The board suggested approximately a \$10,000 budget for improvements.

New Business: Facility Use Discussion	<b>8.0</b> 8.1	A community member contacted the school recently about concerns over after-hour facility use. Kris Lawrence, the district's insurance broker, was contacted to answer questions and to resolve some concerns about facility users and liability. It was resolved that coaches and staff under contract with the district are able to use the facilities, but they need to sign a waiver for each use. Staff will also have a sign-up sheet for student athletes. Ms. Sweet asked for the Board's input regarding the waiver/sign-up sheets she presented. The Board approved of the sheets with no corrections.		
180 Waiver	8.2	Ms. Sweet also requested the Board's input regarding liability insurance. The Board approved of only the community gym being used by outside groups without the liability insurance as long as facility use forms are filled out and waivers are signed by participants.		
		Debbie Carter motioned to approve the 180 Waiver application, the motion was seconded by Duane Pegg. M/C unanimous.		
School Website & App Discussion	8.3	Two website design companies have been considered. Apptegy is the provider that Ms. Sweet would like to go with and she presented informational materials that the company provided.		
		Scott Jones motioned to approve the district using Apptegy for providing website and app services, the motion was seconded by Debbie Carter-Bowhay. M/C unanimous.		
Resolution	8.4	Debbie Carter motioned to approve Resolution #500-2019, Waiver for Parent-Teacher Conference Days, the motion was seconded by Scott Jones. M/C unanimous		
Questions or Comments:	9.0	None		
Executive Session:	10.0	Board President, Greg Miller, stated that the Board would recess into executive session to discuss ongoing litigation RCW 42.30.110(1)(i).		
		The Board recessed into executive session at 9:23pm stating that they would return within 10 minutes. No action will be taken.		
		The Board came out of executive session at 9:35pm.		
		The Board reconvened the regular meeting at 9:35pm.		
Adjournment:	11.0	There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36pm.		
**After the meeting, the Board went into closed session to plan for collective bargaining and/or develop strategies**				
		Respectfully submitted,		
Greg Miller, President		Heather Sweet, Board Secretary		

Kristin Griffith, Board Clerk