

**DISTRICT CLERK'S BOOK OF RECORDS
LA GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, UNION COUNTY, OREGON
October 11, 2023**

REGULAR MEETING: The board of directors of La Grande School District met in a regular session on Wednesday, October 11, 2023. Chair Randy Shaw called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

<u>QUORUM ESTABLISHED</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>
Randy Shaw, Chair	George Mendoza, Superintendent
Robin Jolin	Deb Comfort, Board Secretary
Bruce Kevan-online	Michelle Glover, Business Director
Danelle Lindsey, Vice Chair	Casey Hampton
Merle Comfort	Bryce Wagner, Student Representative
Jake Hanson	Scott Carpenter, Assistant Superintendent
	Stacy Shown
	Administrators, Various Patrons

INTRODUCTIONS, RECOGNITIONS and COMMUNICATION: None at this time.

REVIEW OF AGENDA: No changes made.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion: Director Merle Comfort made a motion and Director Danelle Lindsey seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows: **September 13, 2023, Regular Board Meeting** and **September 27, 2023, Special Board Meeting/Work Session, October 2023 Personnel Action and Policies: GCAB - Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media - Staff**, BBB - Board Elections, DBEA - Budget Committee, JGE - Expulsion**, KBA - Public Records Request**, AC-AR - Discrimination Complaint Procedure, JFCF-AR(1) - Hazing, Harassment, Intimidation, Bullying Menacing, Cyberbullying, or Teen Dating Violence Reporting Procedures - Student, KL-AR(1) - Public Complaints. Unanimous. (Attachment A- October 2023 Personnel Action)**

REPORTS/INFORMATION/PRESENTATIONS:

Greenwood Elementary: Principal Jen Melendez and Jen Wilcox presented the 5th Grade Greenwood Ambassadors and their role at Greenwood Elementary. The Ambassadors give new students tours of the building, generate ideas for school-wide events, and are leaders and role models in the school. Four of the Ambassadors shared their duties and responsibilities, as well as what they enjoy about their role as a Greenwood Ambassador.

Student Representative Report: Student Representative Report was presented by Bryce Wagner, who shared Homecoming is next week, the parade will be at 5 PM on Friday, October 20th. Tigers Give Back Day will be tomorrow, with many students looking forward to working at MERA.

OSEA Update: Wendie Perry shared the building reports with highlights being the positive results from the College, Career and Military Fair that was last week. Fall sports for elementary, middle school and high school are in full swing. Career Day for LMS 6th Graders is Thursday, October 12, 2023.

LEA Update: Stacy Shown and Chris Wagner shared that students are adjusting to schedules and behaviors. LMS has started a substitute appreciation project. Staff at the high school are excited with how Principal Hurliman is leading their school.

IMESD Report: October 2023 Board Talking points highlighted the Regional Board Meeting that was a big success, as well as the upcoming OSBA Legislative Roadshow and the OSBA Annual Conference.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Mendoza shared with the Board that October is Principal Appreciation Month, mentioning each of our Principals and Vice-Principals and the work they do for our district.

Student enrollment is continuing to decline. The loss of students will reduce our funding, resulting in budget adjustments in the future.

Superintendent Mendoza shared the progress of the Union County Truancy Ordinance that is currently being drafted with the assistance of District Attorney Kelsie McDaniel, Union County Commissioners, Union County Public School Superintendents as well as the Union County Sheriff and City of La Grande Police Department. Superintendent Mendoza will continue to keep the School Board updated with the progress of the Ordinance.

The Bond Oversight Committee meeting earlier this evening shared that within the next six weeks the new Greenhouse will be installed and metal for the Wildcat Center will be delivered and start to be installed as well.

Assistant Superintendent Scott Carpenter participated in the Wildfire Tabletop Exercise for our Administrative Team, with the goal being that whatever the situation, we have a plan in place and know how to respond.

COSA Superintendent Meeting shared that many districts are struggling with loss of enrollment, meaning loss of funding, while some districts are growing and receiving increased funding. Superintendent Mendoza shared with the COSA group that while that is logical, it does begin to create disparities in education. LGSD will continue to ask for funding for Summer School, tutoring, professional development, energy efficient upgrades and too many expenses, to name a few.

Financial Report: Business Director Michelle Glover reported that ODE is now doing twice a month roundtable discussions with Business Directors around the state. One of the biggest issues is that we still do not have Grant Agreements, which is causing issues for districts around the state.

PERS rate of return in August 2023 was up to 3.86% from July 2023 that was 3.79%, but still short of where it needs to be to hit the assumed rate of 6.90% by calendar year.

The Pension Obligation Bonds(POB) report showed a cumulative rate of return on Pension Obligation Bonds in the amount of 18.89% for the 2021A Series Bond. Business Director Glover will share the data from the 2002 and 2005 POBs at the next meeting.

The financials for 2023-2024 for the General Fund revenues are trending as anticipated. Due to the State School Fund being funded at a higher amount, a supplemental budget will be presented to the Board in the near future. Expenditures in the General Fund are trending as anticipated. All Funds revenue and expenses are trending as anticipated. No variances to report. **(Attachment B - Financials)**

2022-2023 Division 22 Assurances Report: Scott Carpenter shared the Division 22 Assurances Report for the 2022-2023 school year. Teaching & Learning: Curriculum & Instruction, Assessment & Reporting, Program & Service Requirements, and High School Diploma. Health & Safety: Policies and Practices, Plans & Reports, and Athletics & Interscholastic Activities. District Performance & Accountability and Human Resources/Staffing. All areas are in compliance with the exception of the Healthy and Safe Schools Plan. This will be completed in the next few months so LGSD will be fully compliant.

Class Photo Restoration Project: Kathy Rudd and Eric Freeman shared the progress of the Class Photo

Restoration Project. Currently all but 9 classes have been restored and the photos will be displayed in the hallway at LHS between the gym and auditorium.

DISCUSSION:

First Reading of Policies: **GBDH** - Program Exemptions** and **KJA** - Materials Distribution: These policies have come to the Board for a first reading. Superintendent Mendoza reviewed the recommended changes and if no other changes are received, these policies will come back on the November 15, 2023, board meeting consent agenda for approval.

PUBLIC FORUM: No one signed up to speak.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Consideration of: 2022-2023 Division 22 Assurances Compliance Report

Director Merle Comfort moved and **Director Jake Hanson** seconded to approve the 2022-2023 Division 22 Assurance Compliance Report. **Unanimous. (Attachment C - 2022-2023 Division 22 Assurance Compliance Report)**

Meeting recessed at: 8:17 PM

Meeting convened to Executive Session: 8:21 PM

Meeting reconvened to Regular Session: 9:03 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS/DATES:

National Information Technology Day, Tues, September 19, 2023

Special Board Meeting/Work Session, Weds, September 27, 2023, 7:00 PM, District Office Board Room

Regional Board Training, Friday, September 29 and 30, 2023, BMCC, 5 PM on Friday and 9 AM on Saturday.

PLC Meetings, Weds, October 11, 2023, 7:30 AM, Greenwood Elementary School, 2300 N. Spruce

Regular Board Meeting, Weds, October 11, 2023, 7:00 PM, Greenwood Elementary School Library, 2300 N. Spruce

OSBA Legislative Roadshow, Mon., October 23, 2023, 6:00 PM, Eastern Oregon University – Hoke Union Building Room #339, One University Blvd, La Grande, OR 97850

Special Board Meeting/Work Session, Weds, October 25, 2023, 7:00 PM, District Office Board Room

OSBA Annual Convention, November 9-12, 2023, Portland, OR

PLC Meetings, Weds, November 15, 2023, 7:30 AM, Island City Elementary School, 10201 W. 4th St.

Regular Board Meeting, Weds, November 15, 2023, 7:00 PM, Island City Elementary Library, 10201 W. 4th St.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

Maintenance Building Surplus Sale

Budget Committee Vacancies (November)

Mid Year Strategic Plan Review (December)

Meeting adjourned: 9:03 PM

APPROVE: _____ **ATTEST:** _____ **DATE:** _____