

**Union County School District #11
Imbler Public Schools
Imbler, Oregon**

**August 15, 2023
High School Gym
7:00 P.M.**

Preliminary Business

Call To Order

Board Chair Pam Glenn called the Regular August Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed guests. Guests present were; Parker & Sarah Lucas, Kristen Kruse, Jenny Phelps, Ian Gordon and Drew Williams.

There were no agenda changes or public input.

Consent Agenda

Following a brief discussion regarding bills paid, Ken Patterson moved to approve the minutes and bills paid as presented. Joe Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Reports

IMESD Talking Points

Superintendent Randy Waite provided the IMESD Talking Points. During the recent legislative session, two bills were passed that will affect schools; SB283 Education Workforce and SB819 Abbreviated Day. SB283 centers on recruiting and retention efforts; specifically licensing flexibility, employee working conditions, compensation for special education staff and creation of a task force to study a statewide teacher salary schedule. SB819 requires districts to change current practices regarding abbreviated days for students. It was noted that we do not currently have any students on an abbreviated day.

Transportation/Maintenance Report

Drew Williams reported that the buses are close to being ready after inspection. This process took longer than past years as there have been some changes with Barnes Diesel Repair. Mr. Williams reported that he will be working with Freightliner NW in the future. The two new buses are on order with the one purchased from Western Bus to be here in November and the one from Schetky will be arriving the end of December. It was reported that the bus routes will be reconfigured in order to even out the route distance and two send two buses to La Grande. He noted that there are now over 100 students attending from La Grande School District. Recently hired bus driver, Glen Olson, is almost done with his required bus hours and will be taking the drive test soon.

Mr. Williams reported that the A/C unit in the high school office has been replaced and is working. There were some sprinklers on the elementary grounds that were leaking and were repaired. It was reported that Jake Evers completed the remodel of the outside concession stand. It is just waiting for some final electrical work.

The configuration of the bus routes was discussed. It was noted that the routes shouldn't be too much longer and the students will be more evenly dispersed between routes.

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Principal/Activity Report

Mr. Mills reported that all Fall sports had begun the previous day. Cross Country has 22 participants, including junior high. High school football has 21 athletes and high school volleyball has 32. There are 14 junior high volleyball athletes and junior high football will be meeting the first day of school.

Mr. Mills reported that junior high boy's and girl's basketball seasons will be held at the same time in order to give girls the opportunity to participate in wrestling. He noted that this was a league decision due to the increased participation of female wrestlers at the high school level.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Waite reported that registration was held August 8th for new students and the 9th for drop ins. He commended Wendy and Chrissy for their efforts on this process. Following registration, there are approximately 315 students enrolled K-12. 158 students in K-6 and 157 in grades 7-12. This is an increase of 14 students from the previous year. Superintendent Waite also provided out-of-district figures which were; 61% in grades K-6 and 43% in grades 7-12. Superintendent Waite reported that there were no fees charged at the elementary and only a \$10 registration fee was charged at the high school level. There will be a \$30 fee for membership in FBLA and the only charge for shop classes would be if a student completes an extravagant project.

Superintendent Waite briefly outlined the legislative bills that were signed into law during the last legislative session. He noted that he is in the process of determining if the Early Literacy Success Initiative will be beneficial for our district.

It was reported that staff inservice will be held August 16th with some trainings, school safety topics and staff meetings. Superintendent Waite also informed the Board of the upcoming Regional Board Training Day hosted by IMESD on September 29th and 30th. Any members interested in attending need to let him or Teresa know so that they can get them registered.

Old Business

Locker Room Project Update

Superintendent Waite informed the Board that the recent rain storm created issues with the dry wall and insulation. They are working on drying the area out and will be replacing and repairing the issues. The hope is to have the roof and doors installed this week and painting will be pushed back due to the rain issues. This will push back the completion date as well.

Track Project Update

Ian Gordon reported that the design of the track is pretty much settled and they are continuing to gather leads for donors. The cost estimate should be completed sometime in September. Once that is done, they will be able to draft the budget and begin the grant writing process for the project. He noted that it will be necessary to draft an MOU between the district and the committee showing the district's financial commitment to the project. This will be an important piece in attempting to obtain grants.

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Approve Staff Hiring

Mike Mills recommended the hiring of Joelle Treat as Assistant Volleyball Coach and Randy Waite as the Head Junior High Football Coach. He noted that he will now advertise for an Assistant Junior High Volleyball Coach. Kaiger Braseth moved to approve the hirings as presented. Joe Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Members Present

Jason Beck, Kaiger Braseth, Joe Fisher, Pam Glenn and Ken Patterson.

Others Present

Randy Waite, Superintendent; Mike Mills, Principal; and Teresa Dewey, Deputy Clerk.

Chairman

Deputy Clerk