

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

**October 17, 2023
High School Room #1
7:00 P.M**

Preliminary Business

Call To Order

Board Vice-Chair Kaiger Braseth called the Regular October Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Braseth welcomed guests and asked them to introduce themselves. Guests present were; Sam and Wendy Onjukka, Keira Counsell, Elilai and Shelvin Kailang, Jennie Yancey, Peggy Titus, Nikkita and Kaiden Titus, Dillon and Shai Joseph, Kristen Kruse, Becki McIntosh, Tim Phelps, Sara Lucas, and Ayden Lucas.

Visiting Delegations

Most guests were present for the Student of the Month recognition. This month's theme was "Commitment" and their teachers nominated them for their outstanding commitment to their education, school and peers. Mr. Waite introduced each recipient, presented them with a certificate and read what their teacher wrote about the qualities that earned them the award. The students recognized were; Riatt Titus (K), Grace Kailang(2), Taylin Yancey (4) and Makaio Joseph (6).

Correspondence

OSBA Legislative Roadshow

Teressa Dewey reported that OSBA would be hosting a dinner on October 23rd at EOU. She asked that any members interested in attending let her know so that she can get them registered.

Oregon Advocates for School Trust Lands (OASTL)

Superintendent Waite presented a letter from OASTL asking for the District's support of their efforts to protect school funding, particularly the funding that was established through the Oregon Common School Lands. The cost to join is \$10 per district.

Public Comment

Vice Chair Braseth asked if there was any public comment. Keira Counsell and Ayden Lucas were present to ask the Board about starting an Imbler trapshooting team. They reported that they have been competing and consistently finish in the top three. They stated that there would need to be five students interested in order to fill a team and they would need a coach and would need to fundraise for their ammunition. It was determined that they would present a student-led presentation at a future meeting to answer any questions that the Board or administration may have.

Consent Agenda

Following a few brief questions, Ken Patterson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Joe Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Reports

IMESD Talking Points

Superintendent Waite provided the IMESD Talking Points. OSBA and IMESD recently collaborated to sponsor two regional events this month to provide board support and training.

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The Eastern Oregon Board Conference was held for the first time and was a success. They plan to offer this every year. OSBA will be hosting a Legislative Roadshow on October 23rd.

Transportation/Maintenance Report

Drew Williams reported that one of the new buses has arrived and been put into service but the other bus may not be here until the end of February. It was reported that the sprinklers will be winterized next week and the bleacher inspection will also be completed. Mr. Williams reported that he attended the PACE workshop last week. The ESD asked districts what they needed help with and staffing was the major issue facing districts. La Grande School District is looking at hiring an electrician and plumber to share with other districts. Mr. Williams noted that he is still looking at options for the best fall protection for the playground.

Principal/Activity Report

Mr. Mills reported that the end of the first quarter is October 19th with the 20th being a teacher work day. Parent/teacher conferences will be held October 25th and 26th. The high school volleyball team finished 3rd in our half of the league and will host Pilot Rock on October 25th. High school football is currently ranked 3rd in the state with a 6-1 record. Both junior high football and volleyball will concluded their seasons last week. All junior high teams had very successful seasons with only one loss recorded to the junior high football "B" team. All other teams were undefeated. Cross country is nearing the end of their season with the District meet being held in Pendleton on October 27th.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Waite reported that we have added six new students at the elementary in the last week. He noted that this has put some of the class sizes larger than desired. The 4th grade is the largest with 26 and the total elementary enrollment is 162. The JH/HS enrollment is at 158 which is down from 162 last year. Over all, district-wide we are up eleven students. Mr. Waite reported that all math teachers attended a training by the Big Ideas trainers on October 13th. Big Ideas is the new math curriculum that was recently adopted. Superintendent Waite reported that the new music teacher, Erin Wunz, is off to a good start. He noted that IMESD has offered support in order to give her the best opportunity to build the program.

Superintendent Waite noted that he had attended an off-the-record meeting by COSA the previous week. He reported that the Early Literacy Grant deadline is December. This grant will give the district approximately \$41,000 this year and \$43,000 for the upcoming year. The district will have to spend 25% in matching funds. There are only a few things you can spend the money on and he reported that he and staff are looking at the best way to utilize these funds.

Superintendent Waite reported that he serves on a committee that is looking at a county wide ordinance for attendance. The purpose is to improve attendance. According to state guidelines, we currently have 77 students that are considered chronically absent. The committee will vote as to whether to approve the ordinance and submit it to the county commissioners for their approval.

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New Business

Division 22 Statement of Assurances

Superintendent Waite reported that districts are required to report to their community their status of Division 22 Standards. He reported that the district was in compliance with all applicable standards. He reviewed compliance report and noted that the only new standard was the updated TAG qualification requirements. He also noted that this report will be available on the district website.

Track Project Update

Tim Phelps provided an update on the Track Project. The committee has approved a detail bid of \$1.057 million which includes football lights. They hope to raise \$25,000 through fundraisers and hope to receive \$350,000 in cash donations, \$250,000 in in-kind donations and \$375,000 in grants. The committee hopes that the balance can be covered by the district. He reported that they are working with a company to do a video for promotion of the project on social media. Russ West is currently working on smaller grants and will work on larger grants once they have more cash on hand. Jennifer Yancey reported that they are holding a school-wide pledge run at the end of the month along with a chili feed and dessert auction held in conjunction with the Pleasant Grove Grange. The committee is also planning a high-end fundraiser dinner in the spring. Ken Patterson expressed his appreciation for the committee's efforts on the project. He informed the committee of potential congressional directional spending funds that may be available and encouraged them to look into those funds.

Locker Room Project Update

Superintendent Waite reviewed the punch list items including; fire alarm covers, lighting fixture covers, dry wall repair, dead bolts and kick plates on doors. The main concern was the cuts in the concrete flooring. The architect noted that they are larger than they should be and need to be repaired. The options are to fill the cuts in with filling or put epoxy on all of the flooring. Due to the flooring issue, the lockers have not yet been installed. Some of the HVAC parts won't be in until January. Drew Williams discussed the epoxy flooring options.

Action Items

Approve Staff Hiring

Superintendent Waite recommended the hiring of Erin Wunz as the K-12 Music Instructor and Mike Mills recommended the hiring of JD Cant as the Assistant Boy's Jr. High Basketball Coach. Ken Patterson moved to approve the staff hirings. Joe Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Approve OSAA Collective Sponsorship Application

Mike Mills explained that the collective sponsorship would allow for more competitive practice in weight classes for wrestling. The sponsorship would be with Elgin and would provide more equity for smaller schools with small numbers. Joe Fisher moved to approve the OSAA Collective Sponsorship Application with Elgin. Ken Patterson seconded the motion, which was unanimously passed.

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Approve Track Project Memorandum of Understanding

Superintendent Waite informed the Board that the MOU would help the project as the committee applies for grants. The MOU would show a commitment from the District and the only obligation would be \$150,000 of contingency funds for the project and continued maintenance after the project is completed. Joe Fisher moved to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Imbler Track Committee and the Imbler School District. Ken Patterson seconded the motion with passed unanimously.

Approve FFA Summer Extra Duty Contract

Teressa Dewey informed the Board that the FFA Summer Extra Duty Contract covers additional days that are not covered by the existing extra duty contract. This contract is funded through HB2444 specifically for compensating Ag advisors for their extra time. It allows for twelve additional days of compensation for Mr. Cant. Ken Patterson moved to approve the extra duty contract as presented. Joe Fisher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Members Present

Kaiger Braseth, Joe Fisher and Ken Patterson.

Others Present

Randy Waite, Superintendent; Mike Mills, Principal/AD; and Teressa Dewey, Deputy Clerk.

Chairman

Deputy Clerk