

Ione School District #2

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Ione School District Goals

District and Community Engagement

Ione Community School will foster and enhance relationships while continuing to improve two-way communications with students, families, staff, and community stakeholders.

School Climate

Ione Community School will create and cultivate a positive and safe school environment that promotes high levels of connection, engagement, and overall well-being throughout the school community.

Facilities Planning

The Ione School District will establish a Facilities Task Force to complete a review and analysis of the recently completed Long Range Facilities Plan. In addition, the FTC will provide long-term capital planning direction for the district.

Student Achievement

The Ione School District will continuously review and refine curriculum, instructional practices, and professional development for staff in order to support student growth and academic achievement for all students from birth through high school graduation.

IONE SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

September 19, 2023

Work Session 5:00 PM – Regular Board Meeting 5:30 PM

Lisa Rietmann, Chair
Ed Rietmann
Rob Crum
Paola Cabrera, Vice-Chair
Elizabeth Peterson

Tracey Johnson, Supt/Principal
Ryan Rudolf, Dean of Students/AD
Kara Taylor, Business Manager
Pat Kerrigan, IMESD IT

Guests Present: Several staff members and community members were present.

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chair Lisa Rietmann. Kara Taylor performed roll call.

II. AWARDS, RECOGNITION AND CORRESPONDENCE

Introduction of New Staff - Tracey Johnson

Autumn Ringer (5th grade), Bailey Arbogast (science and cheerleading), Lara Neiffer (ag, math and ELL), Matt Dotson (PE Teacher), Ryan Rudolf taking on more roles (Dean of Students, Athletic Director), Jessica Jones (6th grade and FFA advisor). Stephanie McElligott (First Grade) was unable to make it this evening.

ASB Report - Chelsie Geer

First meeting held and goals were set. Main goal “to keep and build traditions” with the community. We have 13 students this year which is up from 4 last year. Currently busy planning homecoming then will establish roles. Want to plan an alumni flag football game as a new tradition, with any past and present football players. We have a football game in Irrigon this Friday night.

Union Report – Chelsie Geer

Discussed micro credentials and their plan to take credits/classes together.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lisa Rietmann read a statement to anyone who wants to speak, setting new rules.

Sami Peterson-called for volunteers, Sami is interested and wants to know how the community can find volunteer opportunities, who to reach out to. Tracey stated to reach out to her at the office for a volunteer form and provided many examples of what they currently need volunteers for.

August (Gus) Peterson-several months ago there was discussion on a community outreach work group. Wants to see this make progress and move it forward. Tracey stated she has already scheduled dates for these quarterly meetings, and is open to the format and who is able to join. Flyers will go out to all parents and staff to invite them. Lisa and Liz are the Board reps.

Jeff Clabaugh-Create a positive, healthy climate for the children. Goals, progress, what communication is available for the community to get this started. Lara (ELL teacher) stated her group is planning a community Cinco de Mayo celebration and mentioned they are using grant funds to cover the cost.

Erin Rietmann-excited about all of the positivity since August. What were the priorities for the school year in July’s meeting? Tracey discussed the Board Goals living document. Lisa mentioned Board training was one of the goals. Communication was the top priority during the meeting. Staff, teachers, students have brought numerous concerns to Erin in the past two weeks: safety of all, overwhelmed staff, bullying, upper ed, special ed, coaching at the school, back to school BBQ and lack of attendance, Ed Foundation coming up, bussing, bond, and sexual harassment. Drug policies discussed in August meeting but hasn’t been addressed again. Emails sent to teachers in emergency setting when they don’t see them while teaching. Issue in preschool with teachers which appears to be a lack of protocol, what is the plan? Tracey explained that preschool concerns need to be brought up with the Preschool Board.

III. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA - None

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of August 15, 2023, work session and regular board meeting minutes; August 29, 2023, special board meeting minutes and September 5, 2023, special board meeting minutes.

The following corrections to the minutes were recommended:

August 29-Page 1 Paola Cabrera should be Vice-Chair, not Ed Rietmann, Page 2 Motion on New Business didn't pass unanimously, Elizabeth recused herself and Ed voted no. September 5-Page 2 remove the word "and" and add a period after Liz Peterson asked everyone in attendance, please be calm and respectful. Page 3 Adam's last name is Collin not Holland. Page 4 "Yes" needs to replace the word "yet" on the motion to sensor Rob Crum.

- HR Report

BE IT RESOLVED, upon motion by Elizabeth Peterson and seconded by Rob Crum, that the items on the consent agenda be approved with the stated corrections to the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. REPORTS

- A. Enrollment Report – Current enrollment is 128 total students.
- B. Athletic Director Report – Ryan Rudolf

- Had 1st MS football game in Boardman. HS volleyball team started very well, league play from here on out. Two MS volleyball coaches hired, 30 kids between the two schools. Need HS & MS girls basketball coaches. Need to get the schedules updated online. Stated they have been posting to social media and on the weekly bulletin board on the website. Liz would like it printed and posted on the bulletin board at the grocery store, post office, etc.

- C. Principal/Superintendent Report – Tracey Johnson

School Update:

- Tracey has been meeting with teachers every week.
- Will start having whole staff meetings monthly with board and bond updates.
- Teachers and students have been supporting Ed Foundation for dinner preparations, students making decorations.
- Students were able to swim for one week before the pool needed to be shut down for repairs, three days earlier than scheduled. Repairs will occur with the bond project.
- Staff working well together and supporting each other.
- Had the ice cream social and back to school BBQ.

- Ed Foundation auction will be live online as well.
- Safety Committee meets regularly.
- Would like to have a reunification drill at the school. Agreement is in place with the church as the reunification location. During an emergency, parents and children will meet up there with a counselor available.
- Next week Safety Committee meeting will learn about Life Vac to unclog airways, Umatilla County Health District will provide a kit.
- At beginning of the year, the staff received training on Fentanyl overdose and received kits for that also.
- Board retreat coming up on Sept 29, 30 at BMCC. Three board members are registered. There are still openings. Email Tracey if interested.

VIII. FISCAL OVERVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Financial Summary and Cash Flow – Kara Taylor

- Kara presented the financial report for July and August 2023. She shared what revenues were received and mentioned the majority of expenses are for bond expenses. The auditors will be back at the IMESD office the week of September 5th for final field work and then again in October for the exit interview.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon motion by Elizabeth Peterson and seconded by Paola Cabrera that the items listed above are hereby approved under the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Staff Handbook

- Liz Peterson suggested that the staff, board members and Tracey to review handbooks from other school districts to ensure the district is protected, as our handbook is 30 pages smaller than other districts. Rob Crum stated that it is short and efficient, Liz and Lisa would like it to be reviewed. Chelsie Geer stated she will bring to the next Union Committee meeting to discuss and bring back to the board. Mr. Rudoph agreed it's not been discussed or reviewed in anyone's memory and teachers have never been asked for input. Decided to vote the current handbook into place to protect those who have signed acknowledgment of the handbook, and amendments may be adopted down the road.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon motion by Elizabeth Peterson and seconded by Rob Crum, that the Ione School Board adopts the 2023-24 staff handbook as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Legal Counsel

- Chose new legal counsel for the District, Brian Hungerford, Hungerford Law Firm. The District had a relationship with them in the past, as the firm helped establish the District. Great reputation with an expertise in school districts. They also offer training for the districts. They are located in Salem, which should eliminate any further conflicts of interest.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon motion by Paola Cabrera and seconded by Ed Rietmann, that the Hungerford Law Firm is designated the Legal Counsel of the Ione School District for the 2023-2024 year.

X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Important Dates to Remember:

- October Board Meeting – October 17, 2023
 - Work Session – 5:00 PM
 - Regular Board Meeting – 5:30 PM
- Eastern Oregon Regional Board Day – September 29-30 @ BMCC
- OSBA Road Show coming to the area October 25h in Pendleton.

Liz thanked all attendees for coming and contributing to the conversation. Lisa agreed and thanked them.

XI. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 pm.