

Ione School District #2

445 Spring St., P.O. Box 167, Ione, Oregon 97843

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

August 15, 2023

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

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

Tracey Johnson, Supt/Principal
Kim Thul, Board Secretary
Kara Taylor, Business Manager
Kim Gilsdorf, Business Manager

Guests Present: Jarrod Ogden, Alison Ogden, Erin Weedman-Rietmann, Steve Schaber, Brandi Orem, Madi Rietmann, Matt Dotson, Jake Trahan, Andrea DiSalvo

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chair Rob Crum.

II. ELECTION OF BOARD CHAIR

Elizabeth Peterson moved, and Paola Cabrera seconded to nominate Lisa Rietmann as Board Chair for 2023-24. The motion passed unanimously.

At this point in the meeting Lisa Rietmann took over as Board Chair.

III. AWARDS, RECOGNITION AND CORRESPONDENCE - none

IV. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Lisa asked if anyone in the audience had any public comment.

Erin Rietmann –requested improved communications from the Board and District. Also voiced concerns over not hiring a full-time Superintendent – concerned Tracey will have too much on her plate.

Steve Schaber - concerned with Tracey’s workload with two buildings and the bond management. Tracey responded that she would ask for help if needed and Rob noted that we have a progressive bond committee, and we have lots of supports and resources through the IMESD.

Madison Rietmann – requested better communication when there is a vacancy on the school Board. Would like information sent out to parents regarding elections.

V. **ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA - None**

VI. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- Approval of July 25, 2023, Retreat and Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- HR Report
 - a. Correction to the HR report – Charles Hoskins will not be coaching football this year.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon motion by Rob Crum and seconded by Ed Rietmann, that the items on the consent agenda be approved. The motion passed unanimously.

VII. **REPORTS**

- A. Enrollment Report (None in August)
- B. Principal Report – Tracey Johnson

- Kindergarten Jumpstart has six students this year – going well.
- Math Curriculum – staff training is on 8/21 for new curriculum.
- Job openings – numerous coaching positions as well as head secretary and classified educational assistant position.
- ED foundation dinner and auction is 9/23/23.
- Bond walkthrough happened on August 9th; bids are due August 22nd.
- Eastern Oregon Regional Board Workshop – September 29-30 @ BMCC

- C. Superintendent Report – Tracey Johnson

- State Update
 - Lots of legislative changes this year – one of the biggest ones for a lot of schools is SB 819 regarding abbreviated school days for students

with disabilities – parents have sole determination whether the student’s day is shortened or not.

VIII. FISCAL OVERVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Financial Summary and Cash Flow – Kara Taylor

- Kara presented the financial report for July 2023. She shared what revenues were received and highlighted the larger expenditures for the month.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon motion by Rob Crum and seconded by Liz Peterson,

that the Ione School Board approves the Financial Report for July 2023, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Reunification Plan MOU (Memorandum of Understanding)

Tracey Johnson shared the reunification MOU between the Ione Community Church and the district and noted the church has already approved it.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon motion by Paola Cabrera and seconded by Rob Crum the Ione School Board approves the Reunification Plan MOU as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Football Co-Op Update - Tracey mentioned there aren’t enough football participants to field a team with Arlington this year. Our athletic director, Ryan Rudolf, reached out to Riverside High School about co-oping with them. All papers have been filed and approved already so we just need board approval to move forward.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon motion by Rob Crum and seconded by Ed Rietmann that the Ione School Board approves a football co-op with Riverside High School for 2023-24 in the event that Ione/Arlington does not have enough participants to field its own team. The motion passed unanimously.

- C. ELL (English Language Learners) Report – Tracey shared the data report from ODE (Oregon Department of Education) after they conducted an audit of our ELL program. ODE had some recommendations which are now complete and have been submitted to ODE for approval.

- D. Staff Handbook – After some discussion, this agenda item was tabled until the next regular meeting. It was suggested that Tracey form a committee of a couple of board members and staff members to review the handbook before putting it to a vote of the Board. Tracey will ask for volunteers.

- E. Student Handbook- Tracey presented the updated 2023-24 handbook and noted there are minimal changes. One of the changes is the lunch prices were taken out since meals are free this year.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon motion by Liz Peterson and seconded by Paola Cabrera that the Ione School Board approves the Student/Parent Handbook for 2023-24 as presented at this time. The motion passed unanimously.

- F. Formal Complaint

Board Chair Lisa Rietmann explained to the audience that the Board hasn't received a response from our legal counsel at this time so no action will be taken at this meeting regarding the formal complaints against Rob Crum. She explained that our legal counsel of record has a conflict of interest, so she has reached out to a new attorney and is awaiting a call back at this time. Lisa then asked for public input.

Alison Ogden – She felt since the results are back from the third party that investigated, she's confused why the board can't make a decision based on what investigative report said. She also noted she doesn't intend to return to work due to it being an unsafe work environment.

Lisa responded that we as a board feel we need to have an attorney advise us before moving forward. Lisa will confer with the attorney and call a special board meeting if needed. She apologized to the group for the delay but clarified that the Board is waiting for legal advice before taking any board action.

Erin Weedman-Rietmann – Feels there are more important things to be spending the district's money on other than legal fees. Also voiced concerns about the cyberbullying complaint. She also requested that board meetings be advertised better.

Lisa re-stated that once the board has guidance from legal counsel, a special board meeting will be held.

X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Important Dates to Remember:

- In-Service – August 21-24, 2023
- First Day of School – August 28, 2023
- September Board Meeting – September 19, 2023
 - 1) Work Session – 5:00 PM
 - 2) Regular Board Meeting – 5:30 PM
- Eastern Oregon Regional Board Day – September 29-30 @ BMCC

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.