

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

January 16, 2024

**Work Session 5:00 PM Regular Board Meeting 5:30 PM
Ione Schools – Ione, Oregon**

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Board Members:

**Lisa Rietmann, Chair
Paola Cabrera, Vice-Chair
Rob Crum
Ed Rietmann**

Absent: Liz Peterson

Administration

**Tracey Johnson, Supt/Principal
Kim Youncs, Board Secretary (Virtual)
Kara Taylor, Business Manager (Virtual)
Kim Gilsdorf, Business Manager (Virtual)
Ryan Rudolf, Dean of Students**

Guests Present: Chelsea Geer, Gus Peterson, Sammi Peterson, Jeff Clabaugh and Earl Eastman.

I. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND FLAG SALUTE

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lisa Rietmann at 5:30 pm.

II. AWARDS, RECOGNITION AND CORRESPONDENCE

- School Board Appreciation – Tracey Johnson announced that January is Board appreciation month, and she thanked the board for their continued support. They were also provided with a gift and snacks.
- ASB Report – Chelsea Geer
 - Discussing having an alumni basketball game

- Working on Valentine's Day Grams
- Freshman had a bingo night.
- Sophomores want to do a drive-in movie night.
- Students made cards for the board members and want to do a novel study with them.
- Union Report
 - The HRA/VEBA folks will be meeting with our staff next week to explain the opt-out option for insurance.
 - Discussed professional development opportunities – one class we are looking at is family engagement.
- Committee Report
 - None

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None

IV. ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA -None

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of the December 5, 2023, Work Session, and Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- HR Report

BE IT RESOLVED upon motion by Rob Crum and seconded by Ed Rietmann, that the items listed above are hereby approved under the Consent Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. REPORTS

- A. Audit Report – Kylie McClintock
 - Kylie McClintock of Cockburn and McClintock, LLC, presented the audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. She shared that it was a clean and smooth audit with one deficiency noted related to ASB transactions. She said that deposits need detailed supporting documentation, so it is a clear picture of what the deposits are for. She also emphasized that ASB funds cannot be spent on anything staff related.
- B. Enrollment Report - Tracey shared the enrollment currently is 119.
- C. Dean of Students/Athletic Director Report – Ryan Rudolf

- Basketball game cancellations have been problematic, but we have had a few games. Requested the football co-op be added to the board agenda for February. This needs to be discussed.
- D. Principal/Superintendent Report – Tracey Johnson
- School Update
 - January 11th was the end of the first semester.
 - This Thursday is the elementary awards assembly.
 - Had to re-schedule MS/HS awards.
 - We have hallway meetings every Monday with questions of the week.
 - Sometimes they do buddy reading with the big kids.
 - January 22 is the next Cardinal Community Committee meeting – put out a question to all the staff. Goal is to give the same question to the MS/HS students as well as the adults.
 - Science adoption is this year. IMESD has science materials to preview so we will make a trip to Pendleton to review.
 - State Update
 - Tracey shared some of the Board talking points she received from IMESD Superintendent Mark Mulvihill. It mentioned the effects of the Portland teacher strike and an action plan the Governor is working on.
 - Bond Update – Earl Eastman joined the meeting virtually and gave an update on bond progress. His comments:
 - There have been a couple of hiccups but feels we are in a good spot. The contractor is building confidence with us and the design team.
 - The contractor ran into some problems in December with the compaction of the soils.
 - Next few weeks will be getting the parking lot rock down.
 - Design team and Alliance have been seeking out alternatives for the restrooms, changing rooms and concessions at the athletic complex. This was presented to Tracey and Ryan and will be given to the bond committee for thoughts.
 - Lisa requested more community updates be posted on the website – weekly updates would be great.

VII. FISCAL OVERVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

- A. Financial Summary and Cash Flow – Kara Taylor, Business Manager, shared the financial report for December 2023. She shared the revenues received as well as the larger expenditures which were mostly bond related.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon motion by Rob Crum and seconded by Paola Cabrera that the Ione School Board approves the Financial Report for December 2023, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Second Reading of Ione Policies:

- GCBDA/GDBDA – Family Leave (Deletion)
- GCBDA/GDBDA – Family Leave (Proposed)
- GCBDA/GDBDA – AR (1) – Family Leave (Deletion)
- GCBDA/GDBDA – AR (1) - Family Leave (Proposed)

Tracey mentioned the above policies had minimal changes, mostly just adding in the new Paid Family Medical Leave information that became effective 9/3/2023.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon motion by Rob Crum and seconded by Ed Rietmann that the Ione School Board approves the adoption and deletion of the policies listed above, as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Early Literacy Grant – Tracey presented the Early Literacy Grant to the Board. She shared the application template which has a series of questions that were answered by the district. The plan for the funds is to hire a part-time reading specialist to help with small group instruction and struggling students. We may also use some of the funds for curriculum but the biggest portion of it would be to hire a reading specialist for K-2 students.

Board Chair asked for any public comment and there was none, so the Board acknowledged and approved the early literacy grant report.

B. HRA/VEBA (Health Reimbursement Arrangement/Voluntary Employees' Beneficiary Association) Plan

There were several questions about resolution #2023-10 and the need to adopt the HRA/VEBA plan. Kara Taylor explained this is an opt-out benefit that applies to employees that are offered district paid insurance but can show proof of other coverage. Currently the district contributes \$550.00 for opt-out employees towards a 401b and according to IRS guidelines that is not an appropriate account to deposit the funds into. After doing some research and checking with other districts, the HRA/VEBA is the best option to offer our employees.

BE IT RESOLVED, upon motion by Rob Crum and seconded by Ed Reitman that the Ione School Board approves resolution #2023-010 as presented. The motion passed unanimously. The resolution is attached to these minutes.

X. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Important Dates to Remember:

- February Board Meeting – February 20, 2024
 - 1) Work Session – 5:00 PM
 - 2) Regular Board Meeting – 5:30 PM

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.