

Dufur School District
Board of Directors Meeting
January 16, 2024

VIRTUAL SESSION

Chairman Robert Wallace called the meeting to order at 11:20 A.M. Board members present: Jenna Hage, and Tim Fain. Stan Ashbrook and Anne Kelly were absent. Staff: Jack Henderson, Virginia Albrecht, Kristen Whitley, Sarah Anderson, and Josie Turner.

OLD BUSINESS

Washington D.C. Trip – Sarah reviewed the 2025 Presidential Inauguration itinerary offered through World Strides for grades 8-11 on January 17-21, 2025. The safety of the students is a priority of the board members and Sarah stated the students will be quite a way back on the National Mall, and not close to the capital itself. Airspace around Washington D.C. will be on high alert, with secret service and D.C. police everywhere. Students will be able to witness the inaugural parade, visit famous D.C. landmarks and museums.

The cost is \$2,999.00 per student. Parents and students will be responsible for making their own payment arrangements and no fundraisers will be held within the Dufur community. Students can apply for scholarships through World Strides.

Janna asked about refunds if the trip is cancelled, or if a student is unable to attend. She also asked if trip insurance would be available to parents for purchase. Jack stated the district's insurance agent had reviewed coverage carried by World Strides. Board members also asked when World Stride must have our final student numbers. Sarah responded February 4th. The school board meets February 5th. Sarah will ask World Strides if they can wait until February 6th for the board vote as well as answers to the other questions. Tim voted to table this issue until the February 5th meeting. Janna seconded the motion that was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve NHS By-Laws – Sarah, NHS Advisor, stated the bylaws need updating to reflect best practice, fairness to students and staff input. She recommended the following changes:

- Seniors will not be considered for new membership unless they are transferring in from another district and already an NHS member when they arrive.
- Students must have completed 20 hours or more of documented community service to be considered for membership.
- Selection of candidates will be made by the superintendent, principal and high school teachers from students outstanding scholastic performance, leadership, service, and character using a simple majority voting system.

Having no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Robert Wallace, Board Chairman

Virginia Abrecht, Board Secretary