

Dufur School District
Board of Directors Meeting
February 5, 2024

EXECUTIVE SESSION – The board met in Executive Session prior to the regular meeting under ORS 192.660 (2) (i).

Second Quarter Student Awards – Prior to the regular meeting Kristin Whitley and classroom teachers presented 2nd quarter awards to students from each class.

REGULAR SESSION

Chairman Robert Wallace called the meeting to order at 6:05 P.M. Board members present: Janna Hage via zoom, Stan Ashbrook, Anne Kelly, Tim Fain, and Audrey Anderson. Staff: Jack Henderson, Kristen Whitley, Josie Turner, and Virginia Albrecht

GUESTS & PUBLIC COMMENT – Jason Glasgow stated he sent an email to the board prior to the last board meeting and never received a response. He said he supports the board policy JHH but would like additional information. He felt bullying is a big cause for suicide and would like to see the two policies merged. He said he has experience with both situations and would like to give input for the policy.

CONSENT AGENDA - Items on the Consent Agenda:

- Board Minutes – January 8, 2024
- Board Minutes – January 16, 2024

Tim moved to approve the consent agenda. Anne seconded the motion that was carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Pat Sublette, CGESD Superintendent, reviewed highlights of the 24/25 Local Service Plan. She said the only change from the current year is the addition of cyber security. The CGESD technology department has now grown from 3-4 to 7-8 staff. Most services to Dufur are in the form of grants. She estimated Dufur's flow through dollars for 24/25 at \$56,000. CGESD received \$90,000 from the Coordinated Advisory Council for Native American services which will assist Dufur students. Pat's staff also help Dufur with the application process for monies available from ODE.

ASB Report – Audrey stated the Winter Formal will be held Saturday Feb 24th and Prom will be May 4th. Seniors are working on essays for scholarship applications. She stated the Afterschool Program had received new Lego's that are appreciated. John Dillon has donated his location up Dufur Valley for their after-graduation party.

Financial Report – Josie stated finances are trending good as far as budgeted. W-2's are completed and sent out. She is trying to draw grants monthly. The ODE Estimate of Revenue & Expenditures Report for 24/25 is due to ODE in February. She is 8 months into her Business Managers Institute Training. Budget planning has started. Payroll costs have increased 47% over the last 5 years, and the School Support Fund has increased 27%. Janna asked about PERS, and Josie stated it is going up again which is being projected into 24/25 budget planning.

Principals Report – Kristin reported 347 students. She is working on the Impact Aid grant for 24/25, which provided \$70,000 of revenue to general fund this year. Distant Learning went well during the two weeks of snow and ice, considering interrupted internet and the additional stress the storm conditions placed on households. The grading program was extended as a result to give teachers and students time to finish assignments. Columbia Gorge Arts in Education will be working with high school students this coming term.

Superintendent/AD Reports – Jack stated Virginia was recognized February 2nd, with her family, during a break between games for her 33 years as business manager for the district. She was presented with flowers, gift, and cards of appreciation from students, and recognized by staff and the community. He stated Jensen Management account for RPEF grew over 12% this last year. The Barbara Paist Fund, currently at \$400,000, is being built to be scholarships for students into the trades and eventually support a technology teaching position. The Barbara Garner Fund is currently at \$200,000 and will eventually support arts instruction. Jack reviewed current and future grants including mental health services, summer school, and additional seismic grants to follow the \$2.5 million seismic grant work this summer. The new Language Arts Wonders Curriculum program is being evaluated in grades K-2.

AD Report – The OSAA Ad-Hoc Committee adjusted the 8-man football parameters to continue 8-man football with even more teams next year. There will also be 9-man football, and some of those teams will be included in the 8/9-Man Football Classic this fall. Basketball regular season games conclude this week. Crossover and district placing games will be held next week, with District being held at Kurtz Gym in The Dalles February 17th.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy JHH – Board members reviewed the suicide prevention policy as the second reading. Tina Coleman asked to speak on this policy, stating she found the wording confusing and asked to see the referenced Suicide Prevention Plan. She agreed the policy does not address the bullying issue and how bullying relates to this policy. Board members agreed additional work needs to be completed JHH to pull the suicide prevention plan and bullying together. Jack will reach out to Jason Glasgow for his input as well.

24/25 District Calendar – Board members reviewed the calendar as the second reading. Parent-teacher conferences the end of November are adjusted to be more assessable for parents in the evenings. Ideas to encourage parents to participate in conferences included students inviting their parents or offering food.

Washington DC Student Travel – Board members discussed that this is not a school district sponsored event but was brought to the board as a courtesy. There are currently 37 families that have voiced an interest, but they schedule with World Strides which provides for the safety of the students. All financial support is totally on the parent's that wish to send their student. The board consensus was that this is not a school sponsored activity and is up to individual families to decide upon participation.

NEW BUSINESS

Local Service Plan – Anne moved to approve the 24/25 Local Service Plan as reviewed by Pat Sublette. Stan seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Community Service Required for Graduation – Board members discussed increasing the number of community service hours for graduation. Currently 40 hours are required, although students often have more. Suggestions included leaving 40 hours to graduate, 80 for

scholarships and honors graduates, community service cords, and becoming more prescriptive of what counts as community service. Administrative staff will discuss further.

Superintendent Listening Session – Jack reported on the Superintendent Listening session, stating approximately fifteen people participated. Subjects discussed included the development of a PTA different from the foundation. Student exchanges with neighboring districts, health education and curriculum development, development of the wellness room and what the wellness room provides students, and assistance with peewee sports. Jack said he felt holding a listening session a couple times per year can give the opportunity for communication other than the prescribed board agenda and assist understanding of the school board roll as setting policy, hiring or termination of staff. Most issues are administrative rather than board level, and all issues should be addressed to the superintendent first.

Board Member Email – Jack and board members discussed the fact there is an email address specifically for the community to address issues with the board, and everyone agreed they had forgotten about the email connection. How to manage communications to the board member email address was discussed, and communication back to the sender that their email had been received. Board members referred this back to Jack to find the best way to direct all communications to him, but also available for board members to read.

Having no additional business the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Board Secretary