

Dufur School District
Board of Directors Meeting
March 4, 2024
Celilo Village

SOCIAL – Celilo Village Longhouse

Prior to the regular meeting board members enjoyed a social with some of the Celilo members. They prepared Indian Fry Bread Taco's, and the children danced several native dances. Board members enjoyed joining in during the final dance.

REGULAR SESSION

Chairman Robert Wallace called the meeting to order at 6:40 P.M. Board members present: Janna Hage, Tim Fain, Anne Kelly. Stan Ashbrook and Audrey Anderson were absent. Staff Present: Jack Henderson, Kristen Whitley, Josie Turner, and Virginia Albrecht

GUESTS & PUBLIC COMMENT – none

CONSENT AGENDA - Items on the Consent Agenda:

- Board Minutes – February 5, 2024

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

REPORTS

ASB Report – none

Principals Report – Kristin reported student enrollment is currently 350 plus 30 preschool. On February 9th teachers participated in a peer collaboration from peer observations on February 8th. Educational assistants did part one of a two-part “smart supervision” training which focused on effective supervision. March 8th staff development will include CPR training for about 30 staff members, and preparation and mandatory training for state testing. Missoula Children's Theater will be March 18-22nd. Columbia Gorge Arts in Education will be doing textile arts and costume design for middle school students. Columbia Gorge ESD and The Next Door support our Native American students, and now have a Youth Advisory Council that will begin this spring. This will include students ages 4-18 and will take place at school one day per month.

CFO Report – Josie reported YTD General Fund revenue on March 4th is \$4,704,111.61, and expenditures are \$3,948,703.43, leaving a cash balance for just General Fund at \$755,408.18. Payroll and associated payroll costs make up 81.8% of General Fund expenditures. The Seismic Renovation Project Grant is \$2,500,000.00 of which \$207,180.00 has been expended. ODE's first State School Fund projection for 24/25 is \$4,009,599.15 after local revenue based on 465.79 ADMw.

Superintendent/AD Reports – Jack reported the damage to bus 1-20 has totaled the bus. Jack is working with our insurance agents on the claim. He also reported meetings have begun to bring wind energy, solar farms, and wind turbines to Wasco County. ODE Summer School

Grant for 1924 is \$89,101.00. Bill Tidwell, 1970 Alum, will be here March 8th to assist with first aide training and donation of defibrillators to the school.

AD Report – Head Volleyball and Assistant Girls Basketball coaching position are now open. The boys' basketball season was very successful, getting to the final pre-state playoff game where they lost to Crosshill Christian.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy JHH Adoption – Board members heard the third reading of the Student Suicide Prevention policy. Janna moved to adopt the policy as written. Anne seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

24/25 District Calendar Adoption – Anne moved to adopt the 24/25 District Calendar. Tim seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

MOU with One Community Health – Board members discussed a MOU needed for One Community Health to continue to apply for grant funding for the Dufur School Based Health Center to move toward opening the clinic in the next few months. Jack stated the MOU was reviewed by our legal counsel and insurance agent who supported it. Several verbiage areas were discussed. Anne moved to adopt the MOU as amended. Janna seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Impact Aid Policy Review – Kristin stated the Impact Aide Policy must be reviewed twice per year to ensure school districts evaluate that Native students are receiving the same opportunities as racial majority students. No action was required.

NEW BUSINESS

Certified Staff Renewal – Board members reviewed the certified staff list for the 2024/25 school year. Anne moved to approve the certified staff list. Tim seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

District Cash Reserve – Board members discussed the current cash reserves and the auditor's suggestion of increasing the reserve from 6% to 11-12%. There has always been a concern among budget committee members and past board members that the district shouldn't be a bank with a huge ending fund balance. Consensus was to increase the reserve gradually as available money allows.

Appoint Budget Committee Members – Anne moved Kathy Bostic and Shelly Hunt be appointed to the budget committee for a three-year term. Janna seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Adopt 24/25 Budget Calendar – Board members reviewed the budget calendar for the 24/25 year. The public budget committee meeting will be May 15th. Janna moved to approve the calendar. Tim seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

Lower Gym Sound System – Sound in the lower gym has always been a problem and after multiple attempts over the years has not improved significantly. CCI Solutions from Seattle and Scot Barker Productions in The Dalles have assessed the space. Scot Barker wants to donate some equipment for the project as well. After discussion board consensus was to table the issue until after the seismic project is complete.

Student Survey – Kristin shared information about Youth Think offering to pay for student and staff SEARCH Institute’s Developmental Relationships surveys at Dufur School. Dufur did this survey in 2022 which helped provide direction for student engagement activities and staff development. Tim moved to approve the survey. Anna seconded the motion that carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board went to Executive Session for ORS 192.660(2)(d) and ORS 332.061(1). After the Executive Session the meeting was adjourned.

Due to spring break the last week of March the April board meeting will be held April 8th.

Board Chairman

Board Secretary