

**FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #57
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

October 19, 2020

Art Houghtaling, Superintendent

503-787-3521

The Falls City School Board will meet Monday, October 19, 2020 at 5:30 pm virtually on Zoom. The public is welcome to attend the open portion of any meeting as posted. A link to the Zoom meeting is available on the district website at fallscityschools.org.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Young opened at 5:37 pm

Entered Executive Session at 5:38 pm

Discussion

Closed Executive Session at 6:23 pm

Break

Regular Session opened at 6:34 pm

Board Members in attendance:

Bob Young, Chairman
Larry Sickles, Director

Bret Davis, Vice Chair
Jami Kidd, Director

Staff Members in Attendance:

Art Houghtaling, Superintendent
Donna Creekmore, Admin Assistant
Amy Houghtaling, FACES Director
Dennis Sickles, Athletic Director
Alea Littleton, Counselor

Micke Kidd, High School Principal
Janell Davis, Elementary Teacher
John Gilbert, Facilities Manager
Lynn Bailey, High School Teacher

Audience Members in attendance:

Jackie Olsen, CFO WESD

FLAG SALUTE

BOARD REPORT

Superintendent: See report. Hot Spots – Started with 10, bought 5 more, just gave the last one away and ordered an additional 5. They are available to students first, but also staff as needed. Superintendent Houghtaling needs a mentor assigned for one of his final licensure classes. Chairman Young volunteered. Sharrie Inman has accepted the role of Food Service Manager. This will take some items off of the Superintendent's plate. The Pre-K – 8th parents were surveyed to find out their thoughts on in person

instruction if/when we meet the metrics to bring them back into the building. There were mixed responses with parents coming in on all sides. A general appreciation for being asked was shared. We will continue to follow up with them. Grateful for Corrine Symolon's weekly check-ins, both with staff and myself.

High School Principal: Working through how to best get student engagement/attendance. We've established a team for this purpose. Grade reports just went out, they are not looking so good. High flyer students are really struggling. Sped students seem to be doing ok so far. Mrs. McEwen has scheduled them all time to meet with her regularly for check ins. Reviewed the Measure 99 budget. Budgeted money for Alea to use for engagement purposes. Mr. Burget also does a lot of CTE stuff without compensation, that was included in the new budget. Alex Ogden has been working towards a frisbee golf course. Working on putting together hands on projects for students. Every student will be getting a pumpkin. Some parents are requesting packet work. Been working on the HS Blueprint, should be done soon. Staff meetings and collaboration have been the best I've ever seen.

Business Manager: See Report. September Revenue Forecast is out. It's not as bad as we expected, due to the Federal Stimulus expectations. It still could change.

Facilities Manager: See Report. Working on the RFP (Request for Proposal) for the electricity. The vault and conduit is in the ground. Bleacher inspections are due, there are a couple of items that need to be addressed. Been working on a few things with the High School Principal. Check out the Academic Awards Case, just received its glass and it looks really nice.

Athletic Director – Still no sports. We are doing conditioning and drills though. Met with the Middle School Volleyball coaches, they are starting as well. As long as we are in Distance Learning, there will be no contests. If we are still out of school in February, we will lose the basketball season as well. Discussed how to support our coaches' efforts. Discussed a possible new contract for a Weights Coach.

FACES: No Report. FACES has been handing out desks, headphones, lights, and trying to create 2-way communication with families. Been really focusing on DLAG (Distant Learning Adventure Guide). Recognizing a need to send out more hands-on stuff. Bought pumpkins for Pre-k – 8th graders and working on coming up with more fun things that can be pushed out.

SEL (Reset Room) – See Report.

Teachers – High School is working on a 9 week MOU (memorandum of understanding), be on the lookout for that. This change would put the high school on a different report card schedule than the elementary school. Will that cause issues for parents?

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ONLY

1. Division 22 Assurances – Need approval. Dates have been pushed up, instead of February, now it's due in October, this will be ongoing.
2. Easement Update – Heard back from our attorney. They have been in contact with the City's attorney, and they will be working out the details. Discussed the existing Sand Filter and what the City's plans are for it.
3. Covid-19 Sick Time for Staff – Will be getting a final word on this from our attorneys.
4. Enclosed Play Structure – Facilities Manager Gilbert did a good job of going over everything in his report. Vault is in. Working on the RFP for electrical.
Appointment of custodian of funds: Rhonda Allen, WESD.
5. SIA Grant Agreement – This is a first look, will need approval at the next board meeting.
6. Virtual Counseling – Viewed the Hub, the High Schools student portal, and navigated the Counselor page. Went through the virtual office. Effort has been made to make it more user friendly. Counselor Littleton has been working more 1-on-1 with students. Is able to refer to additional services. Concerns are families struggling with the elearning platforms, classroom mood, student needs, higher number of students in crisis, and lack of coping skills. Working on a universal screener to get a read on how students are feeling right now.
7. Board Child Abuse Reporting/Training – Counselor Littleton guided the board through a slide show presentation. Will send the slideshow to Director Yother.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve Consent Agenda

- September 21, 2020 – Board Meeting Minutes
- September 2020 Disbursements
 - Accounts Payable: Check numbers 5271 – 5336 in the amount of \$245,615.89.
 - Payroll Expenses: Checks and Direct Deposits in the amount of \$263,663.04.

Motion made by Director Sickles. Seconded by Vice Chair Davis.

Vote: All ayes. Director Yother not present.

2. Accept the Division 22 Assurances as presented

Motion made by Director Kidd. Seconded by Director Sickles.

Vote: All ayes. Director Yother not present.

Good of the Order

Vice Chair Davis reminded us that teachers need to share both sides of political arguments.

Admin. Assistant Creekmore shared one of our staff's appreciation for the care and support they received from the district when their mother passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, November 16, 2020 @ 5:30

Chairman Young adjourned at 8:12 PM.

R. Young
11/16/20