

FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #57
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

June 24, 2021

Art Houghtaling, Superintendent

503-787-3521

The Falls City School Board will meet Thursday, June 24, 2021 at 5:30 pm at the High School. The public is welcome to attend the open portion of any meeting as posted.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Young opened at 5:37 pm
Went into executive session at 5:37 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD MEETING - CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

(ORS 192.660(2)(b): "To consider the dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or agent, unless he or she requests an open meeting."

Discussion

Chairman Young closed executive session at 6:05 pm

Break

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Young opened regular meeting at 6:40 pm

Board Members in attendance:

Bob Young, Chairman
Larry Sickles, Director

Jami Kidd, Director
Shanda Yother, Director

Staff Members in Attendance:

Art Houghtaling, Superintendent
Dennis Sickles, Athletic Director

Donna Creekmore, Admin Assistant
Amy Houghtaling, FACES Program Director

Audience Members in attendance:

Dana Scholwater, Community Member

FLAG SALUTE

ADDITION TO THE INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

4. 8. Discuss the Elementary School Building Name Change
9. Tracy Young's Retiring
10. Staff Exit Interview

REPORTS

- Superintendent/Principal: We had the opportunity to send 2 staff members to the attend ASSIST (suicide) Training. Final guidance for the new school year should be released July 22, we will be able to start planning for the new year after that. We were fortunate that our Kinder and 8th grade promotions were not rained out. John and his crew did a great job getting everything set up and ready. Our Summer programs are in full swing. We've had approximately 60 students, which is about half of our student body. They've even been able to attend a couple of field trips. The younger grades visited a strawberry farm and went to a park. The older grades visited a farmers' market and stopped off for ice cream on the way back. 7 of our students were able to get tractor driving certified. Mid-Co is transitioning from 2 daily bus runs for school, back down to 1. Attended a meeting to clarify busing guidance.
- High School Principal: No Report.
- Business Manager: See Report. Ending Fund Balance \$839,997.
- Facilities Manager: See Report. Had some additions the Facilities Financial Brainstorm list. Hoping to have the bleachers finished this summer and ready for use in the fall. Stairs are painted yellow on the bottom and purple on the top. Speakers are on it. LED lights have been installed in the concessions stand. Bigger/better lights for the Football field are on the list.
- Athletic Director – No Report. We had a COVID-19 outbreak that started in our Boys HS Basketball team. Cross Hill was contacted immediately, so far, we have had 7 players, 1 parent, and 1 8th grader test positive. The Girls HS Basketball team didn't have enough players, but the athletes still had a great time. Next year looks like a return to "normal" sports at each level. Summer will see us offering a Volleyball open gym, as well as strength and conditioning for the Football players.
- FACES Coordinator: No Report. We've been speaking with the YMCA to see about partnering for swim lessons for our students.
- Reset Room Director: See Report.
- Food Services:
- Teacher Updates: No Report. Samantha Steinhauer resigned, to work closer to home. Tracy is retiring, we had cake for her at our end of year staff BBQ. John Gilbert, Facilities Manager, recommended getting her a plaque for her years of service. Exit interviews was requested for all outgoing employees.
- Falls City Teachers Association: No Report.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ONLY

1. Policies BBF, BCD, BF, CBA, CBG, GCL, GCL-AR, and IA – Reviewed recommendations.
2. Board Goals – Went over the Financial Plan Brainstorm. John Gilbert, Facilities Manager, had some recommendations. This summer's plan is to work on finishing the Enclosed Play Structure at the elementary school, redo the sidewalks at the elementary school, address the need for ADA ramps at the elementary school, replace the roof at the elementary school, put in the modular down at the high school for the Preschool and turn the old library room at the high school into the credit recovery room, Ascend. Modular Update – our modular is currently on the production line being built. They will do the foundation, we will need to do the water, sewer, and electrical. What does that look like? Are the jobs under \$10,000 or do we need to go out for bids? We also need to look at ordering playground equipment for the Preschool. John Gilbert, Shanda Yother, Board Director, and Bethany Cornutt can look into that. Update on the Enclosed Play Structure – the floor will cost more than originally bid, as the cost of lumber has skyrocketed. Regardless, it needs to and will be completed.
3. Dallas School District TECH Contract - \$15,000 increase. Said it was based on what they would charge in an open market. Determined to sign the contract this year, with the understanding that we would begin looking at our other options in January. Not enough time to really look for an alternative at this time.
4. FCTCA Contract – 3% increase plus step will equal a 4 ½ % increase for teachers this year with a 2-year contract. Superintendent Houghtaling and High School Principal Kidd want to use Fridays to review staff who haven't had raises.
5. Resignation of Samantha Steinhauer – Reviewed and concurred on the desire for an exit interview.

6. Board/District Calendars – Discussed whether it would be prudent to change the date of the monthly board meetings. Determined to meet on the third Thursday of every month.
7. Superintendent Contract – Complete. Superintendent/Elementary School Principal will become interim Superintendent, Elementary School Principal while a search for a new Superintendent. Then they will be mentoring under the new Superintendent while maintain their position as Elementary School Principal.
8. Discuss the Elementary School Building Name Change – We are looking at August 28th at 6:00 PM as the date and time. Right outside the Elementary School. We will offer light refreshments and see about blocking the road. Director Sickles will bring a PA system and contact the papers.
9. Tracy’s Retirement – John Gilbert would like us to consider getting a plaque made for Tracy and presenting it to her at the next board meeting.
10. Staff Exit Interview – Director Kidd and Superintendent Houghtaling will work on setting up exit interviews for outgoing staff.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve Consent Agenda

- May 17, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- May 2021 Disbursements
 - Accounts Payable: Check numbers 5702 - 5747 in the amount of \$93,612.45
 - Payroll Expenses: Checks and Direct Deposits in the amount of \$253,536.28

Motion made by Director Sickles. Seconded by Director Kidd.

Vote: all ayes. Vice Chair Davis absent.

2. Accept Samantha Steinhauer’s Resignation

Discussion – Ms. Steinhauer is a great teacher. Losing her is hard loss.

Motion made by Director Kidd, seconded by Director Sickles.

Vote: all ayes. Vice Chair Davis absent.

3. Approve Policies BBF, BCD, BF, CBA, CBG, GCL, GCL-AR, and IA as Recommended by the Superintendent

Discussion – Question, when new policies are added, do the old ones drop? Yes, they replace the old ones.

Motion made by Director Sickles, seconded by Director Yother.

Vote: all ayes. Vice Chair Davis absent.

4. Approve Falls City Teachers Association Contract

Motion made by Director Kidd, seconded Director Sickles.

Vote: all ayes. Vice Chair Davis absent.

5. Approve Superintendent Contract with Changes as Discussed

Discussion – Board Secretary Creekmore will email staff with the changes discussed during the Information and Discussion section of this meeting.

Motion made by Director Kidd, seconded by Director Sickles

Vote: all ayes. Vice Chair absent.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Director Sickles – It has been an honor to serve on this board.
- Facilities Manager Gilbert – Graduation went well.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Regular Board Meeting: July 15, 2021

Regular Session at 6:30 pm.

Chairman Young adjourned at 8:17 pm.