

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

January 19, 2021

Art Houghtaling, Superintendent

503-787-3521

The Falls City School Board will meet Tuesday, January 19, 2021 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 5:36 pm

Entered Executive Session at 5:37 pm

Discussion

Closed Executive Session at 6:30 pm

Break

Regular Session opened at 6:39 pm

Board Members in attendance:

Bob Young, Chairman
Larry Sickles, Director
Shanda Yother, 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
Bryan Walton, Education Assistant
Alea Littleton, Counselor
Jessica Turnidge, Middle School Teacher
Lynnell VanPatten, Elementary Teacher
Kaylee Harrison, Elementary Teacher

Micke Kidd, High School Principal
Janell Davis, Elementary Teacher
John Gilbert, Facilities Manager
Lynn Bailey, High School Teacher
Dani Simington, Elementary Teacher
Tia Scruton, Education Assistant
Sharrie Inman, Food Service Manager
Samantha Steinhauer, Elementary Teacher
Britton Castor, High School Teacher

Audience Members in attendance:

Amber Houghtaling, Student
TJ Bailey, Community Member, Parent

Jackie Olsen, CFO LBL ESD

FLAG SALUTE

BOARD REPORT

Superintendent: See report. Highlighted the availability of a Summer School Grant for K-8th. It would cover 60 hours of instruction for elementary students. Called to ask if the hours could be split, as we've had success with having Summer School at the end of June and picking back up in August. EA's can work the summer program, but we would need licensed staff as well. We need to respond by February if we are interested. Meeting with Polk County to discuss educator vaccines, at this point it looks like educators will be eligible on the 25th. The Moderna vaccine offers 80% resistance after the initial injection and 95% resistance after the second injection and a 14-day incubation time. Will be keeping an eye out for Senior/High School grant availability.

High School Principal – High School started LIPI (Limited In Person Instruction) last week. This week we have 6 students coming in. TJ Bailey will be helping to tutor at the Community Center. 3 High School teachers have been vaccinated so far. Family surveys are in, most are in favor of coming back. Bird House project kits are going out to students. Staff Development Day last Friday went well, everyone was smiling. The Dunaway family sent a thank you card for the flowers the district sent.

Business Manager: See Report. Will need to do a resolution and may need a supplemental budget, depending on the ESSR funds. The reports this month included new ones showing both the Elementary and High School Student Funds.

Facilities Manager: Yearly bleacher inspections completed. We received the UV lights for the main and second floors of the High School today. The bulbs were not included, however we had purchased replacements and were able to use them, so we are fully operational.

Athletic Director: No new guidance on sports. Polk County is still listed as Extreme Risk. Football is still prohibited and the gym is off limits. Football practice will officially start on the 8th. Volleyball practice will start on the 15th. Middle School sports will have similar times as the High School.

FACES: See Report. FACES will be offering theatre and music classes online. There hasn't been much interest so far, but they are staying the course. Communication went up from 75% to 95% for K-5th grades. DLAG (Distance Learning Adventure Guides) are assistants. Typically, classroom assistants don't have much in the way of parent contact/communication. We should look at what that would look like moving forward.

SEL (Reset Room) – See Report. Will have some scheduling obstacles around upcoming surgery and maternity leave. Ongoing meetings to discuss and address potential concerns.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ONLY

1. Strategic Goals – Review. Guiding principles, everything we do is to meet kids needs. Alsea has bumped up their #'s by adding on online charter school. We should work on setting up a meeting with them to find out how they did it. Chairman Young and possibly Director Sickles could go along. Discussed scheduling a workshop to add crisis goals to the workshop agenda.
2. OSSA Letter to the Governor – Reviewed. Good information, can we make this available to staff? Discussed the concern over the reduced number of abuse cases and the concern of overwhelming students and staff when school starts back up.
3. Governing Body Letter – Auditor – No findings. The Audit is done and finalized. Will start on next years budget. Thanks to Jackie Olsen and Jennifer Handy at LBL ESD for their work on the this.
4. Letter from the Governor – Giving local bodies control over returning to in person instruction. We haven't received the new county numbers yet this week, but are expecting them to be lower and to continue in a downward trend.
5. Board Self-Assessment – Free seminar available. Let Donna know if you would like to attend.

6. Update to ES Play Structure – RFP is done. Superintendent Houghtaling contacted engineers about stamp.
7. ODE SSA Award Notification – We were awarded about \$40,000 in grant monies to provide summer school for our students in K-8 grades. This will be available for the next 3 summers. Will need guidance on if we should proceed. Seems like an easy yes, but will we have the staffing for it?
8. OSBA Policy Changes to Remove GCBDAAG/GDBDAA, GCBDAAG/GDBDAA-AR (1), GCBDAAG/GDBDAA-AR (2) – Remove per OSBA. Does not need a second reading. Can be voted on tonight.
9. Elementary School Name – Discussion around changing the name of the Elementary School to honor the Mr. and Mrs. Dunaway. Director Sickles would like to make the renaming a big event. What would it look like to change the name? How much would it cost? How long to order and receive a completed new sign? Are we talking about renaming the building? Or the school as a whole? Dunaway Elementary? Facilities Manager Gilbert was asked to get a quote on new signage. What would rebranding look like elsewhere? Letterhead, envelopes, website, Facebook, stamps, bank, State of Oregon, etc. Will need to start compiling information. Would make a good public piece for Joleen at the Itemizer Observer.
10. Update on Sound – We spoke with the people at SWIVL, they recommended the SWIVL Link, which we are using tonight for the first time.
11. Board Elections – Vice Chairman Davis and Director Sickles' terms end in 2021. Filing to apply for a board position opens on February 8th and closes on March 18th. Election Day is May 18th. There is a \$10 filing fee or 25 signature requirement.
12. New Guidance – Bussing is no longer considered a cohort. The Governor has said that it is up to the local district to determine what is best for our district. Jim Greene at OSBA says as long as we can maintain our Blueprint, we are clear of liability. Our Safety Committee can voice concerns. Our new Health Assistant should be on the Safety Committee. The Health Assistant has been trained on how to guide students through the process of self-testing, should symptoms arise. Only take 30 minutes for results. At this time, we will maintain LIPI in the afternoon for the older students when we start bringing back younger students for in person instruction.
13. School Board Appreciation – January is School Board Appreciation month. Wanted to take a moment to celebrate you all for your service to your community and school district.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve Consent Agenda

- December 14, 2020 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- December 30, 2020 – Emergency Board Meeting Minutes
- December 2020 Disbursements
 - Accounts Payable: Check numbers 5429 - 5495 in the amount of \$185,007.51.
 - Payroll Expenses: Checks and Direct Deposits in the amount of \$249,866.11.

Motion made by Director Kidd. Seconded by Vice Chairman Davis.

Vote: All ayes.

2. Approve the Removal of Policy GCBDAAG/GDBDAA, GCBDAAG/GDBDAA-AR's 1 and 2

Motion made by Director Sickles. Seconded by Director Yother.

Vote: All ayes.

Good of the Order

TJ Bailey – Starts tutoring on Monday.

Janell Davis – LIPI is going great.

Director Yother – Please don't be afraid to come speak about how you are feeling.

Chairman Young – Agreed with Director Yother and states that you all are appreciated.

Jessica Turnidge – Requests more information going out to families and clarified that at this time we were maintain the status quo.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Executive Session @ 5:30 PM

Open Session @ 6:30 PM

Chairman Young adjourned at 8:26 PM.

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