

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

March 15, 2021

Art Houghtaling, Superintendent

503-787-3521

The Falls City School Board will meet Monday, March 15, 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 5:47 pm

Entered Executive Session at 5:48 pm

Discussion

Closed Executive Session at 6:35 pm

Break

Regular Session opened at 6:37 pm

Board Members in attendance:

Bob Young, Chairman

Shanda Yother, Director

Bret Davis, Vice Chairman

Jami Kidd, Director

Staff Members in Attendance:

Art Houghtaling, Superintendent

Donna Creekmore, Admin Assistant

Dennis Sickles, Athletic Director

Britton Castor, High School Teacher

Micke Kidd, High School Principal

Amy Houghtaling, FACES Director

John Gilbert, Facilities Manager

Bryan Walton, Behavioral Specialist

FLAG SALUTE

BOARD REPORT

Superintendent – Been working on questions to ask parents. Ella, the director of Center, has helped to develop the questions. Questions along the lines of “What are we doing well? Where do we have room for improvement?”. I will be taking a Pryor Seminar over Spring Break titled “Managing Bad Attitudes”. Attended an off the record meeting where they talked about a High School grant available for credit

recovery, it would require a 25% match from the district. We don't think this will be a problem and should be able to use ESSR funds for it. We are looking at doing a split summer school/credit recovery schedule, end of June and beginning of August. On March 19th, we will get new guidance. Spoke with someone at VLN Partnerships, to see about getting some help with our online students. We will meet again on April 16. They might be able to help with Credit Recovery too. We started doing Depart Meetings at the grade school and found that the small meeting size works better.

High School Principal – Transitioning and working on the logistics of having kids back in the building, which the staff are loving, is going way better than we expected. We had 29 students the first week and 25 last week. We started with the Juniors and Seniors, and will be bringing the Freshman and Sophomores back tomorrow. Conferences are coming up, which have been student led in the past, but due to the new logistical concerns, decided to forgo that format this time. We are looking at using the SIA funds for setting up a Reset Room at the High School. Spoke with Jenny Jones, who has this previous for ideas. We had a credit recovery meeting last Friday to discuss what that will look like for this summer. We are going to reach out to WOU for help, in an effort to reduce potential staff burnout. Todd Chrisitensen started the week before last, which has been a big help. We started a new student project, the Chopped Challenge. Lynn Bailey has been facilitating it, keeps get a box of random ingredients that they have to use in conjunction with their own pantry ingredients to make a dish. Been working with the Career Center, we will be targeting next years Sophomores. It would be too late for the Junior and Seniors to get certified. We will be touring the facility in April. The Career Center has been well supported and we are looking forward to working with them. We need more space.

Business Manager: See Report. Looks like the ending fund balance is still holding.

Facilities Manager: The gym RFP was finalized and Superintendent Houghtaling got it out. We had the gym walkthrough with 4 interested parties. The deadline for the electrical bid deadline is March 24th. We are moving forward. Our architect is slowing things down a bit. OSFMA has 2 modular available in North Clackamas. All maintenance staff are doing extra work. Even the gym is being auto-scrubbed sometimes 4x's a day.

Athletic Director: Things are going slow, but mostly positive. Football played their first game in Dallas, they were nice to let us use their field. Volleyball is still being held to 50 spectators. We had originally decided not to allow anyone in, but when we started to see that we weren't reaching capacity, we opened it up to a few. Football went from no spectators to a limited number. So, we can have some parents watching.

FACES: We are doing what we can. We will be proposing some Friday activity days to the principal and facilities manager soon.

SEL (Reset Room) – See Report. We are excited about Beam. It incorporates interactive physical activity. It should be installed on March 29th. Corrine is super excited about it, due to it's potential to be used for multiple purposes. We need to decide if the Reset Room is static before installation.

FCTA – See Report.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ONLY

1. Strategic Goals – We will be reviewing during the School Board Workshop.
2. Policies (2nd Review) – Reviewed. What is the process for approving new policies? Who reviews them? The Superintendent reviews, makes changes and suggestions. First question asked is do we have this policy already, if we do what is different about the new policy. Then use the old policy for guidance in the new one.
3. Board Retreat/Workshop Scheduling/Crisis Goals – Scheduled for April 17th from 10am-2pm, with lunch served.
4. Superintendent Evaluation – Superintendent Houghtaling will be offered a new contract. Come back to us with salary and benefit recommendations.
5. Policies GCPC/GDPC(1st Read) – Superintendent Houghtaling recommends the second option. Retired employees can come back, but without requirement set on pay. It would be at the district's discretion.

6. Approve Licensed Staff – As you can see on the memo in the packet, we have 3 probationary teachers. My recommendation is to offer the 3, 1-year probationary contracts and the rest regular full 1 year contracts.
7. Modular Quotes – Spoke with Modern Building Systems is the product leader. We are looking at ideas for placement. Next to the new enclosed play structure. The South side is not an option, East side is not good, West side has room, and we could do something on the South side. Pie in the sky, we would move the middle school out there. They will need water and septic access. Can we attach to the outside of the enclosed play structure, yes, it would be best practice, but it is cost prohibitive. The cost does not include set up. There are concerns about funding, but also a need to stay relevant. The high school having a modular would be beneficial. It's possible the pre-school could move to the high school. There could be a fenced off area with a small playground. Add modular space conversation to the Board Workshop. Bring a Google Map with an overhead picture of the school.
8. Softball Co-Op with Dallas School District – A young lady joined the Falls City High School and asked about planning softball. The Dallas Athletic Director suggested a co-op and the OSAA said they would be open to it. This would need board approval.
9. Building Name Change – Our Facilities Manager, John Gilbert, spoke with Cory at Salem Sign. They will be coming out to take a look and pictures, to create a quote on new signage.
10. Elementary Enclosed Play Structure Update – covered in the Facilities Manager report.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve Consent Agenda

- February 22, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- February 2021 Disbursements
 - Accounts Payable: Check numbers 5527 - 5588 in the amount of \$113,112.27.
 - Payroll Expenses: Checks and Direct Deposits in the amount of \$252,599.97.

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

Vote: All ayes. Director Sickles - Absent

2. Approve Policies ACB, IJ, IKFB, JB, JFCM, LBE, LBEA as presented.

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

Vote: All ayes. Director Sickles - Absent

3. Approve Licensed Staff

Motion made by Director Yother. Seconded by Director Kidd.

Discussion – Make sure issues with staff are documented and placed in their file.

Vote: All ayes. Director Sickles - Absent

4. Approve Softball Co-Op with Dallas School District

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

Vote: All ayes. Director Sickles - Absent

5. Superintendent Offered a 1 Year Contract with Negotiations to Follow

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

Vote: All ayes. Director Sickles - Absent

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Athletic Director Sickles – Would like to have the Board consider hiring Tim Sickles on as an assistant coach. He has been volunteering for years. This will require Board approval.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Board Meeting: Monday, April 19, 2021

Executive Session @ 5:30 PM

Open Session @ 6:30 PM

Chairman Young adjourned at 8:12 PM.