

FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #57
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

November 16, 2020

Art Houghtaling, Superintendent

503-787-3521

The Falls City School Board will meet Monday, November 16, 2020 at 6:30 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 5:32 pm

Entered Executive Session at 5:33 pm

Discussion

Closed Executive Session at 6:25 pm

Break

Regular Session opened at 6:31 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
Corrine Symolon, SEL Director

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

Audience Members in attendance:

TJ Bailey, Parent/Community Member Amber Houghtaling, Student

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BOARD REPORT

Superintendent: See report. No new updates on the last 2 weeks metrics. Will hopefully know more tomorrow. Principal Kidd received the new numbers while we were meeting, reporting them at 233.9 for Polk County. We have 2-3 days to transition out of in person instruction for the Pre-K – 3rd grades to Distance Learning. Discussed the possibility of zip codes being a deciding factor in maintaining in person instruction for the younger grades. Superintendent Houghtaling will call to see if that is a possibility. Looked at the cohort specifications. 20 kids per cohort for 2 hours a day. With that in mind, is it possible to bring everyone back and meet those guidelines? Willamette Career Academy has reached out. They are going to be offering classes in Diesel Mechanics, Cosmetology, Medical, and Construction in the fall. They will add more as they go on, incredibly exciting stuff happening there. Discussed the need for a tent for staff during student drop off.

High School Principal: First Quarter is ending this week. Teachers are working hard on during this final push and as well as setting up conferences. Put in a MWEC Grant, which is for 7th and 8th grade Careers. Winners are randomly drawn. Still monitoring attendance closely and have been utilizing our Truancy Officer, Brian Hunter. This year's Senior class has been a concern and still is. The High School is adding a Credit Recovery course to help. One student has signed up for our GED program. Grading across the board is a concern with 39 students receiving I's in the Spring, that cannot happen again.

Business Manager: See Report.

Facilities Manager: See Report. The crew is doing a great job. Had a staff meeting so everyone is on the same page. Finalizing the Seismic Grant through ZCS. ZCS is writing a letter of recommendation to go towards upgrades. The grant we received for ZCS was for them to assess our needs and then help us write grants to address the items identified. Been working on the Board Walkthrough list. About a third of the way through it. We did have a tree branch fall and hit the elementary building. Damage has been addressed.

Athletic Director – No Report. We are still in a place of waiting for news. At this time, we can continue what we are doing. All athletes must wear 2 ply face masks. Season 1 is ending soon with Season 2 beginning December 2. Not sure we will be able to have contests if we are not able to have in person learning. The schedule is complete and ready in case we can. Practice is now taking place inside the gym instead of on the football field with the change in weather.

FACES: No Report. DLAG (Distance Learning Adventure Guides) transition help to in person. There will be an online theatre class offered during Thanksgiving week. Will be meeting with High School students to see what they need.

SEL (Reset Room) – See Report.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ONLY

1. SIA Grant Agreement (Student Investment Account) – How do we create community engagement in Covid? Solicit parents during conferences. Could Josh Wilson, our tech person, create an SIA email account? Snail Mail, send letters home to the parents. FACES Student Staff members can use a script to call families.
2. Calendar Update – Went over calendar changes and need board approval.
3. IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) – Went over concerns the board had. Still doesn't state the existing easement reverts back to the school.
4. City Easement – Reviewed during IGA discussion.
5. Policy Updates – First Read – Policy Review
6. Gym Update – Need to get a city permit to frame the inside of the building. Most likely won't be able to start till after the first of the year.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve Consent Agenda

- October 19, 2020 – Board Meeting Minutes
- October 2020 Disbursements
 - Accounts Payable: Check numbers 5337 - 5386 in the amount of \$137,926.88.
 - Payroll Expenses: Checks and Direct Deposits in the amount of \$237,619.63.

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

Vote: All ayes.

2. Approve SIA Grant Agreement

Discussion – Clarification requested. Not funded at 100%. What were the funds used for? Hired 1 person and bought supplies. That position is currently pushing into classrooms. When we have the funds, we will work on hiring a High School Reset Room employee. Funds also allowed Alea Littleton to be at the High School full time. Request was made to have a one page handout of where dollars are being spent available at the next board meeting.

Motion made by Director Sickles. Seconded by Director Yother.

Vote: All ayes.

3. Approve Calendar Update

Motion made by Director Yother. Seconded by Director Kidd.

Vote: All ayes.

4. Approve IGA

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

Vote: All ayes.

5. Approve City Easement Request – with an adjustment to include verbiage that states the release of the prior easement.

Motion made by Director Kidd. Seconded by Director Sickles.

Vote: All ayes.

Good of the Order

Donna – Heads up, All Students Belong is coming down the pike.

TJ Bailey – Bitty Ball has been successful for the last couple of years. Would like to put together a proposal to address how to offer it to students in a safe way.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Board Meeting: Monday, December 14, 2020

Executive Session @ 5:30 PM

Open Session @ 6:30 PM

Chairman Young adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Robert Young 12/14/20