

FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #57
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

December 16, 2021

Art Houghtaling, Superintendent

503-787-3521

The Falls City School Board will meet Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 6:30 pm in person and 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 Davis opened at 6:33 PM

Board Members in attendance:

Bret Davis, Chairman

Bob Young, Director

Shanda Yother, Director

Staff Members in Attendance:

Art Houghtaling, Superintendent

Donna Creekmore, Admin Assistant

Amy Houghtaling, FACES Director

Janell Davis, 4th Grade Teacher

Jessica Turnidge, MS Teacher

Bryan Walton, Reset Room Supervisor

Dennis Sickles, Athletic Director

Alea Littleton, HS Counselor

Lynn Bailey, HS Teacher

Rebecca Fromherz - Kenneke

Audience Members in attendance:

TJ Bailey, City of Falls City Mayor/Parent/Community Member

Cory Ellis, Superintendent Elect

Jackie Olsen, CFO, LBL ESD

Chris O'Dell, Pauly, Rogers, & CO, Accounting Firm

FLAG SALUTE

ADDITIONS OR AMEMDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

RECOGNITION OF, AND COMMENTS FROM, AUDIENCE MEMBERS/CITIZENS

1. Rebecca Fromherz - Kenneke, Ethos Music Teacher – Welcome to the new Superintendent. Introduced herself and her position stating that she enjoys teaching music through Ethos.

REPORTS

ES Principal – Students were able to go to the Oregon Women’s State Basketball game, courtside, it was very exciting for them. The elementary school heaters are experiencing an ongoing issue. Couple of our classes went on a field trip to the movies. The 4th grade will be participating in NAEP testing in February. We have a student teacher lined

up to begin working with Stephanie McEwen at the high school and then move to working with Janell Davis at the elementary. The CDRC Report is due this year. It's a pretty expansive report that is usually done every two years, but they held off a year due to Covid and now it's time again.

High School – See Report.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ONLY

1. Moved up to respect the presenter's time.

Pauly, Rogers, and Co., P.C. – Audit - Everything looked good. The audit was unmodified. No issues or exceptions. No significant deficiencies. Asked if there were any questions, there were none. Thanked for his time.

REPORTS

Business Manager – Had a meeting with Art Houghtaling and Cory Ellis. Together we looked at the estimates for 2022-2023. Went over and submitted the State Positive Revenue Forecast. We may have additional funds coming. Discussed potential additional Gym expenses, which may require a resolution to adjust accordingly. Chairman Young asked if the spreadsheet included in the Business Manager's Report included the cafeteria expenses, they did. Chairman noted that insulation, plywood, and sheet rock still need to be installed in the new gym before occupancy. Which will be roughly another \$20,000. The electrical and fire requirements will another \$7,000, but it looks like there will be enough to get that all done. After these items are completed, we can start looking at flooring and basketball hoops, which will be approximately \$200,000.

Facilities Manager – No Report.

Athletic Director – Basketball is moving right along. The Middle School Girl's season is complete. All the teams are young and inexperienced. Boys Middle School is looking like they will have about 15 athletes, also inexperienced. We are working on getting our participation numbers back up, looking for ways to generate interest. Transportation continues to be a issue. We've been using the mini bus, the district suburban, and sometimes personal vehicles. We will be submitting mileage reimbursement requests as needed. At this time we do not have a track and field coach.

FACES Coordinator – We just finished enrichment courses, ending with a small music performance. Which created interest for our music program. We went on a field trip to the AC Gilbert House this month. Been a while since we've visited, the kids and staff enjoyed it. We are still experiencing low staffing, with that in mind we are maintaining safety as a priority. Ideally, would like to add 2 more staff members. We've reached out to WOU, but haven't had any interest as of yet.

SEL Director – See Report.

Teacher Update – Ms. Turnidge, middle school teacher, shared that the middle school educational assistant offered an enrichment course working with horses that was a hit and helped to build connection. Chairman Yother asked where they were at with fulfilling the head teacher position that was requested previously? Ms. Turnidge has been unofficially serving in that capacity. Mr. Houghtaling stated that Ms. Turnidge would need to go to the teacher union to see if they would like to pursue that designation.

Falls City Teachers Association – No Report

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ONLY

2. Proposed Budget Calendar – Reviewed calendar. Asked when Budget Committee Applications needed to be in by, which is February 16th, so they can be reviewed by the board at the meeting on the 17th. Will ask the City if the information can be added to the city newsletter inserted in the water bill each month. Will need to connect with the other members to see if they have fulfilled their term and interested in serving again/reapplying. Ideally we should have 5 Budget Committee Members, not including the board.

3. LBL Business Services – Jackie Olsen spoke with Interim Superintendent Art Houghtaling and Board Chair Davis and Vice Chair Kidd back in November. Notifying them that LBL would no longer be able to provide the school district with business services after the end of fiscal year/contract period. We will need to hire a new Business Manager or contract for business services elsewhere. On another note, LBL will no longer be using the SIS (Student Information System) services we had used previously, so if we are not happy with the WESD SIS, we will need to look elsewhere. OASBO and COSA are both resources we could use when looking into replacement business services.
4. Policy ACB – Update of Every Student Belongs – This will need to be approved tonight without a second read, as it goes into effect starting in January. Discussion on State’s short amount of time given to approve policies.
5. Policy DN-AR – Electronic Recycle – We have a DN policy, but not an AR for the policy. This will allow us to move outdated items out of storage.
6. OSBA Election - Reviewed
7. Annual Playground Inspection – Insurance doesn’t like the pea gravel. But it’s what we have, so we are working with it. We have a kindergartener who needs a physical outlet, helping to sweep the gravel back into the playground has been a great way for them to expend energy.
8. Approve Elementary Principal Contract – Art has the corrected version to be signed. There was one addition, that the district cannot reduce Art’s new contract income by more than 15%.
9. Organizational Resolution 2122 – 003 – Review
10. Phone Audit - Review

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve Consent Agenda

- November 3, 2021 – Special Meeting Minutes
- November 15, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- November 22, 2021 – Special Meeting Minutes
- November 2021 Disbursements
 - Accounts Payable: Check numbers 6075 - 6171 in the amount of \$308,735.01
 - Payroll Expenses: Checks and Direct Deposits in the amount of \$297,620.36

Motion made by Director Young. Seconded by Director Yother.

Vote: All ayes. Vice Chair Kidd and Director Schowalter absent.

2. Approve the Proposed Budget Calendar for 2022-2023

Motion made by Director Yother. Seconded by Director Young.

Vote: All ayes. Vice Chair Kidd and Director Schowalter absent.

3. Approve the Revised Policy ACB, Every Student Belongs

Discussion: Discussed what this policy means. Voiced displeasure at the lack of time given for review.

Motion made by Director Yother. Seconded by Director Young.

Vote: All ayes. Vice Chair Kidd and Director Schowalter absent.

4. Approve OSBA Election Vote

*Motion made by Director Young. Seconded by Director Yother.
Vote: All ayes. Vice Chair Kidd and Director Schowalter absent.*

5. Approve Elementary School Revised Amended Principal Contract with Correction and Corrected Date

*Motion made by Director Yother. Seconded by Director Young.
Vote: All ayes. Vice Chair Kidd and Director Schowalter absent.*

6. Approve the Organizational Resolution 2122 – 001 as of December 21, 2021

*Motion made by Director Yother. Seconded by Director Young.
Vote: All ayes. Vice Chair Kidd and Director Schowalter absent.*

Good of the Order

Cory Ellis – Already busy. Sent out a survey and have received good feedback so far. Staff shared both positives and concerns, he will make it available to the board. When people start to brag about themselves as staff, I want them to prove it. Art Houghtaling, Micke Kidd and myself sat down for a couple of hours to go over things the last time I was here. Staff have been forthright and I am aware the new business manager situation needs to be addressed. Has enjoyed listening to the things brought to the board and has been taking notes.

Art Houghtaling – Excited to work with Cory Ellis. Isn't quite sure where the Principal and Superintendent duties diverge.

Rebecca Fromherz – Kenneke – Thank you again. We are in discussions around hate with the students every day. They are very engaged.

Jessi Turnidge – The playground blackberries were cleared. Now the students can see into the neighbor's yard and garage, where they have Nazi flags and symbols posted. Can we look into putting lathe in the chain link fence? There are many ways we could address the fence issue and include student involvement. Thanks for bringing it to our attention.

Director Yother – Her grandkids are back and are excited to be at in the district due to the welcoming atmosphere. Asked where we were at with staffing? We are full, all positions filled.

Chairman Davis – Some districts have been sued on behalf of Special Education Students due to being sent home when escalated. Please be aware.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, January 20, 2022

CHAIRMAN DAVIS CLOSED MEETING AT 8:20 PM

School Board Chairman Signature: _____