

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

April 20, 2021

Art Houghtaling, Superintendent

503-787-3521

The Falls City School Board will meet Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 5:30 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 Young opened at 5:34 pm

Board Members in attendance:

Bob Young, Chairman

Bret Davis, Vice Chairman

Shanda Yother, Director

Jami Kidd, Director

Larry Sickles, Director

Staff Members in Attendance:

Art Houghtaling, Superintendent

Micke Kidd, High School Principal

Donna Creekmore, Admin Assistant

Amy Houghtaling, FACES Director

John Gilbert, Facilities Manager

Corrine Symolon, SEL Director

Lynn Bailey, HS Teacher

Audience Members in attendance:

Dana Schowalter, Committee Member

Johnie Ferro, Principal of WCA

FLAG SALUTE

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ONLY

11. Moved to the start of the meeting for time constraint reasons:

Looking at possible signs to go over the entry door, a shadow box for the entry with pictures and information and a possible celebration date in August.

BOARD REPORT

Superintendent – Shared WCA info with district costs, what it would mean for our students that sign up, as well as the ones that don't complete the program. Making plans for Kinder and 8th Grade Graduations. If we intend to have them outside, we need to make that call now. Tentative graduation schedule is June 10th for Kinder and 8th grade. Kinder at 5pm, 8th at 7pm. High School Graduation on June 11th at 7pm. We are having

a meeting tomorrow to discuss and plan Kinder-8th grade Summer School. We are looking at long term solutions for our students who want to stay online instead of coming for in person instruction. Maintaining the current system is not a good option, as teachers are becoming burnt out from doing both. We've tried the hybrid model and that doesn't seem to be a good solution either. We are looking at what that looks like and how to make it a successful transition. Will have a plan for next year before the end of this one.

High School Principal – Students are back in person learning. Working on getting Summer School set up and mapped out. Looking at 8th graders moving up to High School. Possible field trip, assessments, and a few other fun things.

Business Manager: See Report. Ending fund balance holding at \$701,000. Working on the budget. Director Yother asked if there was more information about SB53 or others that we are being kept updated on, still waiting.

Facilities Manager: See Report. Waiting for a quote from West Coast. Easy Solution came out to do a quote on the handicap ramps. There was a battery recall for the sprayers, potential fire danger, they have since been exchanged. Working on the RFP's for the Elementary School Roof and the Modular. Met with Lonnie about the modular, we are looking at \$130,000 for the modular, \$200,000 to lay them in, including water, sewer, fencing, concrete, playground, etc.

Athletic Director: No Report. Football and Volleyball seasons have ended. Track has just started up. Baseball Coop has hit a snafu, the entire Willamina Baseball team was quarantined. There hasn't been great communication with them. Football Coach, Laric Cook's dad passed away, we need to get a card and send flowers.

FACES: See Report. Activity Days are scheduled. 5th-8th graders will be able to build their own skateboards to take home. Continuing to have meetings and trainings.

SEL (Reset Room) – See Report. BEAM Projector was installed. Kids and staff alike have enjoyed getting to use it. It has both fun games to work out energy, and soothing activities.

FCTA – No Report.

TEACHER UPDATES: We have been able to offer some college level writing class, saving students money and time.

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1. Strategic Goals – Will continue to review. Add Financial Brainstorm. Revisit in May along with the policies that were suggested.
2. Policies (2nd Review) – Discussed
3. WCA – This is the first program like this in the state of Oregon, creating pathways for students who don't ordinarily have access. Will be offering cosmetology, diesel mechanics, and health care classes. Students will receive 1.5 credits per semester to interested junior and seniors. Later they will be able to add manufacturing, construction, and information technology later on. Classes will be in 3-hour blocks and they will offer an A.M. and P.M. block options. Cosmetology students will leave with one license in either, hair, barbering, esthetics, or nails. Diesel students will leave with the ability to be hired straight out of the program and/or the ability to enter Chemeketa with 12 college credits towards a diesel mechanic degree. Health care students will leave ready to take their CNA exam and 16 transferable college credits. We will have 1 seat for each class offered and the ability to trade if we don't have a student interested in one field and 2 interested in another. Any slots not used by a school will be put in a lottery where we would have the potential to grab another seat for one of our students. After completing the program, students will have access to job placement assistance.
4. Draft of Calendar – Look at Draft 2021-2022 District and Student Calendars.
5. Extension of LBL Business Services – The Superintendent recommends staying with LBL for our Business Services at this time. Direction given to go over an evaluation of services with the CFO, Jackie Olsen.
6. Declining LBL SIS Services – We will decline LBL Student Information Services for next year. LBL's software doesn't communicate well with some of the programs we use. Also doesn't work well with MAC computers.

7. Adding WESD for SIS Services - Power Schools, WESD's SIS software, works much better with MAC computers and the other programs we use.
8. SB5555 – Included in your packet is a letter for the City, from the School District, in support. There is a half million dollars available to help fund the new sewer system. Add the Board Chairman's name to the letter, sign and send.
9. Modularity - \$250,000 to purchase and install the pre-k modular as well as a storage building for John. We need to get moving now if we hope to have it in for next year. This is made financially possible through ESSER 3 dollars.
10. Bussing – How do we address the bus situation? MidCo is under staffed, which is causing us difficulties in bus services. What would be the cost to purchase a bus, insure it, and train a staff member to drive bus for us? How much of that would be reimbursable from ODE?

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve Consent Agenda

- March 15, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- March 2021 Disbursements
 - Accounts Payable: Check numbers 5589 - 5625 in the amount of \$43,817.96.
 - Payroll Expenses: Checks and Direct Deposits in the amount of \$257,418.08.

Motion made by Director Yother. Seconded by Director Kidd.

Vote: All ayes.

2. Approve Policies GCPC/GDPC

Motion made by Director Sickles. Seconded by Director Kidd.

Vote: All ayes.

3. Approve Extension of LBL Business Services

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

Vote: All ayes.

4. Decline LBL SIS Services

Motion made by Director Sickles. Seconded by Director Kidd.

Vote: All ayes.

5. Motion to move forward with the Preschool Modular and Facilities Shed and Assign Board Chairman Young as point person from the Board and allow him to make decisions on the Boards behalf.

Motion made by Director Sickles. Seconded by Director Yother.

Vote: All ayes.

Good of the Order

Superintendent – We are opting out of the State Testing this year. This will put us as substandard on the State Report Card. Many schools are opting out.

Superintendent – May 3rd – May 7th is Teacher Appreciation Week

Superintendent - Our May meeting date cannot be changed after the date is set due to the need to advertise the Budget Calendar.

Director Yother – Make sure the school cafeteria is on our radar for improvement as we move forward. FM Gilbert has it on his list with the roof first, HS back stairwell next, and then the ES kitchen. Can we use ESSER dollars to help address the kitchen needs, due to COVID created constraints? Do we have the man power to address so many projects? We have till 2023 to spend the ESSER dollars. We will decide this summer what to work on next summer.

FM Gilbert – The kitchen will be about \$60,000, we will line it up for summer of 2022.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Board Meeting: Monday, May 17, 2021

Budget Committee Meeting @ 5:30 PM

Open Session @ 6:30 PM

CLOSE OPEN SESSION	8:03
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EXECUTIVE SESSION OPENED	8:10
Discussion	
Scheduled an Executive Session for Thursday, May 6 th @ 5:30	
CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION	8:27
OPEN SESSION TO CLOSE MEETING	8:28