

**SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
May 9, 2016**

The Board of Directors of Sherman County School District met in the Sherman County Public/School Library Meeting Room in Moro, Oregon on May 9, 2016. The following were present: Chair, Bill Martin; Vice Chair, Angie Thompson; Directors: Jim Macnab, Merrie von Borstel; Superintendent, Wes Owens; Principal, Bill Blevins; TOSA, Cindie King; Business Manager, Kim McKinney; Board Secretary, Jeanie Pehlke; Staff Members: Gerald Casper, Jill Jenson; Students: Alima Abdulatif, Amy Dabulskis Visitors: Mike Marino, Mike Carter, Mike Carroll, Janet Pinkerton, Johnathan Rolfe, Nancy Simpson, Carol von Borstel, Neal Pattee, Meinrad Kuettel, Joe Dabulskis, Jeanne Dabulskis, Jesse von Borstel, Stuart von Borstel, Glenn Fluhr, Mike Smith.

Director, Kyle Blagg was absent.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN**

**Motion** by Director Macnab with second from Vice Chair, Thompson to approve the agenda for this May 9, 2016 meeting as presented. **Vote:** 4 in Favor (Macnab, Martin, Thompson, von Borstel) **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

**Motion** by Vice Chair, Thompson with second from Director, Macnab to adopt the consent agenda as presented. **Vote:** 4 in Favor (Macnab, Martin, Thompson, von Borstel) **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

**Motion** by Vice Chair, Thompson with second from Director, von Borstel to approve the lease with Sherman County School District and Sherman Preschool. **Vote:** 4 in Favor (Macnab, Martin, Thompson, von Borstel) **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

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**Motion** by Vice Chair, Thompson with second from Director, von Borstel to accept the resignation of Britney Macnab. **Vote:** 3 in Favor (Martin, Thompson, von Borstel) 1 Abstain (Macnab, due to conflict of interest) **Action:** The motion carried.

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**CALL TO ORDER  
Executive Session**

Chair, Martin opened the meeting at 6:39 p.m. in the Home Economics Room and the board immediately went into Executive Session pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(i) to finish evaluating the superintendent. The Executive Session adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

## Open Session

The board returned to open session in the Public/School Library Meeting Room at 7:04 p.m. and Chair Martin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Approve Board Meeting Agenda

Board Members were given an opportunity to make changes to the Agenda for this May 9, 2016 meeting. No changes were made.

**Motion** by Director, Macnab with second from Vice Chair, Thompson to approve the agenda for this May 9, 2016 meeting as presented. **Vote:** 4 in Favor (Macnab, Martin, Thompson, von Borstel) **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

## COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

No comments from visitors were received.

## PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

### Recognition of Students, Staff and Community

We are extremely fortunate to have gracious staff and community members who support our school and students. While it is possible that we may periodically miss an opportunity to thank someone, we sincerely appreciate the commitment of all of our supporters. We would like to recognize the following people for their devotion to our schools, students, staff and community.

- In honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, we thank our teachers for their energy and devotion to the students of the district. We appreciate them every day, not just during Teacher Appreciation Week.
- Thank you Jen Berry, Jeanie Pehlke and Audrey Rooney for your gracious support of our students and staff.
- The district is very grateful for the support of our substitute teachers.
- Thank You Mid-Columbia Bus Company and our bus drivers for transporting our students safely each school day.
- Congratulations to National Honor Society Inductees Bri McKinney and Bradley Moe.
- Thank you to Gerald Casper and current NHS members for organizing the Induction Ceremony.
- Thank you District Budget Committee members, Kristie Coelsch, Ron Holmes, Lisa Kaseberg, DeeAnn Ramos and Ted von Borstel, for your service to our District and students.
- Junior Class Advisors, Kristin Whitley and Dezi Remington for organizing Prom. It was a fantastic event.
- Thank you to Prom Chaperones Bridget Poirier, Rick Whitaker, Rocky Rhodes and Harley Parkki.
- Dezi Remington for organizing Sherman Jr/Sr High School's entry into the Gorge Wind Challenge.
- Thank you to Joe Justesen for driving the boys' basketball team to The Blazer game for Championship Appreciation Night.
- "All" our Smart Reader volunteers. It has really made a difference in the lives of the children you read with. You all were wonderful mentors, and we hope to see you next year.
- The Athletic Foundation for the continued support of the Sherman County School District.
- The Soil and Water Conservation District Crew who have provided activities and learning opportunities over this school year.
- Carrie Danchok and Cindie King for coordinating Hoops for Heart and Jump Rope for Heart. Cindy Brown, Kiersten Casper, Alex Fields, Kyle Fields, Lexi Grenvik, Taylor Henderson, Jacob Justesen, Luke

Martin, Shawn Payne, Gaby Rubio, Desiree Winslow and Maverick Winslow for assisting with this event.

- Bank of Eastern Oregon for presenting “Teaching Kids to Save”.
- Christopher Leebrick for putting on an engaging storytelling assembly for our Elementary School.
- Iberdrola and The Dalles Dam for giving our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes a tour of their facility. Mike Barrett, Jen Berry, James Hastings, Marcie Leigh, Jill Martin, Alex McNabb, Dave Poirier and Ray Smith for chaperoning this trip.
- The Soil and Water Conservation staff and the forest rangers at Cottonwood for putting together a tree planting field trip. Kristie Coelsch, Tamar Fritts and Bridget Poirier for chaperoning.
- Natural Resources Conservation Service for providing the trees that the 4<sup>th</sup> graders planted at Cottonwood State Park.

We truly appreciate the amazing support we receive from so many thoughtful people. Thank you to everyone in our great community and school district for your continued support! When you have time please visit our Sherman County School District Web Page for the monthly appreciation comments.

### **Sherman Jr/Sr High School Student Body Report**

Jill Jenson reported on upcoming student body activities including the Mr. Husky pageant and student body elections. Principal Blevins honored foreign exchange student, Alima Abdulatif and thanked Joe and Jeanne Dabulskis for hosting such a great student.

### **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Business**

- ✓ Approved Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting, April 11, 2016 as presented.
- ✓ Approved Bill Listing, Financial Statement as presented.

#### **Personnel**

- ✓ Accepted resignation of Cindie King
- ✓ Reduce TOSA position from 1.0 to 0.2 Instructional Coach/Scheduling/Supervision position.
- ✓ Approve hire of Cindie King, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Job Share for 2016-17 with MOA
- ✓ Approve hire of Susan Mobley, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Job Share for 2016-17 with MOA

Superintendent Owens and Chair Martin expressed their gratitude to Mrs. King for her 34 year of dedicated service to the Sherman County School District.

Board Members were presented with a letter and an email from a Parent, Amanda Payne, who asked the board to consider hiring two (2) fulltime teachers or a fulltime teacher’s assistant to help support the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class for the 2016-17 school year. Board members discussed the feasibility of Mrs. Payne’s suggestion, but determined that the budget has been approved by the budget committee and having 2 fulltime teachers in one classroom is not fiscally responsible. It was noted that the administrators will determine if a teacher’s assistant is needed.

**Motion** by Vice Chair, Thompson with second from Director, Macnab to adopt the consent agenda as presented. **Vote:** 4 in Favor (Macnab, Martin, Thompson, von Borstel) **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

**REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**  
**North Central ESD – Mike Carroll**

Superintendent Owens reminded the board that at their last meeting they requested a representative from North Central ESD to come to this meeting for a question session. He then thanked Mike Carroll for attending the meeting.

Chair Martin asked Mr. Carroll if Sherman County School District’s discussion about opting out of the ESD has led the ESD to recognize the district has concerns and if this has caused deeper thought by the ESD related to possible options. Mr. Carroll stated that some of the things that were brought up during the discussion are being addressed. He noted that the ESD has now mandated that a technology person come to the district a minimum of one day per month. He also stated that the ESD has given Sherman \$4,300 toward the district’s robotics program and \$700 toward an introductory electronics program that serves elementary students. It was clarified that this money came out of the Frontier Learning Network “FLN” budget and was part of some additional state funding.

Chair Martin asked where the FLN money that the district hasn’t been using is going. Mr. Carroll explained that the FLN money that Sherman does not use is needed to pay the teacher who runs that program.

Mr. Carroll was asked if the district will receive FLN money next year. Mr. Carroll stated that Sherman will again receive \$4,300 for robotics and the ESD will purchase the next level of introductory electronics for elementary students at a cost of \$9,000 that will be shared by all of the districts. It was noted that the ESD FLN budget allotment for Sherman is \$12,901. Mr. Carroll also said that the name Frontier Learning Network has been changed to “Instructional Support Services”, which now includes a teacher for health services, grant writing coordinating services and classroom support. He said that if Sherman were to have a student with special needs move into the district, the ESD would have a staff member to help support that.

Mr. Carroll said that no other district has North Central ESD’s commitment of having a technology staff member in their district at least one day per month. Superintendent Owens asked how the ESD will ensure a technology staff member will actually come to the district every month. Mr. Carroll said that they do not track their employees, but they could track them with mileage reimbursements. He added that they are in their office approximately 90% of the time.

Chair Martin asked how much remote ESD technology service time the district uses as opposed to Mr. Casper’s services onsite support. Principal Blevins asked Chair Martin if he is asking if the district needs technology services from the ESD. Chair Martin said, “yes” and added that the district obviously has a budget for ESD technology and he would like to know if the district is using that service. Principal Blevins stated that the district is supplementing the ESD technology services because there isn’t an ESD technology person onsite to take care of technology problems. He explained that the district has had to budget for Mr. Casper to be available to help when there are technology problems, rather than teaching our kids, because someone needs to physically be in the district and the ESD is working remotely. Superintendent Owens clarified that this year the district had to budget and extra \$26,767 in addition to the technology services provided from the ESD. Gerald Casper said that there is a pretty good record of any remote

access by the ESD because the system keeps an IT email tracking log that notifies him when they work remotely. Superintendent Owens noted that Mr. Casper is the gatekeeper for that system.

The school district has budgeted \$45,677 for technology support in addition to the ESD support for 2016-17. Mr. Carroll was asked what the district's allotment for ESD technology service is for next year. Mr. Carroll said that the ESD sees itself as an agency that serves everyone. The state gives them money and they don't break it down by district. He said that the total amount budgeted for technology service for all districts they serve is \$300,771.

Chair Martin said that because the district has to supplement the ESD technology service, he would like to know if the district is getting its appropriate share of technology service. Mr. Carroll justified that the district does get its share of technology services because Sherman has the largest student body; it uses about 40% of the available bandwidth, which is about twice what any other school district uses. Mr. Carroll reasoned that if the ESD were to breakdown the district by ADMw, the allotment amount would only be 19.67%. Superintendent Owens reiterated that while Sherman is the largest school district in the region, it only receives 19% of the ESD funds. Superintendent Owens clarified that Fossil and Mitchell receive more money than Sherman because they have online charter programs. Mr. Carroll said that Sherman has received more than its ADMw percentage over the past five years. He said that some things such as speech and special education can come right out of the budget, but other things like technology are harder to quantify because they don't keep track of help desk calls. Mr. Carroll clarified that Sherman is not the only district that is receiving funds that are over and above the state calculation. He gave the example that Sherman has been consistently over the required allotment with the salaries for the ESD provided speech teacher and the instructional assistants. He mentioned the improvement of the wireless internet system with radios, Polycom, computers, iPads and sync stations and reiterated that it is difficult to be specific because they don't break down allocations by school district.

Chair Martin stated that he understands that Mr. Carroll is doing what is best for the ESD, but that doesn't always fit the Sherman model. He asked if the ESD has considered being more flexible. Chair Martin gave the example of the past option when Sherman had the choice to take some of the professional development money and use it to provide its own services. Mr. Carroll said that things like professional development are determined by the Resolution Services that are agreed on by all of the superintendents in the ESD. The ESD can only determine how 10% of the money from the state can be spent; the other 90% is determined by the Resolution Services that are voted on by the six superintendents. Chair Martin asked Mr. Carroll if all six superintendents decide they want take professional development and make it a menu option, then is that something the ESD can do? Mr. Carroll answered, "Yes".

Superintendent Owens said that he is aware of other school districts who have opted out of their respective ESDs because the service model didn't work for them and since we aren't using the professional development and FLN services, we'd like to use that money differently. Mr. Carroll said he will try to find out how the smaller ESDs can offer the menu option noting that the smaller the entity, the less flexibility they have.

Chair Martin asked how the FTE will be changing with Mr. Carroll's retirement. Mr. Carroll said he will be contracting back a few things and Robert Waltenburg will be increasing his contract from 4

days to 5 days, but this will cause a decrease in FTE. It was clarified that the board will be working with Mr. Waltenburg in the future.

Chair Martin acknowledged the challenges of a small ESD, but said that it would be nice if the ESD would look at the district's concerns and support the district in getting back to the option the district once had of using professional development funds. Mr. Carroll agreed and suggested the best way for that to happen is for Superintendent Owens to meet with the other Superintendents in December and January next year to discuss the option as a group.

Mr. Carroll reiterated that there are some things that the district doesn't receive, but that money is not even one third of the extra money over the past five years that Sherman has received. He said the ESD is not taking Sherman's money and spending it on someone else like it sounds. He added that other districts are not going over speech and special education Resolution Services funds like Sherman is. Chair Martin asked if Sherman should look at the extra money it receives for speech and special education as some of the technology money it does not receive. Mr. Carroll said, "Yes, because that is our model." Chair Martin asked for more clarity of how the extra \$900,000 the district has received over the past five years equates to every other district. He asked if other districts are getting extra money too. Mr. Carroll said that the ESD only has so much money, so if Sherman is taking extra money, some other district is losing it somewhere. He said they gave additional funds to Sherman and Arlington because they are the only districts who asked for it. Mr. Carroll restated that they don't break things down by district. Chair Martin acknowledged Mr. Carroll's statement, but reiterated that Sherman has a fiscally challenging situation because the ESD allocates amounts for certain services they provide and yet the district has to budget for those same services too. Mr. Carroll said that the best thing to end his career would be to create a positive relationship between Sherman and the ESD.

Mr. Carroll said that the district will be using some of the professional improvement support next week. Superintendent Owens clarified that reason for this is because the district didn't opt-out so the district and the ESD need to start working together. Superintendent Owens thanked Mr. Carroll for the discussion and agreed that he would also like to see a better relationship with the ESD.

Director Macnab asked Mr. Carroll to describe the FLN classes. Mr. Carroll said they offer two or three classes that fall under Consumer and Technical Education that are similar to the Agricultural classes at Sherman. The classes include an anatomy class, a medical terminology class, an emergency medical responder certification course and a wild land fire class. Superintendent Owens stated that these programs are great, and we have had students take these classes in the past, but because the classes are taught live over the polycom the classes do not easily match up with our student's schedules.

#### **Redevelopment of Grass Valley Facility – Mike Smith**

Superintendent Owens noted that he would like to keep the board thinking about the redevelopment of the Grass Valley facility and in that effort has talked with many people including the County Court, Oregon Business Development, and Kate Sinner, who was the Regional Solutions Coordinator. He has also met with a realtor and talked with Greg Moore, who is an experienced school appraiser. He said that it is important for the board to look at all options

and to consider what is best for the City of Grass Valley and best for the district. Commissioner Smith was then invited to speak.

Mr. Smith stated that a lot of groups have talked with the County Court about the best use of the facility. Kate Sinner, who is now at the Governor's office, has been supportive. He said the County Court has given South Sherman Fire a manufactured home and \$150,000 to purchase land, but they still need a heated building for their vehicles. He listed possible uses and various groups who may be interested in using the Grass Valley facility including South Sherman Fire Department and Grass Valley City Hall. He also said it could be used as a South County Office for Police, a South County Mental Health location, Oregon Raceway Park could use it for lodging, it could be an EVOC police/fire training facility, community meals could be served there and the Oregon Food Bank could use it as a pantry. He noted that the building is pretty new, but there are challenges. He pointed out that that the heating system should be changed to be more efficient and there are questions related to insulation, sprinkler system and septic. He then proposed that the school board consider leasing or giving the building to the City of Grass Valley. He added that the County Court has discussed giving \$500,000 to the City over the next two years to be used for building modification so the City and Fire Department can make it into what they need it to be.

Superintendent Owens thanked Commissioner Smith and stated that this is one of many options. He said that an appraisal would cost \$5,000 to \$6,000 and asked the board what they would like to see next.

Director von Borstel asked Carol von Borstel from the City of Grass Valley for her opinion. Carol von Borstel said that they don't want to see the building go dormant. Fire Chief, Glenn Fluhr clarified that the Fire Department would need to construct a pole building for their vehicles and would use the kitchen and building for living quarters for themselves and emergency workers during events. He said a major hurdle for both the City and the Fire Department is the cost to maintain the building, but noted that it is the last community building in Grass Valley.

Chair Martin and Superintendent Owens thanked Commissioner Smith and the citizens of Grass Valley for their communication and said that this will be a continued discussion for the next board meeting.

### **Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Owens gave his superintendent report that included the following topics: Current district enrollment, educational programming discussions, continuous improvement plan, math textbook adoption, a County Court meeting he reported at on April 20<sup>th</sup>, a budget meeting that took place May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the kindergarten partnership and innovation initiative grant money. Other topics he reported included a recent North Central ESD superintendent's meeting, a staff tour of the PK-12 Comprehensive Facility, current staff job postings, and a Booster Club/Hall of Honor meeting. Bill Martin and Merrie von Borstel agreed to serve as the board representatives for the Hall of Honor committee. Superintendent Owens also report on the Sherman Elementary fire system/insurance update, safety conversations/reunification plan, recent issues with the football and track irrigation mainline, ORVED updates, administrative configuration ideas, an OSAA budget committee meeting he attended and he gave a brief construction meeting update.

### **Administrative Report for Jr./Sr. High School**

Principal Blevins gave his administrative report for the Jr./Sr. High School. His report included Prom, State Testing schedule and strategies for student improvement, Sherman students who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in a recent Wind Challenge, SAT, and he congratulated the students who were inducted into NHS tonight. Upcoming events including the Spring Symposium, Mr. Husky, Spring Academic and Sports Awards, Senior Scholarship Awards, Jr. High Academic and Sports Awards, and Graduation.

### **Athletic Director Report**

Mr. Blevins reported District Track will take place this upcoming weekend. He congratulated student Meghan Belshe for taking first place in and doubles team, Elvia Rubio and Hollee Kaseberg for placing fourth in the Tennis Sub Districts. They have moved on to the District Tournament in Ontario that is taking place today. District Baseball will take place May 21st. He then explained an OSAA "Rule of 2 Practice Limitations" proposal and a football participation proposal.

### **Administrative Report for Sherman Elementary**

Dean of Students, Cindie King gave her report for Sherman Elementary School. She touched on Smarter Balanced/Oaks assessments, outdoor school, the fourth grade fieldtrip to Cottonwood Canyon and the new elementary school, a Hoop for Heart and Jump for Heart event, a BOE saving presentation to K-3 graders, a storytelling assembly with Christopher Leebick, she announced that fourth grade students, Willow Leigh and Shelby Havins have electrical safety posters in the May addition of Ruralite, some fourth and fifth grade students went on a fieldtrip to the Ibedrola Wind Farm and The Dalles Dam, an upcoming science fair for fifth and sixth grade students, an upcoming talent show, various appreciation for Secretary, Jen Berry for Administrative Assistant's week and finally Teacher Appreciation Week surprises.

### **Construction Project Manager Report**

Owner Representative, Mike Marino gave his construction project report that included an update on the progress of the project. He said, "Construction is going very, very well and we are still on track schedule-wise and things are moving fast." KNCC is getting close to finishing the deficiency items in Phase I. Warranty and operations manuals for Phase I have been delivered to the school district. One year warranties for Phase I started on February 2, 2016. Just prior to the expiration of these warranties he will be back with BBT Architects and KNCC to do a walk through to make sure there aren't any problems.

BBT Architects completed the Option 5 plans on Wednesday and on Friday they were submitted to KNCC for pricing and also to the jurisdiction. On or around May 20, 2016 the pricing will be complete. Once done, the Design Committee can meet one last time to see the design. Mr. Marino said he will prepare a list of alternate options along with pricing so these options can be prioritized. Superintendent Owens requested clarification on the paving at the back driveway noting that through the course of construction the asphalt has become "pretty beat up". Mr. Marino said a conversation needs to be had with KNCC related to the correction of the condition of the existing asphalt on the drive. He said, "It will get it addressed."

Construction Superintendent, Mike Carter was allowed an opportunity to give a construction update. Mr. Carter said that the construction project is going fantastic up to the new tie-in at

Option 5 that they received on Friday. He stated that they will be working very aggressively to try to get back on track. He said, "I think we will make it, I don't have any doubt in my mind that come the first day of school you guys will be in here". He said his goal is to try to get some days out of the schedule because he recognizes the move in date will be difficult. Superintendent Owens asked Mr. Carter to explain the difference between occupancy and move in. Mr. Carter said that August 26<sup>th</sup> is the contractual completion date, but his goal is to get a temporary occupancy permit (TCO) so the district can start setting up classrooms while he finishes the small details.

Mike Marino reported that Herring International is continuing their review of submittals. Aset Advanced is working to provide designs for security cameras and access control. He is working on getting pricing and options for a moving company. Mr. Marino said that the Athletic Foundation is continuing their dirt work and water system conversations are ongoing related to the playfields. The bid for piping went down went down \$2,000 to \$7,700.

Mr. Marino said that the project is on budget and we are doing exceptional with cost savings and contingencies. At this time, the total of unallocated funds including KNCC's contingencies, the school district's contingencies and other allowances is \$409,000. He said that there are some pending changes and items that are under discussion, but once they are taken care of there will be approximately \$283,000 left. He said so far only 1.5% of the contingency money has been used and he expects the projects will continue to save money. Superintendent Owens expressed his appreciation to KNCC for their money saving efforts but stated that he is disappointed with the \$48,000 line item from BBT for the additional design costs for Option 5 because they haven't been interactive with the school district.

Mr. Marino explained a few of the line items including the asbestos abatement that was unexpectedly discovered on the kitchen roof and a required upgraded fire alarm panel at the library. Superintendent Owens was assured that with the new fire panel, the fire drill protocol will be simplified.

Mike Marino was asked if he would see what he can do to have BBT reduce their design cost.

The meeting was adjourned for a quick break at 9:25 p.m. and returned to open session 9:31 p.m.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Redevelopment of Grass Valley Facility Continued Discussion**

Superintendent Owens stated that the proposal that was presented tonight was an idea of gifting the building, but there are other options the board may want to consider.

### **Sherman County Safety Committee Recommendation**

Superintendent Owens reported that the safety committee has recommended a community forum to present all of the security options the new facility will offer. Possible dates for the meeting were discussed. It was determined that June may be better. Insurance was also discussed.

### **Sherman Preschool Integration/Lease**

Superintendent Owens announced that since the last board meeting, the two preschools have decided to merge. Board members were given an opportunity to review a proposed lease for the merged preschool that was been developed by the school's attorney.

**Motion** by Vice Chair, Thompson with second from Director, von Borstel to approve the lease with Sherman County School District and Sherman Preschool. **Vote:** 4 in Favor (Macnab, Martin, Thompson, von Borstel) **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

### **Playfield Development Update**

Superintendent Owens praised the Athletic Foundation for their work and explained how the project has grown and evolved. He reminded the board that the Lion's Club may have money that could shift from the previous fairground project to the new playfield. Mike Marino will be working with Chris Moore on the water for irrigation and possible upgrades to the existing well.

### **Approve Smokestack Removal**

Superintendent Owens discussed safety related to the smokestack. He negotiated a time and material bid with KNCC for its removal that is \$2,000 less than the original bid. Board members reviewed the proposal from KNCC to remove the smokestack.

**Motion** by Director, Macnab with second from Director, Thompson to approve the smokestack bid as presented. **Vote:** 4 in Favor (Macnab, Martin, Thompson, von Borstel) **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Accept Resignation of Britney Macnab**

**Motion** by Vice Chair, Thompson with second from Director, von Borstel to accept the resignation of Britney Macnab. **Vote:** 3 in Favor (Martin, Thompson, von Borstel) 1 Abstain (Macnab, due to conflict of interest) **Action:** The motion carried.

### **Grass Valley Fencing Repurposing**

Superintendent Owens stated that there has been some discussion about removing the fence from the elementary school in Grass Valley and reusing it at the new field as a cost saving option.

### **Early Entrance Policy – JEBA/JEBA AR – First Reading**

Board members reviewed the recommended changes to the policy. It will be placed on the June agenda for a second reading.

### **Potential Internet Connection Options**

Superintendent Owens said that there have been a lot of conversations related to fiber this school year. He has been researching all options that will offer the best service for our students. At this time the district does not have a completion date for the fiber from the county, or bandwidth amounts or information related to who might provide the fiber. He said that he wants to make sure the district can provide better bandwidth for our kids. He recommended the board consider, at the very least, a one-year contract that can provide the district with a minimum of 100 megabits per second so the district will have time to research some unanswered questions

about the fiber options that are available to the school. He said it may be an added cost to the district, but the district would be assured that it will be here for our kids in the fall and for a one year interim. He clarified that the 100 megabits will be received via microwave and currently North Central ESD supplies only 45 megabits to the entire North Central ESD service area.

#### **Naming Facilities/Wings**

Superintendent Owens has requested recommendations and feedback from the staff related to possible names for the elementary wing and will bring a recommendation to the next board meeting.

#### **COMMENTS FROM VISITORS**

Jonathan Rolfe stated that he just received a tennis report a couple of hours ago. He wanted to point out that the tennis sub districts includes 3A schools and it is quite an accomplishment for Meghan Belshe to take 1<sup>st</sup> in girls singles and for the girls team to take the 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, CLOSING COMMENTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Early Entrance Policy – JEBA/JEBA AR – Second Reading
- Redevelopment of Grass Valley Facility Continued Discussion
- Internet Provider Discussion and Ideas
- Recommendation for Naming the Elementary Wing

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Martin declared the meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.

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Chair, Bill Martin

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Board Secretary, Jeanie Pehlke