

**SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2019**

The Board of Directors of Sherman County School District met in the Sherman County School/Public Library Meeting Room in Moro, Oregon on May 13, 2019. The following were present: Chair, Kristie Coelsch; Vice Chair Jess Stutzman; Directors: Bill Martin, Scott Susi, Merrie von Borstel; Superintendent, Wes Owens; Business Manager, Kim McKinney; Staff Members: Gerald Casper, Gail Gunderson, Samantha R-Smith; ESD Employee: Stacy Shown; Students: Samantha Lepinski, Luke Martin, Emma Stutzman and Desiree Winslow; Visitors: Paul Bish.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN

Motion by Director Martin with second from Director von Borstel to approve the board meeting agenda for May 13, 2019 as presented. **Vote:** 5 in Favor (Coelsch, Martin, Stutzman, Susi, von Borstel) **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Director von Borstel with second from Director Stutzman to adopt the consent agenda as presented. **Vote:** 5 in Favor (Coelsch, Martin, Stutzman, Susi, von Borstel) **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Vice Chair Martin with second from Director von Borstel to give the four James Weir Memorial Trust Scholarship applicants \$1200. **Vote:** 5 in Favor (Coelsch, Martin, Stutzman, Susi, von Borstel) **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Kristie Coelsch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag at 7:01 p.m.

APPROVE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

An opportunity was given to make changes to the presented Regular Board Meeting Agenda for this May 13, 2019 meeting. No changes were made.

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COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

No comments related to agenda items were received.

PRESENTATIONS

Recognition of Students, Staff, and Community Members

We are extremely fortunate to have gracious staff and community members who support our school and students. This school year we are continuing the tradition of recognizing various supporters at the beginning portion of each School Board Meeting. 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.

- Teacher Appreciation Week was last week. While we appreciate our teachers every day, it is a perfect time to honor and thank them for their energy and devotion to the students of the district.
- Thank you to the Classified Staff, the PTO, the Student Body and the Administration for treating our teachers with special teacher appreciation recognition all week long.
- Thank you to our Administrative Professionals Jen Berry and Jeanie Pehlke for their gracious support of our students and staff.
- The district is extremely 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 Inductee Owen Christiansen.
- Thank you to Gerald Casper and current NHS members for organizing the Induction Ceremony.
- We would like to extend our sincerest appreciation to the Prevention program for generously funding last month's Missoula Children's Theater. Without the Prevention's sponsorship, this program would not be possible.
- Thank you District Budget Committee members Ron Holmes, Lisa Kaseberg, DeeAnn Ramos, Johnathan Rolfe, and Ted von Borstel, for your service to our District and students.
- Special thanks to all of 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.
- Thank you Jenn Bomberger, Gail Gunderson, Connie Martin, Jeanie Pehlke and the Scholarship Committee for support of our seniors and past graduates.
- The Athletic Foundation for their continued support of the Sherman County School District and repairing the clips on the tennis court fence.
- Bank of Eastern Oregon for presenting the Teaching Kids to Save program to the Kindergarten through third grades.
- Prom this year was a fantastic event. A big thank you to The Dalles Civic Auditorium for use of the building. Thank you Junior Class Advisors, Kevin Stuart and Tim Zacharias and Alyssa Hill for organizing the event with Maupin. Thank you Tionie Kock, Amber Riley and Mike Somnis for chaperoning.
- Tyler Dearborn for leading Gaming Club for the year.
- Kristie Coelsch, Todd Coles, Tyler Dearborn, Jill Harrison, Gary Lewis, Ron McDermid, Kim McKinney, Ken Melzer, Mark Mobley, Chris Moore, DeeAnn Ramos, Samantha R-Smith, and Jon Simantle for volunteering at the home track meets.
- Nels Swenson for taking a group of students to FFA Leadership Camp.

- Jen Berry and Deanna Christiansen for organizing the Pinewood Derby, the Sherman Development League for the grant to purchase a new track, Amy Asher and the Prevention Program for helping support the event, and Evan Christiansen and Justin and Amanda Payne for donating their time to build the new track and run the races.
- Andrew Pflaum for coordinating 6th grade Outdoor School and Abbey Phelps for chaperoning the 6th graders on the bus to Outdoor School.
- The Sherman County Historical Museum for hosting our 2nd grade class on a field trip and Liz Cranston, Elaine Melzer, Kalie Rolfe, and Zeena Weedman for chaperoning.
- Talese Slay for coordinating the cabbage planting field trip for the 3rd grade class, Jeremy Lanthorn, Sherrie Slay-Martin, and Deanna Wooderson for chaperoning, and Susan Mobley for hosting them.
- Deputy Burgett for presenting Marine Safety to all of our students.
- Susan Mobley for taking the 4th graders to plant trees at Deschutes Park and Jeremy Lanthorn, Scott Peters, Sue Smith, and Jennifer Volker for chaperoning.
- Gary Lewis for coordinating Jump Rope for Heart for the Kinder-6th graders.
- Deidra von Borstel and the Leadership class for organizing Mr. Husky and Tim Zacharias for announcing at the event.
- John Gronberg for a wonderful performance at the K-12 Spring Program.
- Oregon 4H for presenting the OSU Sherman County Extension and the SKORE Afterschool Program with the Excellence in Afterschool Programming Award.
- Tom and Nancy McCoy for the donation of a saxophone to the music program.
- The many volunteers that assisted with the District Track Meet.
- Nels and Amedy Swenson for hosting a wonderful FFA Banquet. All of the students involved in putting on a professional FFA Banquet. Tim Zacharias for taking pictures at the FFA Banquet. The Booster Club for dinner supplies and Heidi Baker, Shannon Moe, and DeeAnn Ramos for dinner preparation. Chris Kaseberg and Jess Stutzman for cooking a delicious tri-tip. FFA members for building and donating items for the auction. Bob's Texas T-Bone, The Bulldog Diner, Debbie Bird, BJ Brant, Renay Cunningham, Abbey Phelps, McDonald's in The Dalles, MCGG, MCP Farm Store, JTI and Rufus Family Market for donating auction items. All of the families and guests that joined us and purchased items.

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.

Student Body Report

Luke Martin presented the Student Body Report. He discussed recent events including Mr. Husky and Teacher Appreciation Week. He announced to the board that they ordered a new husky mascot and thanked Sherman County Prevention as they helped with the purchase.

Invitation to Graduation

Samantha Lepinski and Emma Stutzman formally invited the board to the Seniors Awards Night and Graduation. They handed each board member an invitation to Graduation.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Business

- Approved Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on April 8, 2019.
- Approved Bill Listing, Financial Statement.

Personnel

- Approved Retire/Rehire Contract for Tim Zacharias
- Approved Retire/Rehire Contract for Gary Lewis
- Approved Retire/Rehire Job-Share Contract for Cindie King
- Approved Job-Share Contract for Susan Mobley
- Approved Retire/Rehire Contract for Shannon Hansen

Motion by Director von Borstel with second from Director Stutzman to adopt the consent agenda as presented. **Vote:** 5 in Favor (Coelsch, Martin, Stutzman, Susi, von Borstel) **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Owens noted that we recently celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week and Administrative Professional's Day and he thanked the certified and administrative staff. He updated the board on student enrollment. He announced that the Budget Committee approved the 2019-20 budget and thanked the budget committee and Kim McKinney for their work on the budget development process. He also stated that the Senate passed HB 3427 (Student Success Act) and this could mean additional funding for the school. Superintendent Owens discussed the ORTli Spring Conference and noted that teachers continue to have regular team meetings. He and Jessianne Miller had a meeting with ODE regarding Student Success (Measure 98) to present the District Plan and they are waiting for approval. He also met with ODE staff regarding the District CIP Plan. Superintendent Owens updated the board on the current job postings and discussed recent public records requests that the district has been receiving along with other districts in Oregon. He noted that he reported to the County Court on April 17. He gave an update on school signage. He reviewed the recent Hall of Honor Board meeting and noted that they have selected four individuals and one team. He also explained that "From One-Room Schools to One Campus" will be part of the Hall of Honor celebration. He also shared a story about a past recipient. He discussed the presentation of diplomas at the graduation ceremony.

K-12 Administrator Report

Principal Somnis was assisting with the track meet and not able to give his report. Superintendent Owens offered to answer questions the board had.

Athletic Director Report

Athletic Director Somnis was assisting with the track meet and not able to give his report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

2019-20 Budget Committee Update

Superintendent Owens gave an update during his superintendent report and noted that the board will have the opportunity to adopt the 2019-20 Budget at the June board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Social Science Textbook Adoption

The board was presented with the textbook materials and time was given for the board to review them. The materials will be in the library for the community to come in and review as well. The board will make the adoption at the June board meeting.

Interdistrict and Non-Resident Student Transfer Requests

Superintendent Owens explained that there are a few students that require interdistrict transfers with North Wasco County School District. The proper paperwork is in order and the two districts will continue with the transfers.

James Weir Memorial Trust Scholarship Applications

Superintendent Owens noted that we are fortunate to have such great support from many constituents in our community. The James Weir Memorial Trust has supported our students in many ways such as technology, the new greenhouse, and scholarship money for previous and current students going to a trade school. The board reviewed applications submitted by four students. Superintendent Owens explained that there is \$8000 budgeted for the year and he recommended not using all \$8000 as there may be students or former graduates who apply later. The board discussed the applications and decided to award the four applicants \$1200 each.

Motion by Vice Chair Martin with second from Director von Borstel to give the four James Weir Memorial Trust Scholarship applicants \$1200. **Vote:** 5 in Favor (Coelsch, Martin, Stutzman, Susi, von Borstel) **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

Greenhouse Placement Options

Superintendent Owens discussed with the board a possible greenhouse placement where the retired tennis courts are located. He thanked the James Weir Memorial Trust for their support on this project.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

No comments from visitors.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, CLOSING COMMENTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Budget Adoption
- Textbook Adoption

NEXT MEETING

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Coelsch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Chair, Kristie Coelsch

Board Secretary, Jen Berry