

**SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
August 12, 2019**

The Board of Directors of Sherman County School District met in the Sherman County School/Public Library Meeting Room in Moro, Oregon on August 12, 2019. The following were present: Chair, Kristie Coelsch; Vice Chair, Jesse Stutzman; Director, Paul Bish; Director, Scott Susi; Director, Jeremy Lanthorn; Superintendent, Wes Owens; Principal, Mike Somnis; Business Manager, Kim McKinney; Board Secretary, Jen Berry; Staff Member, Gerald Casper.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN**

**Motion** by Vice Chair Stutzman with second from Director Bish to approve the board meeting agenda for this August 12, 2019 meeting as presented. **Vote:** 5 in Favor (Coelsch, Stutzman, Bish, Susi, Lanthorn) **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

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

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Coelsch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag at 6:02 p.m. and thanked everyone for coming.

**APPROVE BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

An opportunity was given to make changes to the presented Regular Board Meeting Agenda for this August 12, 2019 meeting. No changes were made.

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**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS**

No comments from visitors.

**PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS**

**Recognition of Students, Staff, and Community Members**

Superintendent Owens said that 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.

- Gerald Casper for his continued technology support during the summer.

- To Isaac Aldrich, Garak Casper, Bruce and Synoma Olsen, and Craig Wood for their dedicated service in the custodial/maintenance/grounds keeping department in getting our school ready for the new year.
- Jen Berry, Tionie Kock, Kim McKinney, Kari Peters and Mike Somnis for their efforts to prepare for the 2019-20 school year.
- Jenn Bomberger and Mike Somnis for their work developing the 2019-20 7-12 class schedule.
- Tim Zacharias for developing and carrying out the summer school credit recovery program.
- Thank you to the Athletic Foundation for their generous donation of \$2500, half of the cost for the outdoor championship signs.
- Deanna Christiansen, Marylou Martin, Abbey Phelps, and Natasha Sandquist for their organization and coordination of the various summer library programs.
- Karissa Gorham for putting on the summer volleyball camp.

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.

### **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Business**

- Approved Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on July 1, 2019
- Approved Bill Listing, Financial Statement

#### **Personnel**

- Approve 2019-20 Contract for Jen Berry, Confidential Employee
- Approve 2019-20 Contract for Tionie Kock, .5 Confidential Employee
- Approve 2019-20 Contract for Kim McKinney, Business Manager
- Approve 2019-20 Contract for Kari Peters, .5 Confidential Employee
- Approve Contract for Mike Somnis, Principal
- Approve final hire of Jessie Flynn, .94 Instructional Assistant
- Approve hire of Mike Somnis, Head Football Coach
- Approve hire of Steve Bird, Assistant Football Coach
- Approve hire of Kyle Blagg, Assistant Football Coach
- Approve hire of Gary Lewis, Middle School Head Football Coach
- Approve hire of MJ Walker, Middle School Assistant Football Coach
- Approve hire of Karissa Gorham, Head Volleyball Coach
- Approve hire of Julie Justesen, Assistant Volleyball Coach
- Approve hire of Kari Peters, Middle School Volleyball Coach
- Approve hire of Kristen Stuart, Middle School Assistant Volleyball Coach

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

## **REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

### **Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Owens' expressed his appreciation to the staff for their work over the summer getting the 2019-20 school year ready as well as the library for their community programs. He discussed the implementation and training for Synergy, the new school information system. He updated the board on current postings and recent NCESD hires for the SPED program, shared the staff in-service schedule and letter, discussed upcoming safety committee trainings and meetings, and advised that the adopted social science textbooks have arrived. He noted that Business Manager McKinney attended the Oregon Association of School Business Officials conference and he attended the Confederation of Oregon School Administrators conference. He reviewed upcoming events including Back to School Night (August 29 at 6:30) and the Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony (October 19). He advised board members that emails will be assigned to them and further instruction will be given. He announced that he will be implementing a Health and Wellness focus for staff development this year.

### **K-12 Principal Report**

Principal Somnis advised that registration for the 2019-20 school year will open on Monday, August 19 and athletic registration is currently open. He thanked the office staff for their work over the summer. He also noted that the 4H Extension Office held drama camp at the school last week.

### **Athletic Director Report**

Athletic Director Mike Somnis discussed the start of fall sports practice. He noted that he and Athletic Secretary Kari Peters will be attending the OSAA workshop later this week and the first AD's meeting will be Wednesday, August 14 following the workshop. He announced that high school sports schedules are complete and middle school schedules will be out later this week. He also discussed participation numbers.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony – October 19, 2019**

Superintendent Owens noted that the Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony will be held on October 19, 2019, this is the Saturday after Homecoming. Dinner will start at 5:30 and the events begins at 6:00. He thanked Jeremy Lanthorn for volunteering to taking pictures at the event.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2018-2021 Strategic Plan Review**

The strategic plan was included in the board packet. Superintendent Owens encouraged the board members to review it as the new year approaches. He also noted that the state may be requiring an additional strategic plan for Student Success Act funding.

### **Draft of 2019-20 7-12 Class Master Schedule**

A draft of the 2019-20 school year 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade master schedule was presented to the board by Principal Somnis.

### **Supervision and Office Structure**

Superintendent Owens shared that with the addition of Smantha R-Smith in the PBIS/ORTli position the office structure has changed slightly. Her office will be located across the hall from

the Elementary Office to provide additional support. Speech will move to the SKORE room for a more private location. The current elementary admin office will remain in it's current location and will be shared by Superintendent Owens, Principal Somnis, and Samanthat R-Smith.

**Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI)'s Initial Non-Violent Crisis Intervention (NCI) Training Information**

Superintendent Owens shared that the district will have four staff members that have completed this training on proper use of restraint.

**Board Training Work Session**

Superintendent Owens shared potential trainings that the board could participate in. He asked the board members to review the trainings and noted that further discussion will take place at the next board meeting.

**COMMENTS FROM VISITORS**

No comments from visitors were received.

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

\*Board Training

**NEXT MEETING**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for September 9, 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Coelsch declared the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Chair, Kristie Coelsch

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Board Secretary, Jen Berry