

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

The Board of Directors of Sherman County School District met in the Sherman County Public/School Library Meeting Room in Moro, Oregon on November 12, 2019. The following were present: Chair, Kristie Coelsch; Vice Chair, Jesse Stutzman; Directors: Paul Bish, Jeremy Lanthorn, Scott Susi; Superintendent, Wes Owens; Principal, Mike Somnis; Business Manager, Kim McKinney; Board Secretary, Jen Berry; Staff: Gerald Casper, Tyler Dearborn, Amy Huffman, Ashley Macnab, Samantha R-Smith, and Tim Zacharias; Students: Koby Berry, Maddie Berry, Dazonique Brown, Brogan Carder, J'thaniel Clark, Darien Davis, Sophie Hulke, Lilly Walker, Caiden Walker and Pyeper Walker; Visitors: Ken Berry, Devin Carder, Julie Forderer, Austin and Sierra Greenfield, Brian and Kimberly Hulke, Jesse and Kristen Labenske, Kris Melzer, Alli Miles, Carrie Somnis, MJ Walker.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN**

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

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

**Motion** by Vice Chair Stutzman with second from Director Susi to continue \$300 per month for the remainder of the preschool lease contract. **Vote:** 5 in Favor (Bish, Coelsch, Lanthorn, Stutzman, Susi) **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair, Kristie Coelsch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag at 6:00 p.m. and thanked everyone for coming.

**Approve Board Meeting Agenda**

Board Members were given an opportunity to make changes to the Agenda for this November 12, 2019 meeting. It was agreed upon to move agenda item 6.1 Preschool Rent Reduction and Presentation to 5.4.

**Motion** by Vice Chair Stutzman with second from Director Bish to approve the agenda for this November 12, 2019 meeting as amended. **Vote:** 5 in Favor (Bish, Coelsch, Lanthorn, Stutzman, Susi) **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.

- Thank you to the teachers who nominated the Students of the Quarter Awards tonight. This is a great honor for recipients Koby Berry, Daisy Brown, Brogan Carder, Sophie Hulke, and Lilly Walker.
- A special thank you to DeaAnn Ramos, Molly Belshe, Jen Berry, Gerald Casper, Dan and Jeanie Funkhouser, Chris Kaseberg, Tionie Kock, Jeremy Lanthorn, Gary Shelton, Nels Swenson, and Craig Wood for their cooperative efforts setting up and coordinating the Hall of Honor event.
- In addition thank you to Valeria Ambriz, Sawyer Baker, Jeremy Ballesteros, Debbie Bird, Tyler Bledsoe, Deanna Christiansen, Dean Dark, Gail Gunderson, Jessica Kaseberg-Ball, Liz Kennedy, Gary Lewis, Joey Ramos, Jon Ramos, Patrick Ramos, Catherine Rhodes, Heidi Rhodes-Baker, Niaomi Thibodeau, and Chelsey Woods.
- Kim McKinney and Patti Fields for taking tickets at the Hall of Honor event.
- Thank you to FFA students Aurora Baker, Harmany Bledsoe, Daisy Brown, Darian Davis, Cali Johnson, Kole Martin, Joseph Ramos, Patrick Ramos, Catherine Rhdoes, and Dillan Stanfield for their help during the Hall of Honor event.
- Thank you to National Honor Society members Owen Christiansen and Darian Davis for their help during the Hall of Honor event.
- Thank you to all of the designated Speakers at the Hall of Honor Ceremony; Jean Anderson, Kyle Blagg, Kevin Coelsch, Joe Justesen, Brett Kaseberg, Twila Kaseberg, Linda Krafsic, Bill Macnab, Nancy McCoy, Gary Shelton and Ron Townsend.
- The Booster Club for their support of the Hall of Honor program.
- The Hall of Honor Board for their work selecting inductees into the Hall of Honor.
- Thank you to everyone that donated food items to the Hall of Honor dinner.
- John Gronberg and the Sherman County Concert Band for their performance during the Hall of Honor event.
- To all of the parents and guardians who attended the Parent-Teacher Conferences.
- High School volleyball coaches Karissa Gorham and Julie Justesen.
- Football coaches Mike Somnis, Steve Bird, Kyle Blagg and Joe Colby.
- Jr. High football coaches Gary Lewis and MJ Walker.
- Jr. High volleyball coaches Kari Peters and Kristen Stuart.
- Jeremy Lanthorn for taking sports photos for the yearbook.
- Sherman County Sheriff's Department for their continued support and partnership.
- Gerald Casper, Tionie Kock, Heidi Rhodes-Baker, Talese Slay, and Mike Somnis for chaperoning the homecoming dance and Deidra von Borstel for organizing the evening.
- Special thanks to the Elementary PTO and the Booster Club for providing dinner for school staff during parent teacher conferences.
- SCHoLaRs! program volunteers: Terri Bibby, Cindy Brown, Sheri Carlson, Krista Coelsch, Vada DeMoss, Cindy Heater-Judah, Doris Hubbard, Patti Ketchum, Connie Powell, Carol

Sather, Nancy Simpson, Linda Thompson, and Karen Umemoto. The SCHoLaRs! program is led by Janet Pinkerton.

- Thank you Deidra von Borstel and the leadership class for coordinating all of the fun activities for homecoming.
- Sherman County Fire Department and Sheriff's Office for their support during the bon fire.
- Tim Zacharias for his work supporting students at Husky Helping Hands and for publishing the Sherman County School Newsletter.
- Anna Alley, Emily Bailey, Darlene Cook, Amber DeGrange, Sierra Greenfield, Audrey Rooney, Heather Thompson, and Deanna Wooderson for chaperoning the Kindergarten field trip to the pumpkin patch.
- Tessa Bibby, Alex Devlaeminck, Kayla Ingram, Kristy LaVine, Kelsi Phillips, and Lacey Vaughn for chaperoning the 1st grade field trip to release fish at Skoro's Pond.
- The Sherman PTO and all of the volunteers for putting on Trunk 'r' Treat for our elementary students.
- Terri Bibby, Lynn Bird, Cali Johnson, Marie Keuttel, Ree Ella von Borstel for judging at the Costume Parade.
- Cindie King and Susan Mobley for hosting 4th grade Read n' Rec night.
- Nancy Drinkard for donating a flute to the music program.
- The Scholarship Association Committee for all the work they do supporting our students.

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.

### **Students of the First Quarter**

Koby Berry, Daisy Brown, Brogan Carder, Sophie Hulke, and Lilly Walker were honored as Students of the First Quarter and each received a plaque. Awards were presented by Tyler Dearborn, Amy Huffman, Ashley Macnab, Mike Somnis, and Tim Zacharias.

### **Student Body Report**

Darian Davis, the ASB Vice President, presented the student body report. He reported that they are currently working on a fundraiser for the homeless in Sherman County.

## **ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Business**

- ✓ Approved Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting, October 14, 2019 as presented.
- ✓ Approved Bill Listing, Financial Statement as presented.

### **Personnel**

- ✓ Approved hire of Steve Bird, Head High School Girls Basketball
- ✓ Approved hire of Gary Lewis, Head High School Boys Basketball
- ✓ Approved hire of Samantha Roberts-Smith, A Girls Basketball
- ✓ Approved hire of Kari Peters, B Girls Basketball
- ✓ Approved hire of Rick Whitaker, A Boys Basketball
- ✓ Approved hire of Amber Riley, Temporary Title 1 Teacher

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

#### **Preschool Rent Reduction and Presentation**

Superintendent Owens presented Carrie Somnis, the Preschool Director, a check made out to the preschool for taking tickets at the sporting events. Mrs. Somnis began by sharing that parents have fully embraced the location of the preschool moving to this building and noted the parent's and staff's appreciation. She discussed fundraisers that the preschool is involved with in order to raise money for the program and reviewed the preschool's expenses. The board discussed student capacity and staffing with Mrs. Somnis. It was noted that last year's rent reduction was approved for one year and it is time to review this agreement and decide how the board would like to proceed. The board discussed the lease agreement and decided to continue the current contract at \$300/month.

**Motion** by Vice Chair Stutzman with second from Director Susi to continue \$300 per month for the remainder of the preschool lease contract. **Vote:** 5 in Favor (Bish, Coelsch, Lanthorn, Stutzman, Susi) **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Superintendent Report**

Superintendent Owens began his report with an update on district enrollment, parent teacher conference attendance, and the student success act community engagement survey. He discussed upcoming trainings including CPR/First Aid/AED and ORTli. He thanked Samantha R-Smith for her support of the Title 1 position. He reported on reunification plan updates and the recent superintendent's meeting that was held here at the Sherman County School that included Arlingotn, Condon, Dufur, South Wasco County and NCESD.

#### **Sherman County School K-12 Administrator Report**

Principal Somnis presented and explained the state report card and test scores. He shared that the SKORE program has been in full swing for a few weeks and listed the activities available within the program. Mr. Somnis also noted upcoming events including CPR/First Aid training for staff and the OMSI Portable Planetarium that will visit the Elementary School this Friday.

#### **Athletic Director Report**

AD Somnis discussed a recent meeting that created new leagues and he explained to the board the changes that affected Sherman. Basketball practice starts next week on a staggered schedule with High School starting on Monday and Middle School starting on Tuesday. He discussed participation numbers for basketball and noted that schedules are set.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### **Update from OSBA Fall Regional Meeting**

Superintendent Owens thanked Chair Coelsch and Director Lanthorn for attending. He reported that the Student Success Act was the main point of discussion at the OSBA Fall Regional Meeting. Chair Coelsch noted from the meeting that all board members are mandatory reporters and stated that a board training on this topic would be beneficial.

### **Student Success Act Survey**

Superintendent Owens gave the board a copy of the community engagement student success act survey and explained that the district is conducting the survey as part of the required student success act process.

### **Continuous Improvement Process Update**

Superintendent Owens noted that the CIP (Continuous Improvement Process) has been submitted and he is now waiting for feedback from the state.

### **Transportation Co-op Update**

Superintendent Owens noted that a transportation co-op was discussed today at the Superintendent's meeting. He explained that all districts are struggling with transportation issues such as hiring bus drivers and mandatory training. The process of creating a co-op is very involved and ideas were discussed amongst the Superintendent's on ways to make it work. Superintendent Owens received information regarding Sherman County School District's ownership of the Wasco Bus Barn and he will be discussing this information with the Superintendent's and the state as they continue working on a possible co-op or beginning an independent transportation system. He will have more information on this at the next meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Policy Update**

The board reviewed policies GBEBA, GBNA, GBNA-AR, JECB, JECB-AR(1), IGBBC, IGBBC-AR, KL, KL-AR(1), IKF, ECACB, GCDA/GDDA, GCDA/GDDA-AR, and IICC for a first reading. They will be read at the next meeting for a second time.

### **District Tractor Purchasing Process**

Superintendent Owens thanked Business Manager Kim McKinney and Head Custodian Craig Wood for researching the purchase of a tractor. Superintendent Owens presented a comparison of the options and why the decision was made to purchase the Case IH 75A Utility tractor.

### **Statements, Values and Priorities 2109-20**

The 2019-20 Statements, Values and Priorities was presented to the board by Superintendent Owens.

### **COMMENTS FROM VISITORS**

No comments from visitors were received.

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

- **Student Transportation Options**
- **Board Training – Mandatory Reporters**
- **Policy Update**

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next Regular School Board Meeting will be Monday, December 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Coelsch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

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Chair, Kristie Coelsch

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Board Secretary, Jen Berry