

**SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 13, 2020**

The Board of Directors of Sherman County School District met in the Sherman County Public/School Library Meeting Room in Moro, Oregon on January 13, 2020. The following were present: Chair, Kristie Coelsch (arrived at 6:48 from basketball game in Hood River); Vice Chair, Jesse Stutzman (presided over meeting); Directors: Paul Bish, Jeremy Lanthorn, and Scott Susi; Superintendent, Wes Owens, Principal, Mike Somnis; Business Manager, Kim McKinney; Board Secretary, Jen Berry; Staff: Gerald Casper; Students: Cadence Smith; Visitors: Joe and Jeanie Dabulskis.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN

Motion by Director Lanthorn with second from Director Bish to approve the agenda for this January 13, 2020 meeting as presented. **Vote:** 4 in Favor (Bish, Lanthorn, Stutzman, Susi) 1 Absent (Coelsch) **Action:** The motion carried.

Motion by Director Susi with second from Director Bish to adopt the consent agenda as presented. **Vote:** 4 in Favor (Bish, Lanthorn Stutzman, Susi) 1 Absent (Coelsch) **Action:** The motion carried.

Motion by Director Lanthorn with second from Director Susi to approve policies IGBA, IGBAG-AR, IGBAH, IGBAJ, IGBAJ-AR, JHCD/JHCDA-AR, JBA/GBN, GBN/JBA, GBN/JBA-AR, JBA/GBN-AR, JHFF. **Vote:** 4 in Favor (Bish, Lanthorn, Stutzman, Susi) 1 Absent (Coelsch) **Action:** The motion carried.

Motion by Chair Coelsch with second from Director Bish to accept the Local Service Plan with the North Central ESD. **Vote:** 5 in Favor (Bish, Coelsch, Lanthorn, Stutzman, Susi) **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Chair Coelsch with second from Director Susi to accept the budget calendar for 2020-21. **Vote:** 5 in Favor (Bish, Coelsch, Lanthorn, Stutzman, Susi) **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Director Bish with second from Chair Coelsch to approve the Corrective Action Plan for the Secretary of State. **Vote:** 5 in Favor (Bish, Coelsch, Lanthorn, Stutzman, Susi) **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Chair Coelsch with second from Director Lanthorn to accept policies BBAA, GBDA (Delete), GBDA (Replace), GBH/JECAC, JECAC/GBH, IGDJ, IKF-AR, JECF (Delete), JECF (Replace), JECF-AR, JFCF, JFCF-AR. **Vote:** 5 in Favor (Bish, Coelsch, Lanthorn, Stutzman, Susi) **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair, Jesse Stutzman presided over the meeting and began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag at 6:02 p.m.

Approve Board Meeting Agenda

Board Members were given an opportunity to make changes to the Agenda for this January 13, 2020 meeting. No changes were made.

Motion by Director Lanthorn with second from Director Bish to approve the agenda for this January 13, 2020 meeting as presented. **Vote:** 4 in Favor (Bish, Lanthorn, Stutzman, Susi) 1 Absent (Coelsch) **Action:** The motion carried.

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.

- January is School Board Appreciation Month. On behalf of all the students and staff in the Sherman County School District, we want to thank our dedicated school board members!
- Ron McDermid for coordinating the Junior Hoops Program.
- Samantha Roberts-Smith and Rick Whitaker for helping with the clock and scoreboard at the Spray/Mitchell varsity basketball games.
- Deidra von Borstel and the leadership class for organizing several holiday activities for our students and staff including; dress-up days, a locker decorating contest, and a door decorating contest.
- Cindie King for her work with the K-6 Leadership group and all the activities they organize for our students.
- Education Foundation for their support and continuous organizational work.
- Booster Club and the PTO for their support of our students.
- Sherman County Athletic Foundation for their support of the North Playing Field development.
- Ron Mobley and Mobley Fencing for the installation of the fencing around the North Playing Field.
- Kristie Coelsch for the donation of coats to the elementary students.
- John Gronberg for coordinating a festive Winter Program and Doug Rhinehart for being our special guest.
- K-6 teachers for their support with the winter program.
- Samantha R-Smith for her support supervising students during the winter program.
- All of the teachers and parents that helped with winter celebrations in the classrooms.
- Gerald Casper and National Honor Society members for presenting the NHS Induction Ceremony. Congratulations to Izabella M. and Lindsey J. for their induction into the National Honor Society.

- Tionie Kock for her organization of the Staff Holiday Celebration.
- ODOT and County Road Department for the continued road support and communication.
- County Court for the support to 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.

School Board Appreciation Month

Superintendent Owens expressed his sincere appreciation to the members of the board and presented each of them with a certificate and a small gift. The elementary student council and high school leadership decorated the board room and wrote thank you notes to the board members.

Student Body Report

Cadence Smith, the Freshman Class President, presented the student body report. She thanked the school board for their service and reviewed upcoming events including the winter formal and the hygiene hustle.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Business

- ✓ Approved Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting, December 9, 2019 as presented.
- ✓ Approved Bill Listing, Financial Statement as presented.

Personnel

- ✓ Approved hire of Carrie Somnis, High School Track Coach
- ✓ Approved hire of Ethan Moore, .5 Assistant High School Track Coach
- ✓ Approved hire of Jessianne Miller, .5 Assistant High School Track Coach
- ✓ Approved hire of Samantha Roberts-Smith, Jr. High School Track Coach
- ✓ Approved hire of Joe Justesen, High School Baseball Coach
- ✓ Approved hire of Deidra von Borstel, High School Tennis Coach

Motion by Director Susi with second from Director Bish to adopt the consent agenda as presented. **Vote:** 4 in Favor (Bish, Lanthorn Stutzman, Susi) 1 Absent (Coelsch) **Action:** The motion carried.

REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS

County Court Report

Superintendent Owens thanked Judge Dabulskis for presenting and his support of the district.

Judge Dabulskis expressed his thanks to past County Commissioners for the work they did in regards to the SIP agreements which directly supports the school and the community. He expressed his enjoyment of the holiday program and the costume parade. Judge Dabulskis then reviewed current county court projects including repair of the Sherman County Public/School Library windows, replacement of all windows in the Burnet building, fiber to homes in communities and internet improvement in rural areas, a regional stabilization center, Center for

Living Director, Court Assistant, weed policy updates, meeting with senators regarding land use and Cap and Trade tax, employment in the county, SIP agreement for Golden Hills, county auction sales, and Biggs Water District approval. He noted that in the next Citizen Reporter the community will be asked where they would like to see the county in the future and encouraged everyone to respond.

Vice Chair Stutzman thanked Judge Dabulskis and the County Court for their support. Superintendent Owens thanked him for the county's support for mental health needs in the district.

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Owens updated the board on current enrollment and thanked the county court for SIP funds and all their work. He discussed district job description updates, the Student Investment Account application process, upcoming negotiations with the Sherman County Education Association, recent Safety Committee meeting, upcoming County Court report, Center for Living mental health position interviews, the Small School Coalition meeting, North Central ESD Superintendent meeting, and a water rights update.

Sherman County School K-12 Administrator Report

Principal Somnis did not present a K-12 Administrator report.

Athletic Director Report

Athletic Director Somnis discussed fall sport leagues and schedules. He also noted that league changes will bring a revamp to Jr. High schedules.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Second Reading of Policies

Policies IGBA, IGBAG-AR, IGBAH, IGBAJ, IGBAJ-AR, JHCD/JHCDA-AR, JBA/GBN, GBN/JBA, GBN/JBA-AR, JBA/GBN-AR, JHFF were reviewed and discussed for a second reading.

Motion by Director Lanthorn with second from Director Susi to approve policies IGBA, IGBAG-AR, IGBAH, IGBAJ, IGBAJ-AR, JHCD/JHCDA-AR, JBA/GBN, GBN/JBA, GBN/JBA-AR, JBA/GBN-AR, JHFF.

Vote: 4 in Favor (Bish, Lanthorn, Stutzman, Susi) 1 Absent (Coelsch) **Action:** The motion carried.

Student Success Act Survey Results

Superintendent Owens informed the board that the results of the Student Success Act Community Engagement Survey have been posted on the district website. Based on the survey results, ideas will be developed for the best use of the funds and brought to the board at a future meeting for discussion. Staff and community members will also be able to weigh in on future decisions.

Student Transportation

Superintendent Owens stated that the Small School Coalition has continued student transportation option discussions. He reminded the board that the Mid-Columbia Bus contract is up for renewal. He reviewed the options moving forward that were discussed at the last board meeting. The Small School Coalition will be meeting tomorrow, January 14, and there will be more information forthcoming. State transportation reimbursements were explained.

North Playing Field Fencing Update

Superintendent Owens thanked the Athletic Foundation and Mobley Fencing for their work on the North Playing Field fence. The baseball fencing has been installed and the outer fence is being discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Division 22 Assurances

Superintendent Owens announced that the district has reviewed all of the Division 22 Standards of the Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 581, Division 22 and is happy to publicly report to the community that Sherman County School District was in compliance with all of its standards for the 2018-19 School year. The board acknowledged the report.

Local Service Plan – North Central ESD

Superintendent Owens reviewed the Local Service Plan Resolution Services through North Central ESD with the board. He has appreciated the support from the NCESD and Superintendent Grotting.

Motion by Chair Coelsch with second from Director Bish to accept the Local Service Plan with the North Central ESD. **Vote:** 5 in Favor (Bish, Coelsch, Lanthorn, Stutzman, Susi) **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

Establish Budget Calendar 2020-21

Business Manager Kim McKinney reviewed the budget calendar with the board.

Motion by Chair Coelsch with second from Director Susi to accept the budget calendar for 2020-21. **Vote:** 5 in Favor (Bish, Coelsch, Lanthorn, Stutzman, Susi) **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

Accept Audit Report

Business Manager McKinney had previously given the board a copy of the audit report for their review. She offered to answer any questions from the report. She noted that the district received a clean report with the exception of the deficiency that is noted annually concerning segregation of duties due to limited employees.

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

Secretary of State Correspondence

Business Manager McKinney explained that there was a significant deficiency identified in the audit and a corrective action plans needs to be filed. The deficiency is one that is noted annually concerning segregation of duties due to limited employees. Business Manager McKinney presented a corrective action plan to the board that states the board will continually monitor the activities of the District to compensate for the control deficiency and will consider obtaining additional fidelity insurance coverage.

Motion by Director Bish with second from Chair Coelsch to approve the Corrective Action Plan for the Secretary of State. **Vote:** 5 in Favor (Bish, Coelsch, Lanthorn, Stutzman, Susi) **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

2020-21 School Calendar Drafts

Superintendent Owens explained the process of establishing the school calendar and thanked Gerald Casper for his work on it. He presented and discussed two drafts of the calendar with the board and reviewed the option of adding regional professional development days and alternative fall conference schedules. These will continue to be reviewed.

Track and Football Field Public Address System Upgrades

Superintendent Owens discussed upgrades to the track and football field public address system that will be completed this spring.

First Reading of Policies

The board reviewed policies BBAA, GBDA (Delete), GBDA (Replace), GBH/JECAC, JECAC/GBH, IGDJ, IKF-AR, JECF (Delete), JECF (Replace), JECF-AR, JFCF, JFCF-AR for a first reading.

Motion by Chair Coelsch with second from Director Lanthorn to accept policies BBAA, GBDA (Delete), GBDA (Replace), GBH/JECAC, JECAC/GBH, IGDJ, IKF-AR, JECF (Delete), JECF (Replace), JECF-AR, JFCF, JFCF-AR. **Vote:** 5 in Favor (Bish, Coelsch, Lanthorn, Stutzman, Susi) **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

No comments from visitors were received.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, CLOSING COMMENTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Student Transportation**
- **School Calendars**
- **Student Success Act Application Process**
- **North Playing Field**

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular School Board Meeting will be Monday, February 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Coelsch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Chair, Kristie Coelsch

Board Secretary, Jen Berry