

**SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 24, 2020**

The Board of Directors of Sherman County School District met in the Sherman County School/Public Library Meeting Room in Moro, Oregon on February 24, 2020. 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, Deanna Christiansen, Amy Huffman, Tionie Kock, and Ashley Macnab; Visitors: Josh Macnab, Drew Messenger, and Carrie Somnis.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN

Motion by Vice Chair Stutzman with second from Director Bish to approve the board meeting agenda for February 24, 2020 as amended. **Vote:** 5 in Favor (Bish, Coelsch, Lanthorn, Stutzman, Susi) **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 6:30 p.m.

APPROVE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

An opportunity was given to make changes to the presented Special Board Meeting Agenda for this February 24, 2020 meeting. An executive session pursuant to 192.660(2)(f) to consider records exempt by law from public inspection was added.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Coelsch called for an Executive Session at 6:32 p.m. pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated to carry on labor negotiations and 192.660(2)(f) to consider records exempt by law from public inspection.

Board Secretary Berry, Business Manager McKinney, Superintendent Owens and Principal Somnis were invited to attend the executive session.

Chair Coelsch adjourned the Executive Session at 7:03 p.m. and called the meeting back to Open Session at 7:04 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

No comments related to agenda items were received.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Student Investment Account Draft Plan, Budget, and Application

Superintendent Owens presented a three year draft plan for the Student Success Act. Feedback was given from the board and audience members. Refinements to this draft may be made before finalizing the plan at the next regular board meeting. The application is due April 15th.

Early Learning (Preschool) – Preschool Promise

Superintendent Owens thanked Preschool Director Carrie Somnis and expressed his gratitude for her work. He noted that they are considering Preschool Promise because the state is moving in this direction and options need to be considered to decide what's best for the kids.

The board reviewed and discussed four preschool structure scenarios and pros and cons for each that was put together by Director Somnis. Feedback was heard from audience members. She noted that the Preschool Promise application is due on April 2nd.

It was decided to have a joint meeting, (if that is what is decided by the preschool board), with the preschool board to continue discussions.

Oregon School Employees Association Chapter #120 Negotiations Update

Superintendent Owens thanked Representative Deanna Christiansen for attending. Initial meeting dates were discussed between Mrs. Christiansen and Board Representatives Bish and Stutzman. Vice Chair Stutzman thanked the classified staff for everything they do to support the students. Superintendent Owens noted that next week is classified appreciation week and also thanked the classified staff.

Sherman County Education Association Negotiations Update

Superintendent Owens thanked Representative Gerald Casper for attending. An initial meeting date was set for April 2nd at 3:30 with Board Representatives Lanthorn and Susi.

North Playing Field Fencing and Dugout Update

Superintendent Owens thanked the Athletic Foundation for all of their support. The field fencing has been installed around the ball field and he discussed the potential of a perimeter fence and accessibility. He presented maps and a quote of options. He explained that the Athletic Foundation will pay for half and noted that they will also fund two dugouts (one on each tax lot). The board discussed the safety of students and will revisit this topic at a future board meeting.

Annual Superintendent Evaluation Process

Superintendent Owens reminded board members of the board policy covering the Superintendent evaluation. He reviewed a variety of methods that have previously been used for evaluation. The board discussed and decided on an evaluation process and this will take place at the April board meeting.

District Student Transportation Options & Transportation and Negotiations Update between Sherman County School and Mid-Columbia Bus Co., Inc.

Superintendent Owens explained that he and Business Manager McKinney met with Mid-Columbia Bus Company Vice President Chuck Moore and Thyra Lepak to discuss a one year and

five year contract renewal. It was agreed during that meeting that Mid-Columbia Bus Company will have a one year and five year proposal to Superintendent Owens to present at the March board meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, CLOSING COMMENTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Student Success Act
- Preschool Promise (possible joint meeting)
- Certified and Classified Negotiations
- North Playing Field Fencing
- Superintendent Evaluation
- District Student Transportation
- Teacher Contract Renewals
- Interdistrict Transfer

NEXT MEETING

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. with a work session prior to the meeting to discuss Preschool Promise with the preschool board at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Coelsch declared the meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Chair, Kristie Coelsch

Board Secretary, Jen Berry