

Sherman County School District

Board of Directors Meeting

Public/School Library

65912 High School Loop

Moro, Oregon 97039



AGENDA

March 09, 2020

5:00 p.m. Joint Work Session with Sherman County Preschool Board of Directors | 6:00 p.m. Regular Meeting |
7:00 p.m. (Approximately) Executive Session

1.0 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

1.2 Approve Board Meeting Agenda, March 09, 2020

Joint Work Session – 5:00 pm

2.0 JOINT DISCUSSION WITH THE SHERMAN COUNTY PRESCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS RELATED TO THE PRESCHOOL PROMISE

Regular Board Meeting – approximately 6:00 pm

3.0 COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

(The Sherman County School District Board of Directors welcomes and encourages public comment and communication regarding District programs and policies. If you wish to speak, please place your name and the specific topic you wish to comment on prior to the meeting on the signup sheet on the counter near the entrance. Because time available is limited, there may be a time limit placed on each person who wishes to speak. The Chair has authority to keep order and to impose any reasonable restrictions necessary to conduct an efficient meeting. The Board reserves the right to delay discussion on any item presented until later in the meeting or at a subsequent meeting. Objective criticism of operations and programs will be heard but not complaints concerning specific personnel. Thank you.)

3.1 Audience Communications (Testimony related to agenda items.)

4.0 PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

4.1 Recognition of Students, Staff, and Community Members

4.2 Sherman Jr./Sr. High Student Body Report

4.3 FFA Presentation

5.0 ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

(All items adopted by a single motion unless pulled for consideration)

5.1 Business

5.1.1 Approve Regular School Board Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2020

5.1.2 Approve Special School Board Meeting Minutes for February 24, 2020

5.1.3 Approve Bill Listing/Financial Statement

5.2 Personnel

5.2.1 Approval of Recommendation for Certified Contract Renewals

5.2.2 Approval of K-12 Principal Contract

6.0 REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Superintendent Report – Wes Owens

6.2 Sherman County School K-12 Administrator Report – Mike Somnis

6.3 Athletic Director Report – Mike Somnis

6.4 Mid-Columbia Bus Company Contract Negotiations – Chuck Moore

7.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 7.1 School Calendar Drafts 2020-21
- 7.2 Approval of Student Success Act Plan Application
- 7.3 Preschool Promise
- 7.4 District Student Transportation
- 7.5 Mid-Columbia Bus Company Contract Negotiations
- 7.6 North Playing Field Fencing Project

8.0 NEW BUSINESS

- 8.1 Interdistrict Transfer Request
- 8.2 North Central Public Health District Coronavirus (COVID-19) Superintendent Meeting Updates
- 8.3 Regional/District Planning and Preparation
- 8.4 Digital-Based and Remote Learning Planning Steps

9.0 COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

- 9.1 Audience Communications (Testimony related to non-agenda items.)

Executive Session – approximately 7:00 pm

10.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 10.1 Pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(i) for the Annual Evaluation of the Superintendent

11.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, CLOSING COMMENTS AND NEXT STEPS

12.0 NEXT MEETING

- 12.1 Next regular board meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on April 13, 2020

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

The Board of Directors of Sherman County School District may address other matters as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors. If necessary, an Executive Session may be held in accordance with ORS 192.660

The Sherman County School District recognizes the diversity and worth of all individuals and groups. It is the policy of the Sherman County School District that there will be no discrimination or harassment of individuals or groups based on race, color religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, marital status, age, veterans' status, genetic information or disability in any educational programs, activities or employment.

American with Disabilities Act: Please contact Wes Owens at the district office at (541) 565-3500 if you need accommodation to participate. Please telephone at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting date. Thank you.

Public Participation in Board Meetings

All Board meetings, with the exception of executive sessions, will be open to the public. The Board invites district community members to attend Board meetings to become acquainted with the program and operation of the schools. Members of the public also are encouraged to share their ideas and opinions with the Board when appropriate.

It is the intent of the Board to ensure communications with individuals with disabilities are as effective as communications with others. Individuals with hearing, vision or speech impairments will be given an equal opportunity to participate in Board meetings. Primary consideration will be given to requests of qualified individuals with disabilities in selecting appropriate auxiliary aids¹ and services.

Auxiliary aids and services for persons with disabilities will be available at no charge to the individual. All auxiliary aids and/or service requests must be made with appropriate advance notice. Should the Board demonstrate such requests would result in a fundamental alteration in the service, program or activity or in undue financial and administrative burdens, alternative, equally effective means of communication will be used.

Audience

During an open session of a Board meeting, members of the public are specifically invited to present concerns during the designated portion of the agenda. At the discretion of the Board chair, further public participation may be allowed.

Request for an Item on the Agenda

A member of the public may request the superintendent place an item of concern on the agenda of a regular Board meeting. This request should be made in writing and presented to the superintendent for consideration at least five working days prior to the scheduled meeting.

Procedures for Public Participation in Meetings

The Board will establish procedures for public participation in open meetings. The purpose of these procedures will be to inform the public how to effectively participate in Board meetings for the best interests of the individual, the district and the patrons. The information will be easily accessible and available to all patrons attending a public Board meeting.

1. Discussion or presentation concerning a published agenda item is limited to its designated place on the agenda, unless otherwise authorized by the Board chair.
2. A visitor speaking during the meeting may introduce a topic not on the published agenda. The Board, at its discretion, may require that a proposal, inquiry or request be submitted in writing, and reserves the right to refer the matter to the administration for action or study.
3. Any person who is invited by the Board chair to speak to the Board during a meeting should state his/her name and address and, if speaking for an organization, the name and identity of the organization. A spokesperson should be designated to represent a group with a common purpose.
4. Statements by members of the public should be brief and concise. The Board chair may use discretion to establish a time limit on discussion or oral presentation by visitors.
5. Questions asked by the public, when possible, will be answered immediately by the Board chair or referred to staff members for reply. Questions requiring investigation may, at the discretion of the Board chair, be referred to the superintendent for response at a later time.
6. At the discretion of the Board chair, anyone wishing to speak before the Board, either as an individual or as a member of a group, on any agenda item or other topic, may do so by providing the Board secretary with a completed registration card prior to the Board meeting in order to allow the Board chair to provide adequate time for each agenda item.

The Board chair should be alert to see that all visitors have been acknowledged and thanked for their presence and especially for any contributed comments on agenda issues. Similar courtesy should be extended to members of staff who have been in attendance. Their return for future meetings should be welcomed.

Petitions

Petitions may be accepted at any Board meeting. No action will be taken in response to a petition before the next regular meeting. Petitions will be referred to the superintendent for consideration and recommendation.

Comments Regarding Staff Members

Speakers may offer objective criticism of school operations and programs. The Board will not hear comments regarding any individual district staff member. The Board chair will direct the visitor to the procedures in Board policy KL - Public Complaints for Board consideration of legitimate complaints involving a staff member. The association contract governing the employee's rights will be followed. A commendation involving a staff member should be sent to the superintendent, who will forward it to the employee, his/her supervisor (if applicable) and the Board.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 165.535](#) [ORS 165.540](#) [ORS 192.610](#) to [192.690](#) [ORS 332.057](#)

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101-12213 (2017); 29 C.F.R. Part 1630 (2017); 28 C.F.R. Part 35 (2017).

Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008.

Baca v. Moreno Valley Unified Sch. Dist., 936 F. Supp. 719 (C.D. Cal. 1996).

Leventhal v. Vista Unified Sch. Dist., 973 F. Supp. 951 (S.D. Cal. 1997).

Cross Reference(s):

BDDA - Notification of Board Meetings

KC - Community Involvement in Decision-Making

Auxiliary aids include, but are not limited to such services and devices as qualified interpreters, assistive listening systems, note takers, readers, taped texts, Brailled materials and large print.