

**SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 15, 2020**

The Board of Directors of Sherman County School District met in an open Hybrid/Virtual Meeting format on June 15, 2020. The following were present and met in the Sherman County School Cafeteria: Chair, Kristie Coelsch; Vice Chair, Jesse Stutzman; Directors: Paul Bish, Jeremy Lanthorn, and Scott Susi; Superintendent, Wes Owens; Business Manager, Kim McKinney; Staff: Gerald Casper. All others attended virtually: Principal, Mike Somnis; Board Secretary, Jen Berry; Staff: Tyler Dearborn, Amy Huffman and Ashley Macnab; Visitors: Liz Cranston and Larry Hactor.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN

Motion by Vice Chair Stutzman with second from Director Bish to approve the agenda for this June 15, 2020 meeting as presented. **Vote:** 5 in Favor (Bish, Coelsch, Lanthorn, Stutzman, Susi) **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

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Superintendent Owens thanked everyone for joining the Sherman County School District hybrid virtual board meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair, Kristie Coelsch opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:01 p.m. and thanked everyone for joining the meeting.

Approve Board Meeting Agenda

Board members were given an opportunity to make changes to the Agenda for this June 15, 2020 meeting. No changes were made.

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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 every teacher, staff member, board member, coach, Booster, and volunteer that made a commitment to support our wonderful students during the 2019-20 school year. The School Board and administration would also like to commend, honor, and express our sincerest gratitude to all Sherman County Students, Parents, Families, Staff, Community Partners, and the Class of 2020 for rising to the occasion during the last four months in a pivotal period in our school history.
- Congratulations to Renan Christiansen, Lindsey Jones, Jayden McLemore, Kaelex Peters, and Angel Olea for earning Student of the 4th Quarter honors.
- Darcy Henry, Sabrina Norris, Deanna Christiansen, and Debbie Bird for your assistance throughout the last four months preparing meals during COVID-19. In addition, thank you to all the staff members who delivered the meals to each town in the County for the past three months.
- Jeremy Lanthorn for photographing so many events throughout the school year.

- Jen Berry, Tionie Kock, and Kari Peters for their work organizing the K-12 Academic and Athletic Sports Award Programs and thank you to Mike Somnis, Cohen Burgett, Madison Cranston, Allison Rolfe, Levi Stradley, teachers and coaches who made presentations.
- Kari Peters, Jen Berry and Tionie Kock for getting all the award certificates out to students and families.
- Special thanks to the Sherman County Scholarship Association for their work supporting our graduates.
- Gail Gunderson and Tionie Kock for organizing an amazing graduation ceremony.
- Gail Gunderson, Tionie Kock, Gary Lewis, Samantha R-Smith, Mike Somnis and Deidra von Borstel for presenting and assisting throughout the 2020 graduation ceremony.
- Jennifer Bomberger-Hale, Gerald Casper, Tyler Dearborn, John Gronberg, Tionie Kock, Jessianne Miller, Kevin Stuart, Nels Swenson, and Tim Zacharias for cheering Sherman graduates down High School Loop.
- Garak Casper, Dean Dark, Gail Gunderson, Tionie Kock, Kari Peters, and Craig Wood for their work constructing and taking down the beautiful graduation backdrop.
- Tionie Kock for organizing the Summer Celebration Parade and the MANY staff members that participated.
- To everyone that assisted with the material check-in process.
- Sherman County Sheriff's Office and Kyle Pfeifer for escorting our seniors into the individual graduation ceremonies.
- Sherman County Road Department for providing a digital road sign for our graduation.
- Sherman County Sheriff's Office for providing support for our Staff Bike Trip and End of the Year Teacher Parade.
- Janet Pinkerton and all of the SCHoLaRs volunteers for the support of our students throughout the school year.
- Special thanks to Chris Moore and the Athletic Foundation for their continued support and working relationship.
- Gerald Casper for his ongoing technical support.
- Tyler Dearborn for organizing each staff and Board google meet meeting.
- Thank you to Craig Wood, Dean Dark and Garak Casper for doing all those things behind the scenes that are not glamorous, but need to be done.
- Synoma and Bruce Olson for their work on facility grounds.
- Mike Somnis for his eight years of service to the Sherman County School District. We wish him the best in his new position at Pendleton High School.
- Craig Wood for all that he does to keep our school running and for being completely dedicated to the District, staff, and 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.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Business

- ✓ Approved Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting, May 11, 2020 as presented.
- ✓ Approved Budget Committee Meeting Minutes from May 4, 2020 as presented.

- ✓ Approved Bill Listing, Financial Statement as presented.

Personnel

- ✓ Approved Final Hire of Liz Cranston, 1st Grade Teacher
- ✓ Approved Hire of Gary Lewis, 5-12 Athletic Director

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

REPORT AND PRESENTATIONS

Superintendent Report

Superintendent Owens thanked the community for their support throughout the closure. He updated the board on the 2020 graduation ceremony, staffing for the 20-21 school year, teacher evaluations, superintendents' meetings and school material check in.

Sherman County School K-12 Administrator Report/Athletic Report

Principal Somnis thanked everyone for his last three years at Sherman and the board thanked him for his service.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Oregon School Employees Association Chapter #120 Negotiations

Superintendent Owens explained that negotiations are still in a holding pattern as they wait for more information to come out on state funding.

Sherman County Education Association Negotiations Update

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Discussion of Adding Clubs and Activities During Current Funding and COVID-19 Situation

Superintendent Owens explained that the district was considering adding clubs and activities with Student Success Act funding. Due to uncertain funding and the reopening of school guidelines, the board agreed that this should be revisited once these factors are determined. The board also stated they have always supported adding opportunities for students. As we all know, this is an unusual time.

NEW BUSINESS

Approve Final Hire of Brittany Waggoner, K-12 Principal

Superintendent Owens recommended the final hire of Brittany Waggoner.

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2019-20 Budget Resolutions

Business Manager Kim McKinney explained five 2019-20 Budget Resolutions.

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2020-21 Board Meeting Dates and Times

The board reviewed the 2020-21 board meeting dates and time schedule. They discussed the July meeting and the start time of the meetings. It was decided to approve the schedule as presented. There may be changes in the summer board meeting dates and times due to COVID-19 and harvest.

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2020-21 Property and Liability Insurance

Superintendent Owens reported that the insurance agent we have used in the past, Mike McGowan, has started his own company. We always received excellent service from Mr. McGowan through the years. He is also extremely versed in public entity insurance and risk management with over 30 years of experience. The district would like to change the agent of record to Mike McGowan and OnCourse Insurance. Our property and liability insurance would still be with PACE. All we would be changing is our agent who represents us with PACE. It was also stated that numerous other regional school districts are changing to OnCourse Insurance.

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School Supply List Discussion

Superintendent Owens explained that the district is researching the option of purchasing school supplies for each student and charging parents a fee rather than having individuals purchase and bring their own. This could save money for parents as the district can purchase through a co-op. It would also create consistency, limit the spread of germs, and allow teachers to purchase exactly what the students/teachers need in a COVID-19 environment. Teachers and parents commented in support of this idea. The board supports the decision the teachers make.

Summer Facility Use

Superintendent Owens explained that the regional superintendents decided in unity to keep facilities closed through July 6. Discussions will take place to coordinate this with the Athletic Foundation. More guidance on this topic will be coming from OSAA and ODE. The facility will remain available for emergency services.

20-21 School Opening Guidance

Superintendent Owens shared information from the “Ready Schools, Safe Learners” guidance. This plan will be updated by ODE several times throughout the summer. Once the first revision is released the district will start a reopening plan and complete the Operational Blueprint for Reentry. Currently draft ideas have been discussed. A possible survey was discussed to gather

information from parents to allow them an opportunity to share their thoughts. Superintendent Owens will also be attending two guidance virtual meetings put on by ODE and COSA this week.

July Meeting Date

The board decided to leave the July meeting on the schedule and revise if necessary closer to the scheduled meeting date.

OPEN BUDGET HEARING

Chair Coelsch opened the Budget Hearing at 6:58 p.m.

Budget Updates

Business Manager Kim McKinney stated that there are no updates and no changes have been made. Further updates from the state are expected.

Receive Public Comment

No public comments were received.

Board Discussion

Board members noted state budget shortfalls and possible effects of this on the presented budget.

CLOSE BUDGET HEARING

Chair Coelsch closed the budget hearing at 7:01 p.m.

Budget Adjustments

No budget adjustments were made.

Adoption of 2020-21 Budget

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Adopt Resolutions Making Appropriations and Imposing and Categorizing Taxes

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS, CLOSING COMMENTS, AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- *Negotiations
- *Reopening Plan

NEXT MEETING

The next Regular School Board Meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Coelsch declared the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Chair, Kristie Coelsch

Board Secretary, Jen Berry

Chat Remarks

Amy Huffman

6:05 PM

Yes

Ashley Macnab

6:39 PM

Welcome!!

Ashley Macnab

7:05 PM

Thank you!!