

**SHERMAN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
September 14, 2020**

The Board of Directors of Sherman County School District met in an open Hybrid/Virtual Meeting format on September 14, 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; Principal, Brittany Waggoner, Business Manager, Kim McKinney; Board Secretary, Jen Berry; Staff Member, Gerald Casper. All others attended virtually; Staff: Tyler Dearborn, Cindie King, Tionie Kock, Gary Lewis, Ashley Macnab, Kari Peters, Kalie Rolfe; Visitors: Larry Hocter, Kara Lanthorn, Ryan Thompson.

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN**

**Motion** by Director Lanthorn with second from Vice Chair Stutzman to approve the agenda for this September 14, 2020 meeting 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 Bish 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 Lanthorn to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for Child Care. **Vote:** 5 in Favor (Bish, Coelsch, Lanthorn, Stutzman, Susi) **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

**Motion** by Vice Chair Stutzman with second from Director Bish to accept the policies as presented in the agenda. **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 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 September 14, 2020 meeting. No changes were made.

**Motion** by Director Lanthorn with second from Vice Chair Stutzman to approve the agenda for this September 14, 2020 meeting as presented. **Vote:** 5 in Favor (Bish, Coelsch, Lanthorn, Stutzman, Susi) **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

## COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

No comments from visitors.

## PRESENTATIONS/RECOGNITIONS

### Recognition of Students, Staff, and Community Members

Superintendent Owens noted that he would like to focus on our students, families, staff and school community. This has been a tough year in so many ways, but everyone in Sherman County has contributed in a positive way. We are so fortunate to have such a supportive community. We have experienced the pandemic together, horrific fires in the State of Oregon, the air quality, and power outages today. This year has been different and might continue to be for the near future. Let's all continue to show kindness, patience, and grace, and be thankful that we will be welcoming our students back to school soon. We are all in this together.

## ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA

### Business

- ✓ Approved Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting, August 10, 2020 as presented.
- ✓ Approved Bill Listing, Financial Statement as presented.

### Personnel

- ✓ Approved Hire of Cindie King, 1.0 FTE 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher
- ✓ Approved Hire of Susan Mobley, 1.0 FTE 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher
- ✓ Approved Hire of Amber Riley (Moore), Temporary Title 1 Teacher
- ✓ Accepted Resignation of Sabrina Norris, Kitchen Assistant
- ✓ Accepted Resignation of Talese Slay, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher
- ✓ Accepted Resignation of Deanna Christiansen, Library Assistant I

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

## REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

### Superintendent Report

Superintendent Owens explained that his report is addressed throughout the agenda items.

### Sherman County School K-12 Administrator Report

Principal Waggoner expressed her appreciation for the Sherman County School staff and excitement for the kids to return to school.

### Athletic Director Report

Athletic Director Lewis deferred his report to agenda item 7.3.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### Oregon School Employees Association Chapter #120 Negotiations

Superintendent Owens noted that communications have started with Chapter #120. The union President recently resigned but had communicated information before her departure. Vice Chair Stutzman and Director Bish are also on this negotiations committee. Superintendent Owens hopes to have more information by the next board meeting as discussions progress.

### **Sherman County Education Association Negotiations**

Superintendent Owens noted that discussions have started and they have been working through this in a very difficult time. President Gerald Casper noted that the focus of discussions had shifted toward the Memorandum of Agreement for Child Care to support the staff and they will now be proceeding with discussions on negotiations.

### **Ready School, Safe Learners Operational Blueprint for School Reentry 2020-21**

Superintendent Owens expressed his excitement regarding the phased in approach of reopening. The district learned this morning, September 14, 2020, that it can reopen.

The Ready School, Safe Learners Operational Blueprint for School Reentry is posted on the district website. This document is a work in progress and changes as the situation evolves. He offered to answer any questions. No questions or comments were given. He also noted that he communicates daily with the North Central Public Health Department and the document has been approved. Superintendent Owens stated that we will do everything we can to keep students and staff safe.

### **Sherman County Communicable Diseases Management Annex**

Superintendent Owens noted that this document was also required for reentry. He shared that it is also posted on the district website. This was a collaborative document with health professionals.

### **Contact Tracing Support Plan**

Superintendent Owens explained that Kari Peters is developing a contact tracing plan that the district can implement. He thanked her for the work she has put into this. Jeremy Lanthorn, from Mid-Columbia Bus, added that attendance will be taken on the bus as well for contact tracing. Superintendent Owens also discussed protocols for transportation and student entry into the school.

### **Grant Updates - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER), Educational Stabilization Fund (ESF Fund) Comprehensive Distance Learning, and Federal Emergency Management Agency**

Superintendent Owens thanked Business Manager Kim McKinney for the work she has put into the grants and the entire staff for ideas on the best way to use the funding. Business Manager McKinney explained each grant and the type of items that will be purchased with the funding.

Chair Coelsch thanked the staff for their work on Distance Learning and the Administration for the time and effort they have put into this.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Regional Superintendent Meetings with North Central Public Health Department**

Superintendent Owens discussed a meeting that took place this morning that included all of the regional superintendents and the health department. These meetings will continue to take place every Monday.

### **Memorandum of Agreement with Sherman County Education Association - Child Care**

Superintendent Owens acknowledged that the staff has gone above and beyond in planning for this school year. The district wanted to support the staff as much as possible and one way was to offer child care. After researching the guidelines and receiving legal guidance, a Memorandum of Agreement with the Sherman County Education Association was agreed upon.

**Motion** by Vice Chair Stutzman with second from Director Lanthorn to approve the Memorandum of Agreement for Child Care. **Vote:** 5 in Favor (Bish, Coelsch, Lanthorn, Stutzman, Susi) **Action:** The motion carried unanimously.

### **Sherman County School Fall Outside Conditioning/Connection**

Superintendent Owens explained that the district wanted to offer the junior high and high school students an opportunity to participate in physical conditioning and make social connections once K-3 returns to onsite learning. AD Lewis discussed the program and stated it will start next week. He noted the importance of physical conditioning and the social-emotional element of the program. The program will follow the guidelines issued by OHA, ODE, and OSAA.

Superintendent Owens thanked AD Lewis for coordinating this program.

### **Policies First Reading – GCBDAAG/GBDAA, GCBDAAG/GBDAA-AR(1), GCBDAAG/GBDAA-AR(2), JHCC, JHCC-AR, GBEB, GBEB-AR, JHH**

The board reviewed the policies for a first reading.

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

### **COMMENTS FROM VISITORS**

No comments from visitors.

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

Wes thanked the board members for their support. He thanked the students and parents at home for their dedicated efforts and the staff for their work on CDL. He expressed his appreciation for what we have in Sherman County.

- Negotiations

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next Regular School Board Meeting will be Monday, October 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Coelsch declared the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

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Chair, Kristie Coelsch

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Board Secretary, Jen Berry

## COMMENTS

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Kari Peters: Sorry, I'm on my mother in law's computer and it wouldn't let me unmute myself. I don't have anything to add. Thank you!