

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

On December 8, 2014, Vice-Chairman, George Frasier, called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of the district office.

2.0 ROLL CALL

Members Present: George Frasier, DeeDee Thomas, Mark Penrod, Charley Wolff, Eric Gerber

Members Excused: Chris Wyne, David Goracke

Employees Present: Brian Gardner, Superintendent; Susan Beaudin, Board Secretary; Celeste Van Cleave, Deputy Clerk; Courtney Roberts, Jennifer Fogarty-Gibson, Paul Rowton, Licensed; Jon Zwemke, Principal; Bart Rothenberger, Director of Facilities.

Others: Rick Belcastro, Don Ware, Shannah and Madison Chatfield, Jessica Dodson, Kylea Branton, Kavic Belcastro, Kristy Speed and others.

3.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 **Agenda Adjustments** – Add to agenda item 4.2-Acknowledge Staff Changes, the hire of Christina Hays as a temporary, part-time educational assistant.

3.2 **District Facilities Community Advisory Committee** – Mr. Rothenberger reported the Facilities Advisory Committee had met twice this past month to discuss roofing, control systems, windows and seismic conditions. He reported on recent work done in the wrestling room, exterior lights at the high school and on the bids submitted for carpet, windows, and front door for remodeling the white house.

3.3 **Building Principal** – Principal Zwemke reported students' ability to move and progress through the proficiencies was improving. The science teachers have charted a pathway to an "A" that is helping students better understand the system and therefore may improve their grades. We will be working on charts for each subject and then place information on the website.

3.4 **Student Body Report** –Kristy Speed, ASB Representative, reported on December school activities.

3.5 **Superintendent's Awards/Break for Photos** - Each month, teachers may nominate students for the Superintendent's Award. The award is given in recognition of outstanding personal accomplishments. Recipients for December were: Madison Chatfield, kindergarten; Kylea Branton, third grade; Allison Crowell, seventh grade; Kavic Belcastro, twelfth grade.

The Board recessed for photos at 6:55 p.m. and reconvened at approximately 7:03 p.m.

4.0 ACTION/BUSINESS

4.1 **Approve Minutes of the Board Meeting of November 10, 2014** – Director Wolff moved to approve the minutes as submitted with correction to student name under agenda item 3.4. Director Penrod second, motion passed 4-0. Director Gerber abstained due to his absence at the November meeting. Directors Goracke and Wyne absent for the vote.

4.2 **Acknowledge Staff Changes** – The Board acknowledged the following staff changes: the hire of Dennis Archer as full-time facilities technician at the high school; approved leave request for Sarah Ches from March to June 2015; the retirement of art teacher, Jim Slusser, effective June 13, 2015; the verbal resignation of Ron Nehr as assistant boys' basketball coach and the hire of Christina Hays as a temporary, part-time educational assistant.

- 4.3 **Budget Committee Vacancy** – It was noted Joe Kirk may be interested in applying for the vacant budget committee position to represent Zone 5. An application will be sent to Mr. Kirk.
- 4.4 **Track Committee Chairman** – Director Gerber expressed interest in chairing the District's Track Committee but will visit with his family and report back at the January meeting.
- 4.5 **Acknowledge Staff Salaries** – Acknowledged all licensed, classified, non-represented and confidential employee salaries, coaching stipends and extra duty contracts for this year as requested by the District's auditors.
- 4.6 **Training for Fund Accounting** – Celeste Van Cleave and Superintendent Gardner are developing a training session for fund accounting to be presented to the school board and members of the budget committee. A date for a Board work session was tentatively set for January 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 at the district office. The date is pending input from Directors Goracke and Wyne and if a conflict with the Rec Center Board can be cleared.
- 4.7 **Financial Update** - Ms. Van Cleave reported the district had begun receiving tax revenues this past month. Also, she and Superintendent Gardner had been working on the enrollment estimate for 2015-2016 due to the state this month. She noted enrollment was down this year by approximately 40 students which will affect our school support payments as last year at this time we did not estimate such a drop in numbers. We can adjust down our numbers this year with an estimated loss of \$248,255. Superintendent Gardner felt if the district took the loss this year we would have a better chance of preserving programs instead of waiting for next year. We did set aside this year \$165,000 for PERS that may not be needed, and the fifth year program only has five students this year instead of the 15 we budgeted; however, it wouldn't leave much carryover for next year. He also stated the Governor's budget for next year is not adequate, with the carve outs and the cost of roll ups, it becomes less than last year.

The Board questioned if the District would still be in a position to replace buses. Superintendent Gardner stated he had plans to inspect some used buses this week at a school district in Vancouver. These 2002-2003 buses are front engine, diesel, with 120,000-140,000 miles on them. If we can purchase some at \$20,000 each, Oregon certified, we can retire some of our worse buses. This will require a supplemental budget in January unless we can defer all payments to next fiscal year. At that time we would surplus the old buses and take bids.

The governors' \$7.19 billion for K-12 is supposed to include the additional cost of full day kindergarten which would mean the District would receive another \$40,000 from our current budget but would not cover our roll up costs. The lobbyists say the Governor's budget is dead on arrival; the number COSA is pushing for is \$7.87 billion which would cover full day kindergarten plus 12%. A \$7.5 billion budget would be full day kindergarten plus 8%. The District would have to make some adjustments but could manage. The loss of student ADM is about 6%; we need approximately 4.5 % to cover our roll up costs.

Ms. Van Cleave reported the mobile home donated to the District by previous employee, Dave Grieve, did finally sell. A lottery was not necessary as the park owner would not run another application once she had one approved. The mobile home sold for one dollar.

- 4.8 **Superintendent Update** – Mr. Gardner reported the District was in conversation with LBL-ESD regarding the design of a new website. The current website has become unmanageable and hard to navigate as it has been added onto so many times. We expect a quote for building a new website very soon.

He reported the high school would be holding an Academic Celebration night on January 22. Using a science fair effect there will be displays in the gym, student guides and math lab open. Students will write articles for District newsletter to be distributed to community in January.

He attended the annual OSBA Convention last month where the District gave a presentation on individualized learning. The presentation was well attended by several districts and one school district was interested in visiting the high school to see first-hand how it is implemented. At last week's annual COSA School Law Conference and networking with other superintendents, similar comments were made regarding our progress with individualized learning.

5.0 ADJOURN

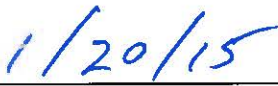
With no further business before the Board, Vice-Chairman Frasier adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:45 pm.



Susan Beaudin, Board Secretary



George Frasier, Vice-Chairman



Date Approved