

COQUILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 8

Lincoln Elementary
1366 N. Gould St
Coquille, OR 97423
Board Work Session
Tuesday October 2, 2012
6:30 pm

ORDER

Steve Britton called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. and asked Ron Wardman to lead in the flag salute. Board members present were Roy Wright, Cliff Wheeler, Gary Waddington, Joanne Beck, and Fred Eschler from Coquille School District. Claresa Roberson did not attend. Corky Clark, Joanne Miller and Ron Wardman from the Myrtle Point School District. Others present were Coquille Superintendent Tim Sweeney and Myrtle Point Superintendent Bruce Shull, Business Manager Teri Pointer and Board Secretaries Brenda Goble and Patti McAlpin. A list of people in the audience is included as part of the minutes.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Coquille and Myrtle Point schools joint work session

Tim Sweeney invites board members to ask questions of the shared staff to get a feel for how the combined effort is working.

Teri Pointer announced PERS payment for Coquille \$300,000 and Myrtle Point is \$200,000 this is a \$500,000 commitment each year and paid each monthly payroll. The shared staff has saved both districts money but not enough to cover this expense. By June 30, 2014 cuts will be needed to continue covering PERS.

Ron Wardman stated that getting parents involved could make a difference with legislature for the lack of funds in the public school system.

Corky Clark asked how the PERS increase impacted the employees; Teri Pointer said that there is no impact to the employees

Tim and Bruce have been to Salem to talk to legislature about how the PERS increase will impact the districts.

Ron Wardman directed both districts to provide a matching school calendar for the 2013-14 school year at the November board meeting.

SHARED STAFF

The sharing of staff between schools has been positive and is going well. Bruce and Tim are discussing the next way to share and save money for both school districts.

Cliff Wheeler and Joanne Beck stated that the High Schools could be consolidated into one high School. Tim said that the consolidation would have an athletic savings of \$100,000 a year.

Joanne Miller suggested meeting in the middle of Myrtle Point and Coquille and build a joint high school. Corky asked questions about making either school a charter school, Tim said the monetary incentives are not available like they were and charter schools need to offer something unique, between the two schools we already offer things of importance for this area. Joanne Beck also pointed out the charter schools do not have to have state certified teachers.

Fred and Corky added that schedules could be changed to offer a modular day that would make it easier for students to take a class at either High School. Corky said with the addition of Winter Lakes High School to the district it has made it possible to offer the students other ways to learn.

PAYROLL

Lori King spoke about payroll and the audit coming up which is due for both districts on November 5. Bruce pointed out that while the sharing of staff is going well, Myrtle Point did not have a say in the union contracts and salaries.

BUSINESS MANAGER

Teri Pointer worried that Bruce may not be getting as much support as he needs as she is only in Myrtle Point 1 day a week.

TECHNOLOGY

Walt Wilcott and Kyle reported that the technology departments were running smoothly as they have separate shops but mirror networks. Tim asked the cost of a Skype classroom and Walt said this would be unreliable. A dedicated network is better but the cost of this is around \$10,000. Ron Wardman asked for a cost analysis to be provided which would show various options and prices.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Tony Jones reported things are going well he is able to get athletic paperwork done and still travel between Myrtle Point and Winter Lakes. He is however unable to attend all sporting events.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Janet Howerton reported that since Dayle Baker sent over invoices for her to refer back to things were going smoother in getting invoices paid. Bruce said the only problem was that he had trouble locating receipts.

WINTER LAKES

Tony Jones reported that Winter Lakes enrollment is up because of the addition of the virtual academy. They had anticipated 15 more students but have double that. Bruce commented that part of the appeal and success is that there is direct help for the students.

BUSING

Susan Shepherd was unable to attend; Tim reported that things were going well with the busing. Jeff Philley commented that he wished that there was room to take both districts students to all sporting events like they do for Cross Country.

GRANT

Dan Cumberland reported that he appreciated the extra two hours a day help. He has been able to combine school grants, which has benefited Powers and Camas Valley as well as our districts. ODE called to say that this was working well and by combining it allows him to apply for different grants.

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Britton adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

Approved

Steve Britton, Board Chairman