

COQUILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 8
Thursday, August 12, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.
Board Meeting Minutes
CSD Board Room
970 N Central Blvd., Coquille, OR 97423

ORDER

Cliff Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Heather Echavarria, Steve Britton, Jeff Cannon, Julie Nighswonger, and Melinda Millet. Roy Wright was absent. Others present were Superintendent Tim Sweeney, Business Manager Teri Pointer and Board Secretary Stephanie Donaldson. A list of people in the audience is included as part of the minutes.

MEETING BUSINESS

- ✓ Heather Echavarria made a motion to approve the agenda. Steve Britton seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.
- ✓ Heather Echavarria made a motion to approve the minutes from the Special Board Meeting, July 1, 2021. Steve Britton seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

FUTURE MEETINGS

A Board Member Tour of District Facilities will take place on September 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. *This is a site visit only; this site visit is exempt from public meeting laws according to ORS 192.610(5). The board will not be deliberating or taking any action while conducting the site visit.* The September Regular Board Meeting will take place on September 9, 2021 at 6 p.m. and the October Regular Board Meeting will take place on October 14, 2021 at 6 p.m. Board meetings will take place in the CSD Board Room located at 970 N Central Blvd, Coquille.

STAFF/PUBLIC COMMENT

Fourteen individuals from the public shared their thoughts on the mask mandate, social justice curriculum, grading proficiency, resiliency framework, access to school buildings, concerns about social media posts, and the ending of the essential skills requirement.

SCHOOL & DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Superintendent Sweeney briefed the School Board on summer school. He stated that it was going well and that close to 400 students participated. Additionally, he summarized updates regarding a variety of summer projects that have taken place at Coquille Jr/Sr High (upgrade to band room, addition of a recording studio, modernization of the library, updates to the stage, installation of a new dishwasher), Winter Lakes Elementary (addition of new classrooms and sidewalks, installation of new patio area with picnic tables), Coquille Valley Elementary (upgrade of locker rooms into learning spaces), Lincoln School of Early Learning (repaving of basketball court), and Winter Lakes High School (addition of two retractable awnings over the courtyard). Mr. Sweeney also gave an update regarding the new flight simulator at Winter Lakes High. He also shared that the Transportation Department has received one new bus with two others slated to arrive in the coming months. Additionally, he mentioned that they are considering replacing the gate at the bus barn.

Superintendent Sweeney provided an update regarding athletics and the possible impact of mask mandates on indoor and outdoor sports, as well as spectators at those events. No population report was available at the time of the meeting. Carl Hull provided an update regarding the CTE Center bathroom completion and asked if there were any questions regarding the written maintenance

report. There were none. Tony Jones reported on updates and finishing touches that have been done at the CTE Center learning space.

Wayne Gallagher provided the Board with information regarding Special Programs. He shared that they are working on the final progress report for the SIA grant, the safe school return to instruction plan, as well as Title I assurances. Mr. Gallagher also shared the Food Service report that included the purchase of a new food service vehicle, a report regarding Coquille SD summer food deliveries in Powers, Myrtle Point and Coquille, as well as upgrades and preventative maintenance information regarding kitchen equipment in each of the schools.

Superintendent Sweeney provided the Technology report and stated that everything will be up and running on the first day of school.

BOARD REPORT

No board report was provided.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Sweeney stated that the Coquille School District is still hiring and getting positions posted for the upcoming school year. He indicated that in a recent meeting with Gov. Brown and other superintendents that, as a representative of schools in rural Oregon and small schools, he felt the mask mandate should be left up to local control. He added that the Governor was looking into creating a forum of school board chairs to further review the topic.

On the topic of social justice curriculum, Superintendent Sweeney stated that critical race theory is not part of the school curriculum and is not being taught in Coquille schools as classwork is being taught out of textbooks that were adopted in 2016. He indicated that for students in 10th grade and under, if social justice topics are taught, then those need to be part of a bigger conversation, addressing multiple sides, and include an "opt-out" for parents ahead of the time.

DISCUSSION ACTION

Heather Echavarria made a motion to approve the following:

- **Resolution #21-30 Adopts 2021-2022 Budget, Revised**

Steve Britton seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Steve Britton made a motion to approve the following:

- **Hire** - Maidie Rosengarden – Principal, Lincoln School of Early Learning & Director, Lincoln Child Development Center
- **Hire** - Liz Gallagher - Teacher, WLHS
- **Hire** - Mary Robson – Teacher, WLE
- **Hire** – Brandon Bowen, Teacher, CHS
- **Hire** – Karrie LaGore – Teacher, CVE
- **Retirement** – Niki Gamez – EA, Resource Room CHS
- **Resignation** – Amy Flora – Principal, Lincoln
- **Resignation** – Sarah Lloyd – Teacher, Lincoln
- **Resignation** - Jesse Watts – ALS EA, CHS
- **Resignation** – Sarah Belcher – ALS EA, Lincoln
- **Approve** – one year leave of absence – Melissa Drechsel
- **Approve** – **Coquille School District Organizational Chart**

- **Approve** – For the 21/22 year the sub rate of pay for teachers for 10 days or less is **\$195.87**. The rate for more than 10 **consecutive days** in the **same assignment** is **\$216.86**.
- **Surplus** outdated computer equipment.

Heather Echavarria seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Cliff Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Approved