

COQUILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT 8
Thursday, September 9, 2021
Minutes Regular Board Meeting
CSD Board Room
970 N Central Blvd., Coquille, OR 97423

ORDER

Cliff Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Board members present were Steve Britton, Roy Wright, Jeff Cannon, Julie Nighswonger, and Melinda Millett. Heather Echavarria was absent. Others present were Superintendent Tim Sweeney, Business Manager Teri Pointer and Board Secretary Stephanie Donaldson. A list of people in attendance is included as part of the minutes.

MEETING BUSINESS

- ✓ Steve Britton made a motion to approve the agenda with addition of the Board Chair's request for the addition of an Executive Session. Roy Wright seconded the motion; it passed unanimously
- ✓ Steve Britton made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting, August 12, 2021. Jeff Cannon seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The October Regular Board Meeting will take place at 6 p.m. on October 14, 2021. Starting in November through the end of the school year, Regular Board Meetings switch back to the 2nd Wednesday of every month. November's Board Meeting will be on November 10, 2021 at 6 p.m., and the December Board Meeting will be on December 8, 2021 at 6 p.m. All board meetings will be in the CSD Board Room located at 970 N Central Blvd.

STAFF/PUBLIC COMMENT

Several members of the public requested that School Board and superintendent communication with the public be improved. Additional requests were heard from the public regarding the website, backpacks, and CVE cafeteria.

SCHOOL REPORTS

WLHS - Jennifer Sweeney shared with the school board that it has been a great start to the first week of school. She provided updates on the electives offered at WLHS and the district-wide use of the CTE center by high school students from both schools.

WLE - Sharon Nelson reported to the School Board that the number of students is increasing and shared that the adaptability of the school really works for a lot of families. She also provided information regarding the new building, courtyard and playground equipment.

Coq Jr/Sr High and AD - Jeff Philley stated that he would include the reports from Mr. Ruiz and Mr. Hampton with his report. He relayed to the Board the assistance provided to incoming new students and 7th graders, as well as gave an update regarding changes to learning spaces for some of the electives, such as the band room and the shop area. Jeff also stated that Athletics has had challenges to navigate due to COVID and other outside factors.

CVE - Geoff Wetherell stated that the first week back to school has gone well, and that students are following along with the mask and social distancing rules. He mentioned that the Open House has been postponed possibly until October. Board member Melinda Millet asked about the current classroom sizes. Superintendent Sweeney shared that the younger the students, the smaller they try to keep the class sizes.

Special Programs – Wayne Gallagher provided status updates on a variety of grants, with some being finalized and additional grants being written for the new year. Additionally, Wayne introduced Lisa Trottier who is the new Special Education Director. Lisa shared a brief update regarding the special education department and expressed gratitude for the support from the district office.

Lincoln – Maidie Rosengarden gave an update on the number of students enrolled in Lincoln School of Early Learning and the Child Development Center.

CTE Center – Tony Jones stated the CTE Center continues to be a work-in-progress, and explained what areas are being enhanced over the course of the coming school year. He also shared information regarding the Associated General Contractors of Oregon education externships that took place over the summer, as well as the upcoming Southern Oregon Trade Careers Expo.

Population Report - Superintendent Sweeney provided a verbal update on the population report.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Maintenance Department – Carl Hull responded to a Board Member inquiry regarding blackberry bushes over by the high school track area.

Food Service – Wayne Gallagher thanked the building administrators and teachers for being adaptable in serving food to students in a variety of locations in order to accommodate social distancing. He also expressed how polite and patient students have been in going through the food lines. Wayne acknowledged that there are supply chain issues in regards to menu ingredients, but that the cooks finding solutions to those challenges. He also provided an update regarding food service for Powers, as well as the summer food service program.

Technology – Sean Wirebaugh shared with the board that work is being done to get the new district office set up and getting new teachers and work stations set up for staff.

Transportation – Keryn Ogle gave an update regarding staffing in the transportation department, the VW grant, and working through the transportation needs for the start of school.

FISCAL REPORT

Business manager Teri Pointer stated that as is typical this time of year there is not a great deal of fluctuation in the fiscal reports. She also thanked the Board and Superintendent Sweeney for hiring Rachel Price as the Human Resources Director.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Sweeney provided an update regarding staffing in the district due to the impact of the mask mandate and vaccine mandate. He stated that Rachel Price will provide an HR report on hiring practices and staffing at the next board meeting. Additionally, the superintendent reported that due to the COVID situation, ODE sends updates regarding school virtually every day, and that air purifiers have been purchased for those schools that do not have an upgraded HVAC system. He shared that the district is in negotiations with both unions regarding the mandates pertaining to masks, vaccines, and the heat index. Superintendent Sweeney provided an update regarding the number of staff and students that are out due to COVID, as well as information regarding COVID testing, purchase of gaiters, cleaning protocols, staffing shortages, and the process for dealing with COVID positive cases.

DISCUSSION ACTION

Steve Britton made a motion to approve the following:

- ❖ Non-Cash Donations
- ❖ SIA Report
- ❖ Division 22 Standards

- ❖ Resolution #22-1 authorizes an increase in appropriation and approves an increase in expenditure of \$7,964 for the ESSER II Grant. This fund was budgeted at \$882,036 and came in at \$890,000.
- ❖ Resolution #22-2 authorizes an increase in appropriation and approves an increase in expenditure of \$24,218 for the ESSER III Grant. This fund was budgeted at \$1,974,597 and came in at \$1,998,815.
- ❖ Resolution # 22-3 authorizes an increase in appropriation and approves an increase in expenditure of \$2,258.46 from PacifiCorp. These funds are a part of SB1149 and will be used to offset energy project costs.

Jeff Cannon seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Roy Wright made a motion to approve the following:

- ❖ Cash Donations
- ❖ Hire – Mindi Wilson, 7th Grade VB Coach - CHS
- ❖ Hire – John Ward, Sophomore Class Advisor – CHS
- ❖ Hire – Sarah Moss, Resource Room EA – Lincoln
- ❖ Hire – Laura Leggett, ALS EA - Lincoln
- ❖ Hire - Sabina Bridges, ALS EA – CHS
- ❖ Hire – Kailey Carey – Teacher, WLHS
- ❖ Hire – Dylan Levrets, ALS EA – CVE
- ❖ Hire – Erika Smith, ALS EA - CVE
- ❖ Hire – Angela Young, Resource Room EA – CHS
- ❖ Hire – Annette Boyd, Teacher - Lincoln
- ❖ Hire – Shauna Ingraham, EA - WLHS
- ❖ Hire – Ashley Sargent, ALS EA – Lincoln
- ❖ Hire – Nicole Leighton, Secretary – Custodial, Maintenance & Technology
- ❖ Hire – Jack Holderfield, Custodian
- ❖ Hire – James Jagers, Maintenance
- ❖ Hire – Rianna Gallardo, Teacher - Lincoln
- ❖ Retirement – Tony Donato, Teacher – CHS
- ❖ Retirement – Lori Tatum, Cook - CHS
- ❖ Resignation – Jack Holderfield, Custodian
- ❖ Resignation – Wayne Gallagher, Baseball Coach - CHS
- ❖ Resignation – Dhelia Tucker, ALS EA – CVE
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- ❖ Approve - One year unpaid leave of absence – Angela Goble
- ❖ Surplus 125 folding chairs and 2 chair carts.

Julie Nighswonger seconded the motion; it passed unanimously.

The CSD Board and Superintendent Sweeney discussed options regarding communication from the board to members of the public and what that process would look like. It was decided that a Work Session would take place on October 14, 2021 at 5 p.m. with an OSBA representative offering guidance on permissible Board-to-public communication. A guest from a parent advocacy group will also participate.

MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Cliff Wheeler moved the meeting into Executive Session at 7:41 p.m.

ORS 192.660(2)(h) To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed.

Cliff Wheeler moved back into the Board Meeting at 8:33 p.m.

Superintendent Sweeney requested and received direction from the School Board regarding responses to the three current public inquiries.

ADJOURNMENT

Cliff Wheeler adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Approved