

MINUTES
Pendleton School District 16R Board of Directors
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

May 11, 2020

6:00 pm | IMESD and Zoom | 2001 SW Nye Avenue Pendleton, Oregon

Present: Gary George, Board Chair
Debbie McBee, Board Vice-Chair
Dale Freeman (via Zoom)
Lynn Lieuallen (via Zoom)
Julie Muller (via Zoom)
Mason Murphy (via Zoom)
Steve Umbarger (via Zoom)
Chris Fritsch, Superintendent
Michelle Jones, Director of Business Services
Matt Yoshioka, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment (via Zoom)
Julie Smith, Director of Special Programs (via Zoom)
Ronda Thornburg, Executive Secretary

Absent:

Due to the COVID-19 social distancing restrictions, the meeting was offered via Zoom hosted by IMESD.

1. Opening and Call to Order *Gary George*

Chair George welcomed everyone and called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance

The group stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.2. Meeting Audio Recorded

Chair George stated this meeting is being audio recorded.

2. Approve School Board Meeting Minutes *Gary George*

A motion, the minutes of April 13, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented, was made by Debbie McBee, seconded by Steve Umbarger, and approved unanimously by the Board.

3. Approve Board Agenda *Gary George*

A motion, May 11, 2020 Regular Board Meeting agenda, be approved with the addition of item 7.4 Board Officer Nomination Committee, was made by Debbie McBee, seconded by Steve Umbarger, and approved unanimously by the Board.

4. Correspondence/Communications *Gary George*

None.

5. Reports *Matt Yoshioka*

5.1. Goal 1 – Pursuit of Instructional Excellence

5.1.1. Pendleton Association of Teachers *Katie Bodewig*

Katie Bodewig shared the association is donating \$1000 to Altrusa's Feed the Child program from monies that would have been spent in travel costs this spring for OEA and NEA.

A shout out to the PSD teachers who have been asked to facilitate grade level/subject distance learning meetings put on by OEA.

5.1.2. Oregon School Employees Association *Teri McCoy*

No report.

5.1.3. Leave Activity Report *Chris Fritsch*

Superintendent Fritsch presented the Staff Attendance Report for April 2020.

5.1.4. IMESD Talking Points *Chris Fritsch*

The IMESD memo was not available at the time the agenda was published.

5.1.5. MidCo Bus Company *Thyra Lepak*

No report.

5.2. **Goal 2 – Responding to the Needs of All Students**

5.2.1. PL874/Indian Education Issues *Brandie Weaskus*

No report.

5.2.2. Sodexo Report *Suzanne Howard*

No report.

5.2.3. Enrollment Report (Suspended) *Chris Fritsch*

Superintendent Fritsch explained the status of student enrollment across the state. ODE has frozen student enrollment during the statewide closure.

5.2.4. Seal of Biliteracy *Julie Smith*

Dr. Smith was excited to share the state of Oregon developed avenues for students to work towards and obtain a seal of biliteracy on their high school diploma for demonstrating the ability to read, write, listen, and speak in more than one language. Pendleton School District connected Taffy Carlisle from the Oregon Department of Education to the CTUIR Language Department to develop a pathway for students learning Indigenous languages at Nixyáawii and Pendleton High School to demonstrate proficiency and obtain this high honor. CTUIR Language Department has been working tirelessly to preserve languages lost due to colonization and assimilation efforts of the past. Part of this work has been a pre-school language immersion program, Kindergarten Heritage Language program, addition of first grade Heritage Language program, and High School Language programs.

Five graduating seniors have earned the high honor of the seal of bi-literacy for the first time.

Seth Scott of PHS, Nez Perce language

Christina Kaltsukis, Susie Patrick, Lily Picard, and Joseph Simon of NCS, Umatilla language

5.3. **Goal 3 – Innovative and Emerging Practices**

5.3.1. Distance Learning for All *Chris Fritsch*

Superintendent Fritsch reviewed the handouts with updates on paper packets available for distribution at the District Office, Chromebooks checked out one per two students, meal program on four bus routes to Adams, Cayuse, Reith, and Meacham areas in addition to "grab-n-go" meals served in a drive-thru line at the PELC, Washington, Sherwood and Rec Center in Mission.

5.3.2. Student Investment Act (SIA) Modified Plan *Chris Fritsch*

Superintendent Fritsch briefed the Board where we, as a district, are today. He provided a revised executive summary of the SIA plan along with a revised budget, and the SIA integrated planning tool.

5.4. Goal 4 – The Pendleton Brand

5.4.1. Public Relations & Marketing Committee *Debbie McBee and Mason Murphy*

The district's website is new and improved.

Senior students' radio spots will be aired in the upcoming weeks.

6. **Suggestions and Comments from Visitors** *Gary George*

None

7. **Action Items**

7.1. **Superintendent** *Chris Fritsch*

7.1.1. June 2, 2020 Work Session

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, social distancing protocol, and no topics brought forward; Superintendent Fritsch asked the Board for directions for a motion from the Board.

A motion to cancel the June 2, 2020 board work session, was made Steve Umbarger, seconded by Debbie McBee, and approved unanimously by the Board.

7.1.2. June Board Retreat

Superintendent Fritsch explained due to the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic closing all Oregon schools on March 16, 2020 for the remainder of the school year, the information the buildings would be presenting, is not captured, therefore looking for direction the Board would like to proceed.

A motion to postpone and reschedule a date in August, the June 11, 2020 board retreat and social, was made by Debbie McBee, seconded by Julie Muller, and approved unanimously by the Board.

7.1.3. OSEA Collective Bargaining Agreement

Superintendent Fritsch shared both Pendleton School District and OSEA, due to the circumstances, agreed to an abbreviated negotiation process, which would include a one-year agreement. They would get the same increase as other groups in the 2020-2021 school year.

A motion to accept the OSEA 2020-2021 Collective Bargaining Agreement, as presented, was made by Steve Umbarger, seconded by Mason Murphy, and approved unanimously by the Board.

7.2. **Business Services** *Michelle Jones*

7.2.1. Approve April 30, 2020 Financial Report

Mrs. Jones presented the April 2020 financials noting expenditures were usual and customary. Year to date actual revenue through April is in line with projections. The final impact aid (PL 874) payment for SY 2018-19 was received in April, totaling 98% of the original impact aid allocation for 2018-19.

A motion, the April 30, 2020 Financial Report, be approved as presented, was made by Lynn Lieuallen, seconded by Julie Muller, and approved unanimously by the Board.

7.2.2. Approve Grants

Mrs. Jones presented the following grant for approval.

Buck Boosters

PHS – Fence repair at Bob White Field

\$14778.61

A motion, the grants be approved as presented and a letter of appreciation sent to each agency, was made by Debbie McBee, seconded by Steve Umbarger, and approved unanimously by the Board.

7.2.3. Audit Services Proposal

Mrs. Jones informed the Board the current audit services proposal with Cockburn & McClintock, LLC, expires with the audit of the 2019-2020 school year. At this time, Mrs. Jones asked them to renew with a 0% increase for year one and a 3% increase for each year after, which is in line with prior agreement.

A motion, the proposal from Cockburn & McClintock, LLC for audit services be approved as presented, was made by Julie Muller, seconded by Dale Freeman, and approved unanimously by the Board.

7.2.4. Healthy and Safe Schools (HASS) Plan Annual Statement

Mrs. Jones, as required by SB 1062 to bring before the Board, an annual statement of the Healthy and Safe Schools Plan certifying the district plan is current, and we are in compliance with all requirements for approval.

A motion to approve the Healthy and Safe Schools Annual Statement, as presented, was made by Lynn Lieuallen, seconded by Julie Muller, and approved unanimously by the Board.

7.2.5. Surplus Property

Mrs. Jones presented the following items for surplus:

McKay – Tempstart Dishwasher and Avanco Refrigerator

Sunridge MS – GE Ovens (2) and Jackson Dishwasher

Pendleton HS – Hobart Ovens (3), Groen Steam Pot and Groen Steam Oven

A motion that the above property be declared surplus and approve the disposal and/or sale of was made by Julie Muller, seconded by Mason Murphy, and unanimously approved by the Board.

7.2.6. Sodexo Contract Renewal

Mrs. Jones explained due to federal requirements, the Board is required to approve an annual renewal to continue services noting the only change from the prior contract is a 3.9% cost of living adjustment to the fixed price per meal charged to the district.

A motion to approve the Sodexo Contract Amendment for 2020-20201, was made by Debbie McBee, seconded by Steve Umbarger, and approved unanimously by the Board.

7.3. Human Resources

7.3.1. Approve Personnel Report

Superintendent Fritsch presented the personnel report for consideration and action

New Hire	Administrator	Mike Somnis	Assistant Principal/Athletic Director	PHS
	Certified	Jeanine Youncs (2020-2021 School Year)	Special Education Teacher	PHS
Resignation	Certified	Jeremy Talbot (Effective June 5, 2020)	ELA Teacher	SMS
Retirement	Classified	Barbara Dadoly (Effective June 4, 2020)	Paraprofessional	Sherwood
		Karen Ashbeck (Effective June 4, 2020)	Paraprofessional	Sherwood
Rescind	Certified	Sara Townsley	Counselor (2020-2021 School Year)	PHS
Extra Duty	Outdoor School	Nicole Irwin	Coordinator/Teacher	SMS
		John Summerfield	Coordinator/Teacher	SMS
		John Scanlan	Teacher	SMS

Emilee Oja	Teacher	SMS
Chris Demianew	Teacher	SMS
Katie Bodewig	Teacher	SMS
Matt Baty	Teacher	SMS
Athena Nelson	Teacher	SMS

A motion, the personnel recommendations for May 11, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved as presented, was made by Dale Freeman, seconded by Debbie McBee, and approved unanimously by the Board.

7.4. Board Officer Nomination Committee

7.4.1. Approve Personnel Report

Debbie McBee made a motion to nominate Steve Umbarger and Julie Muller to the board officer nomination committee and will make their recommendations at the June Board Meeting, was seconded by Mason Murphy, and approved unanimously by the Board.

8. Information

8.1. Federal and State Funding Update *Michelle Jones*

Michelle Jones gave the Board a higher-level explanation of where the district is and where we are headed as they are part of the district budget committee.

8.2. Retiree Recognition *Chris Fritsch*

Superintendent Fritsch updated the Board. The typical retiree celebration has been canceled. A video will be sent out and posted electronically, honoring the retirees.

9. Professional Development Opportunities for Board Members *Gary George*

The OSBA Summer Conference is still on at this moment.

10. Future Meetings *Gary George*

10.1. Agenda Items for Next Board Meeting

PHS graduation was discussed as it will happen before the June board meeting.

11. Board Member Comments *Gary George*

The progression of the tribal language program with the seal of biliteracy is exciting.

12. Adjournment *Gary George*

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Gary George, Board Chair

Chris Fritsch, Superintendent

Ronda Thornburg, Executive Secretary

Date