

The Port Orford-Langlois School Board met in a regular session on April 15, 2024, at 4:30 pm. The Board met in person at the Pacific High School library, 45525 Highway 101, Sixes, Oregon, and simultaneously online via "Zoom". Board members present in person were Judy Miles, Carol Hacherl, Bob Brown and Korinn Hockett. Angel Ashdown was present via Zoom. Staff present in person were Superintendent Aaron Miller, PHS Principal Shane Brown, Business Manager Tara Garratt and Administrative Assistant Stephanie Smith. IT Director Jered Rush operated and recorded the Zoom meeting.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

- 1.1 Pledge of Allegiance – the meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.
- 1.2 Staff and Visitors

2.0 AGENDA CHANGES

Judy Miles moved Item 6.2 to 4.1

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 3.1 Approve Minutes March 11, 2024 Meeting
- 3.2 Approve Hire Reading Specialist (Teacher) Stephanie Edwards
- 3.4 Accept Resignation, Teacher Julie Boak
- 3.5 Approve Hire Assistant Principal Lisa Wendel

Carol Hacherl moved and Bob Brown seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Five voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

4.0 PUBLIC INPUT and EDUCATIONAL SPOTLIGHT

4.1 Approval, Senior Trip (formerly # 6.2)

Brittany Pogwizd and students Tucker Long, Koby Ashdown and Liz Davies described the senior trip plans. They want to go to Six Flags in Vallejo, California. They plan to travel on May 3, attend Six Flags on May 4, and travel home May 5. They decided to fly because it is less expensive than chartering a bus. Seniors may participate if they are in good academic standing and on track to graduate. They must have minimum 85% attendance rate and no ongoing disciplinary issues. Volunteer service hours also need to be complete. The trip is paid for by money earned from fundraisers. Chaperones will be Kari Engdahl, Brittany Pogwizd and Ben Stallard. Brittany stated an official permission slip has been developed. Aaron Miller said the permission slip is in good legal order.

Angel Ashdown moved and Korinn Hockett seconded to approve the 2024 PHS Senior Trip. Five voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Educational Spotlight: Ashley Jones – Sources of Strength

Ashley Jones, 2CJ Counselor, reviewed the district's Sources of Strength program which was adopted last year. She presented a power point and video. The programs' grades K-6 ties into existing curriculum. Teachers Teal Fleming and Julie Boak are coaches, and all DWS teachers will be trained to teach the curriculum in their classrooms in May. The secondary level is a peer lead, adult supported program. Adult advisors were trained on December 7, and peer leader training will take place on April 26. Coaching meetings will be added next year. The video was of students who volunteered to be filmed, describing what they like best about the program. Bella Stephan of the Port Orford Rotary was also in attendance and spoke in support of the program, which ties into the Rotary Peaceful Schools program.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 Student Representative Report

Liz Davies reported the prom was held at the Langlois Cheese Factory. There was an FBLA conference in Portland, with 13 attendees from PHS. The OASC conference was held in Seaside. The Spring Fling is currently being planned. Peaceful Schools and ASB students will attend the May Rotary meeting.

5.2 Superintendent Report

Aaron Miller's report is included in the board materials. He distributed his superintendent goals. New Assistant Principal Lisa Wendel will visit Driftwood tomorrow. Aaron was very happy with the recruitment process. There were good candidates and good discussion within the recruitment committee. Lisa will begin work in August. There is no staff housing update from the county. There was meeting with the city last week, soliciting input from the community. Bob Brown mentioned he had read some articles about Coos Bay converting an old hospital into housing. Coos Curry Electric is working on a similar project in Bandon. Aaron mentioned there is an opening next year for a third-grade teacher. There are several new policy updates from OSBA that Aaron will run past the policy review committee.

5.3 DWS Principal Report

Aaron Miller's report is included in the board materials. He announced there is an open house for the Summer Program May 9 at DWS. There will be a barbeque and community engagement update. Teal Fleming will return to school one week early this summer to conduct Kinder Camp. June 4 will be a field day and family dance. He also explained the I-Ready data, included in the materials. Data shows significant improvement in student performance in the areas of math and reading. There will be an early core reading instruction coach at DWS next year.

5.4 PHS Principal Report

Shane Brown's report is included in the board materials. He thanked student Courtney Phillips and staff members Kari Engdahl, Steven Taylor and Brittany Pogwizd for their work on the prom. State testing is currently underway for english and math. Shane discussed the proposed new Friday format for next school year, which is included in the board materials. It will allow for more electives to possibly include journalism, cooking, web design, music, dance, automotive repair and creative writing, to name a few possibilities. Bob Brown and Judy Miles commented they were happy to see these possibilities coming back to the school. They offer more opportunities, other than athletics, for students to shine. Shane noted the district needs to address its graduation policy to be in line with new graduation requirements implemented by the Department of Education effective 2027. Also Shane is working with the district's insurance company to assess and repair the gym floor that was damaged by a sprinkler accident. We may need to install protective cages over the sprinklers to avoid such accidents in the future.

5.5 Transportation and Maintenance

The report was included in the materials.

5.6 Technology Report

Jered Rush gave his report verbally. He is currently in maintenance mode, and has no new projects since the last board meeting. Shane Brown noted that Jered had offered to help with the new electives for PHS next year, possibly offering lessons in technology.

5.7 Financial Report

The report is included in the board materials. Aaron noted the ending fund balance will be going down. The financial report has been separated out from the consent agenda, so the board can have more time to review and discuss it as needed.

Carol Hacherl moved and Bob Brown seconded to accept the financial report as presented. Five voted in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Rural School Caucus

Stephanie Smith will research this topic and report back to the board.

7.0 OLD BUSINESS

7.1 ESSER Funding Requests

Aaron Miller reported the deadline to spend ESSER funds is 9/30/2024. Two main projects are the DWS office renovation (about \$350,000) and windows at PHS (about \$100,000). A design from HMK Designs for the office move and remodel has been drafted. The government has allowed districts to supplant funds in order to meet the September deadline. This means once the board approves the projects, funds can be spent from the general fund and ESSER funds can be used later to cover typical general fund expenses such as salaries. Aaron noted that teacher Rob Jones has been involving students in some of the repairs as a learning experience.

Carol Hacherl moved and Bob Brown seconded approve the ESSER funding requests as presented. Five voted in favor. Motion was approved unanimously.

7.2 Superintendent Contract Proposal

Aaron Miller asked to roll up his contract extension by one year so it will become a three-year rolling contract. The new contract also eliminates the .2 DWS Principal which was already approved, and the relocation allowance was removed. Board members will review the contract and vote on it at the next regular board meeting.

7.3 Board Training Update

Carol Hacherl reported the district is going with the proposed OSBA training. Stephanie Smith is in the process of scheduling it. It needs to be a work session, meaning available for the public to view but not comment.

7.4 Budget Committee Calendar Update

The schedule was distributed in the board materials.

8.0 REOCCURRING BUSINESS

None.

9.0 FIRST READING OF POLICIES

None.

10.0 SECOND READING OF POLICIES

None.

11.0 BOARD COMMENTS/REPORTS

None.

12.0 CORRESPONDENCE

None.

13.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

14.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Korinn Hockett moved and Carol Hacherl seconded to adjourn the meeting. All five voted in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 pm.

Judy Miles
Board Chair

Aaron Miller
Superintendent/Clerk