

The Port Orford-Langlois School Board met in a Regular Session on September 20, 2021 at 4:30 pm. The Board met virtually via "Zoom" meeting ID #85879100209. Board members present were Judy Miles, Shala Kudlac, and Eddie Kessler. Phyllis Johns was present via phone. Also present were Steve Perkins, Superintendent; Krista Nieraeth, Principal; Stephanie Smith, Administrative Assistant; Amanda Steimonts, Business Manager; and Jered Rush, Technology Director.

1.0 Call to Order/Introductions

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Judy Miles called the meeting to order at 4:34 pm. Jered Rush announced the meeting was being recorded.

1.2 Staff and Visitors

Among visitors present (virtually) were Lorin Kessler, Julie Ells, Laura Watson, Phoebe Skinner, "blt", "Colleen", and Gordon Clay. Judy Miles asked that anyone requesting public input sign into the "Chat room" on their computer.

2.0 Agenda Changes

Item 5.5, Enrollment, was added.

3.0 Consent Agenda

3.1 Financial Report

3.2 Approve Minutes August 23, 2021

3.3 Accept Resignation, Board Member Hilary Johnson

3.4 Accept New Hire, Science Teacher, Hilary Johnson

3.5 Accept New Hire, Second Grade Teacher, Lee Petty

3.6 Policy INB – Teaching About Controversial Issues (second reading and adoption)

Shala Kudlac moved and Eddie Kessler seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

4.0 Public Input

Gordon Clay asked that the Bully Prevention Month Proclamation be read aloud. Judy Miles read it aloud. Some highlights: Approximately 30% of Curry County 8th graders and 19.8% of 11th graders experienced bullying in the 30 days before the 2019 Oregon Healthy Teen survey, and 9.9% of 8th graders and 7.6% of 11th graders did not go to school on one or more days because they felt they would be unsafe at school, or on their way to or from school. Gordon stated that cyberbullying has been far more prevalent since school lockdowns in 2020 and urged school to create safe spaces for their students.

## 5.0 Reports

### 5.1 Superintendent

Steve Perkins reported COVID cases have hit the Port Orford/Langlois area hard recently. One student athlete tested positive; as such volleyball is cancelled for the next two weeks. Coquille High School closed as of today; they will be Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL) for the next 3 weeks. In the event of an outbreak in either school in 2CJ, CDL would be required for all students in that school in order to equalize learning. Teachers would be given a two-day period to prepare and transition to CDL.

The State has mandated school employees be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 by October 18, 2021. October 4 would be the last date to get the Johnson and Johnson vaccine and be compliant. Medical and religious exceptions to the mandate will be considered. Unvaccinated staff will be tested weekly. We have had a couple of students test positive. School nurse Lena Hawthorne has done a great job identifying and isolating students, and arranging for parents to pick them up.

Steve will work with Judy Miles to arrange a board work session to discuss goals and priorities. The plan is to meet on-site and have the meeting viewable by the public via live-stream; however, public input would not be requested at that meeting.

Steve noted that district staff are required annually to receive training on anti-bullying and recognizing and avoiding sexual harassment. It is required by our liability insurance carrier.

### 5.2 Principal Report

Krista Nieraeth reported the year has started out smoothly. The second-grade teacher started September 13; the science teacher started the previous week. Krista is happy with the COVID prevention protocols in place within the district.

### 5.3 Transportation and Maintenance

Steve Perkins reported on behalf of Maintenance Director Chad Berry, whose report was submitted today. The track surface is being removed in preparation for its resurfacing. Preparations are underway for laying the concrete walkway in the west end of the PHS parking lot. An ADA-compliant ramp is being installed. One of the district vans was vandalized. Security camera footage did not give clear enough images to identify the perpetrator; the Sheriff's office has been as helpful as they can be. The floodlights have been installed in the PHS parking lot. Steve reported Chad has done an excellent job with all off the additional projects; we are lucky to have him.

### 5.4. Technology Report

Jered Rush is working with Ben Stallard and Steven Taylor to move forward with the E-Sports program, which OSAA has declined to include in their leagues for now. The program will be run more like a school club, and they anticipate starting in fall/winter season. Judy Miles asked if it was open to all students. Jered replied it is limited to

high school students 9-12. Some of the games are potentially “touchy” and they will require board approval before being allowed to play. The club hopes to get the community involved, do live-streaming and play-by-play announcements.

6.0 New Business

6.1 Bully Prevention Month

See Public Input. The Board proclaimed October to be “Bully Prevention Month”.

6.2 SIA Annual Report

Steve Perkins shared with the board and reviewed the Student Investment Account (SIA) annual report. The initial amount due to the district was \$180,000. That amount was reduced to \$68,800 amidst the COVID-19 crisis, which altered the district’s hiring plans. The SIA grant was able to support our nursing and Student Support Specialist positions. Our primary goal for our nursing position was to support students and families in connecting with services outside of the school district. This included setting up vaccination clinics, connecting with medical services, etc. We will continue to expand this outreach effort to support our students and families. We have developed a relationship with our local community health organization, Coast Community Health, which is conveniently located next to Driftwood School.

This year, \$252,000 will go toward supporting our additional positions of guidance counselor and community liaison. In comparison with other districts 2CJ is very well positioned to assist the community in ways it never has before. In addition, \$50,000 will go the Head Start so that all four-year old children in the community can attend pre-school regardless of income.

7.0 Old Business  
None

8.0 Reoccurring Business  
None

9.0 First Reading of Board Policies

9.1 CGAB – Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media

Steve Perkins reminded the board that personal devices are really no longer exclusively personal. Many of us conduct business on our cell phones; that content becomes public record.

10.0 Second Reading of Policies  
None

11.0 Board Comments/Reports

Chair Judy Miles stated her goal is to have the board move forward in looking at their vision and goals for the district. We have two new board members, soon to have a third, and it will be beneficial to meet and define those goals and procedures together.

Judy Miles, Shala Kudlac and Steve Perkins discussed COVID case numbers in the community and decided at their agenda meeting that this board meeting and October's meeting should be virtual. They acknowledge it was the board's preference to meet in person, however in the interest of public safety, they decided to convert to virtual for the time being.

Eddie Kessler asked about appointment of a new board member to replace Hilary Johnson. Steve responded the position is now open for applications. We will send out an announcement and seek to fill the position in October.

12.0 Correspondence

13.0 Future Agenda Items

The next board meeting is October 18, 2021.

14.0 Executive Session.

An Executive Session was not needed.

Eddie Kessler moved and Shala Kudlac seconded to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:19 pm.

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Judy Miles  
Board Chairman

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Steve Perkins  
Superintendent/Clerk