

Clatskanie School District 6J
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR BOARD MEETING

April 12, 2021, 6:30 pm via Zoom and in person at the Old Middle School Gym, 660 SW Bryant St
(see our main page at www.csd.k12.or.us for instructions on joining the meeting via Zoom)

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present: Megan Evenson-Superintendent, Kara Harris-Vice Chair, Ian Wiggins, Kathy Engel, Katherine Willis
Admin Team Present: Cathy Hurowitz-Superintendent, Mark Bergthold-Business Manager, Jim Helmen-Director of Student Services and Innovation, Tami Burgher-Board Secretary, Kara Burghardt-CES Principal, Sheila Roley-CMHS Interim Principal
Guests: Ryan Tompkins, Lucius Jones, Dawn Warren, Stacy Hicks, Paul Simmons, Tin Erwin

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 pm
 - A. Agenda Review: No changes
 - B. Approve Agenda

A motion was made to approve the agenda.

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II. COMMUNICATIONS AND HEARINGS OF INTERESTED PARTIES

- A. Public Comment: None

This is the time for citizens to address the Board. All speakers should state their name prior to speaking. Speakers are asked to write their name, address, phone number and topic to be addressed on the registration card. Speaking time is limited to three minutes per speaker. Speakers may offer objective criticism of district operation and programs, but the Board will not hear any complaints concerning specific District personnel. The Chair will direct the visitor to the appropriate means for Board consideration and disposition of legitimate complaints involving individuals. The right to address the Board does not exempt the speaker from any potential liability for defamation
- B. Student Body Report: Written
- C. Oregon School Employees Association Representative Report: S. Hicks reported the union is still at 100% dues participation. G. Nolan retired. For negotiations, they are working on dates to get things started.
- D. Clatskanie Education Association Representative Report: L. Jones reported that the association applauds what the district is doing regarding student testing this year. They are looking to do what they can to support each other and get through the rest of the year.
- E. COVID Safety/Athletics Update - Ryan Tompkins reported that the girls' volleyball team finished fourth at the State Finals held in Creswell this weekend. It was the best finish they have had since 1996, so kudos to them. OSAA was unable to coordinate a state playoff due to OHA restrictions, so the athletic directors put one together. There will be one for softball and baseball as well. It is very meaningful for the kids, even without the OSAA logo on the trophies. Sports is a positive that gets kids in the classroom doing their work and graduating. Regarding COVID, we are still maintaining the protocols required. The kids have been very positive and cooperative regarding wearing the masks, it can be very fatiguing to wear the masks as the year goes on, but the kids are doing great.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update on CSD work truck purchase: P. Simmons reported that the district has purchased a work truck to replace the 1988 Dodge we are currently using and he will no longer have to use his personal truck to check roads in the winter. It should be ready to go within the next week or so.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve the ~~2020-2021~~ 2021-2022 District Calendar: The calendar committee met and made some minor changes. It has been approved by the committee. K. Harris asked about the "Trade Day" on November 23rd. The teachers have long conference days that week, one 16 hr day and 4 extra hours the week before and they trade it for that day off. It is basically the same as last year. K. Willis asked about no school on October 8th, that is a Statewide In Service Day. That is a day where teachers have a choice as to whether to participate in the Statewide offerings.

A motion was made to approve the 2021-2022 school calendar.

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- B. State Assessments: C. Hurowitz discussed the district's plans for statewide testing this year. Our state applied for two waivers with the federal government, but both waivers were denied. It was expected that states would get a waiver, but that did not happen. ODE came up with a plan that meets the bare minimum for statewide assessments: 3rd grade reading, 4th grade math, 5th grade science, 6th grade language arts and math, 7th grade language arts, 8th grade math and science, and 11th grade math and language arts. The state assessment accountability measures have been waived, the 95% participation rate has been waived and there will be no individual student reports. What good are these assessments? We have had two years of students that have never taken a statewide assessment, our current 3rd and 4th graders (due to last year's waiver). No one can give her any good information on what these assessments are going to do for us. Ashland School District was the first district to decide to go to an opt-in model, where parents/guardians would have to fill out a form to opt in to the testing. This is a violation of the Division 22 Standards. This would require a corrective plan be submitted for that violation. The admin team was all in agreement to ask the staff how they felt about it? Both principals talked to staff and they agreed. There is nothing good about this assessment, it takes up valuable instruction time. C. Hurowitz shared a resolution with the board. The resolution itself is the corrective plan for violating Division 22, it says that this is only for one year and we will resume testing next year. If families or students want to be tested, they can fill out the opt in form, but they will not get individual student results. The resolution has statements from Colt Gill and the Oregon Department of Education as to why a waiver was needed this year. She is asking the board to agree to the resolution. M. Evenson read the resolution out loud (see attached). I. Wiggins asked what the repercussions are for violating Division 22? The district will have to do a corrective action plan.

A motion was made to adopt the resolution 2021-2

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V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. K-6 Principal Report: Written.
- B. 7-12 Principal Report: C. Hurowitz introduced Sheila Roley, our new CMHS Interim Principal. S. Roley reported how much she is enjoying being at Clatskanie Middle High School, the staff and students have been incredibly welcoming. They had an earthquake fire drill to begin the week. She got to meet with Nina Brewer's Leadership Class a few days ago and students presented their plans for activities for the Homegoing Week. It's a treat to work with student leadership. Congratulations to the Volleyball Team! Parent conferences are coming up this week. There is a new software to set up conferences for staff and parents. There will be a meeting to finalize graduation. It is always very busy at the end of the school year. Everyone has been very helpful!
- C. Student Services Report: Written. J. Helmen thanked Sheila for stepping in to finish up the year.
- D. Superintendent Report: Written. K. Engel asked about the two instructional coaches positions. They are both full time. These would be accomplished teachers that could support their peers doing model lessons, going into classrooms, etc. All high performing schools have instructional coaches. K. Engel asked if that was mentoring? C. Hurowitz explained that it is some mentoring, some support, some nonjudgmental non evaluative help. Because there has been so much interest in instructional coaching in school districts, the ESD is bringing a company to help train coaches. A question was asked where they will be, CES or CMHS? It just depends on who we hire and where their strengths are.
- Financial Report: M. Bergthold reported that we are on track for the last three months of the year. M. Evenson asked if we had found anyone else for the budget committee? We have one person on the committee