

Clatskanie School District 6J  
PO Box 678  
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
November 26, 2018, 6:30 p.m., CES Library

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present: Megan Evenson-Board Chair, Kathy Engel-Vice Chair, Ian Wiggins, Chris Ouellette, Kara Harris  
Admin Team Present: Cathy Hurowitz-Superintendent, Tami Burgher-Board Secretary, Jim Helmen-CMHS Principal, Brad Thorud-CES Principal, Tami Montague-Business Manager

- I. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm
  - A. Flag Salute
  - B. Agenda Review
  
- 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: None
  - C. Oregon School Employees Association Representative Report: None
  - D. Clatskanie Education Association Representative Report: None
  
- III. OLD BUSINESS
  
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. Presentation on CASA for Children of Columbia County by Monica Rush (volunteer recruiter): Presentation on Court Appointed Special Advocate program. A CASA represents the child in foster situations, from the beginning of a case to the end. There are 126 children in need of CASA's in Columbia County (which equals about 60 CASAs) and there are only 23 CASAs at this time. They are looking for volunteers to go through a training program to become certified CASAs.
  - B. OSBA Conference debrief: Megan Evenson, Kara Harris, Chris Ouellette, Kathy Engel and Cathy Hurowitz all attended the conference. The keynote speaker, Matt Utterback from North Clackamas School District, was amazing and inspiring. Each board member attended different breakout sessions, such as, mental health, PERS, medicaid, managing Facebook, etc. The orchestra from North Clackamas that performed was excellent. It was an incredible experience.
  - C. OSBA Resolutions: These resolutions are basically about keeping control at the local level.

**A motion was made to adopt the OSBA resolutions as presented**

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- D. November Enrollment Information: There was discussion regarding the drop in students in the district and the interdistrict transfers. Where are they going? Twenty six kids have done inter-district transfers, how do we keep them here? We need to track data about why students are leaving the district. Several have left to attend the North Coast Academy that is affiliated with Rainier School District. Maybe we need to make some changes and offer similar programs to keep students. Do we use some Chronic Absenteeism money and Measure 98 and put a program together in the middle of the year? We will need to plan for a long term program as well. Jim Helmen is going to look into what it would take to get an alternative program started in the middle of the year.
- E. Policy Updates: There was discussion on adding some volunteers to the fingerprinting/extensive background checks that regular employees go through. The district will have to pay the \$59 fee for the background check. Schools will have to plan ahead to get the volunteers through the fingerprinting system, it can't be last minute.