

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

June 8, 2020

6:30 pm, CES Library

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Members Present: Megan Evenson-Chair, Kara Harris-Vice Chair, Chris Ouellette, Kathy Engel, Ian Wiggins(via Zoom)
Admin Team Present: Cathy Hurowitz-Superintendent, Mark Bergthold-Business Manager, Tami Burgher-Board Secretary, Tiffany O'Donnell-CES Principal, Jim Helmen-CMHS Principal
Guests in person: Jamie Gray, Deshaun Combs
Guests via Zoom: Kara Burghardt, Leslie Craig, Rachel Kujala, Nicole Takalo, Lucius Jones, Dawn Warren, Nicole Baldwin, Anngie Froke, Kim Oblack, Amanda Tompkins, Sara Crawford

I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 pm

A. Flag Salute

B. Agenda Review: Two items were added earlier today and sent out. Under New Business, Item A. was added "Urban renewal taxing district support letter" and under Consent Agenda, Item B. was added "Approve hiring of Nicole Takalo, CES Life Skills Teacher for the 20-21 school year".

I. COMMUNICATIONS AND HEARINGS OF INTERESTED PARTIES

A. Public Comment: Rachel Kujala spoke on last minute agenda items being added and how that makes it difficult for the public to be able to add their comments during the public comment portion of the agenda. M. Evenson agreed that that can be a problem and they will try to avoid it whenever possible.

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: L. Jones, union president, has no major report but they are looking forward to closing out the year and cooperating however they can to plan for next year.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Bond Update: C. Hurowitz spoke with Lauren from Piper Sandler (formerly Piper Jaffrey) about where we are on the possibility of going out for a bond measure. If we keep our current assessment, we are eligible to go out for a \$10 million bond over a 20 year period. There will also be additional seismic funds we can apply for in May. She has reached out to the bond attorneys and the bond council on our behalf. They sent us a checklist and we are in really good shape to move forward. We can also apply for a \$4 million matching grant in September. Cathy discussed how it works regarding payment to all of the entities. We don't pay unless our bond passes. She talked about our next steps. Piper Sandler is ready to assist us as the process moves along. We may also go out for a local option levy, which is money we can use for specific items, including teachers, books, etc. That is a separate service and Lauren will look into it. There was a brief discussion about compression in regards to a local option levy. It is a complicated concept and has to do with our tax rates.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Urban renewal taxing district support letter: K. Engel read the letter that the board is sending to The Port of Columbia County Board of Commissioners (see attached).