# Clatskanie School District 6J PO Box 678 Clatskanie OR 97016

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR BOARD MEETING

September 14, 2020, 6:30 pm via Zoom

(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-Board Chair, Kara Harris-Vice Chair, Ian Wiggins, Kathy Engel

Board Members Absent: Chris Quellette

Admin Team Present:

Cathy Hurowitz-Superintendent, Mark Bergthold-Business Manager, Tami Burgher-Board Secretary,

Jim Helmen-Director of Student Support & Innovation, Kim Oblack-CMHS Principal, Kara

Burghardt-CES Interim Principal

Guests:

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### I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 pm

A. Agenda Review: M. Evenson-Board Chair added item B. under new business, Procedure/process for adding a new board member.

### II. COMMUNICATIONS AND HEARINGS OF INTERESTED PARTIES

A. Public Comment: None

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- B. Student Body Report: None
- C. Oregon School Employees Association Representative Report: Yvonne Krause, Union President, reported that in the bus garage, staff are excited to be back to work and have been working through the many changes to get as many kids to school as they can. They are looking forward to Monday when they can start the meal service again to families via the bus. She has not any negative feedback at this time. The union is still at 100% enrollment and they are looking forward to getting the kids back in the buildings sometime soon.
- D. Clatskanie Education Association Representative Report: Union president, Lucius Jones, gave the report. Despite the tremendous adversity for online learning, attendance has been excellent at live lessons, it has been amazing to see the students. He then discussed a variety of concerning issues. The union believes the district has control over most, if not all of the issues. There were 17 issues presented, ranging from teacher safety, district administration support, curriculum and technology. There is a labor relations meeting on Wednesday
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A motion was made to approve Mark Bergthold continuing the investigation into the design build process as suggested by McKinstry.

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- B. Port response to board letter regarding Urban Renewal Taxing District Support: K. Engel presented the response from the Port of Columbia County to the board's letter that was sent a few months ago. The gist of the letter is that they were willing to talk with us, but aren't able to comply with our request regarding the future water payments. They were very respectful and Kathy will send them a thank you for your time email.
- C. Review Board-Superintendent Working Agreement: This was a document that is in statute and policy and is a delineation of the board and superintendent. This was adopted a couple of years ago and we are reviewing it. The superintendent is overseen by the board and the day to day functions of the district are left to the superintendent. If we want to make any changes, we can maybe do this at our upcoming work session.

### IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Resignation of Board Member, Chris Ouellette, effective 9/14/20: M. Evenson read a resignation statement from Chris Ouellette. He is unable to give the time to the board that it requires.

A motion was made to accept Chris Ouellette's resignation from the school board.

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- M. Evenson thanked Mr. Ouellette for his willingness to step up and service the district during a difficult time. The board understands that sometimes life's commitments take precedence and they appreciate the time he gave to the district.
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### V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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- C. Student Services Report: Written.
- D. Superintendent Report: C. Hurowitz went over the purchase list for the \$129,000 grant, it hasn't been accepted by ODE yet, but we are hopeful. The \$129,000 was calculated via a formula at ODE. She also discussed broadband issues and expanding it in the future. C. Hurowitz also discussed air quality issues from the fires in Oregon and how the district is determining unsafe levels for staff.
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### CONSENT AGENDA

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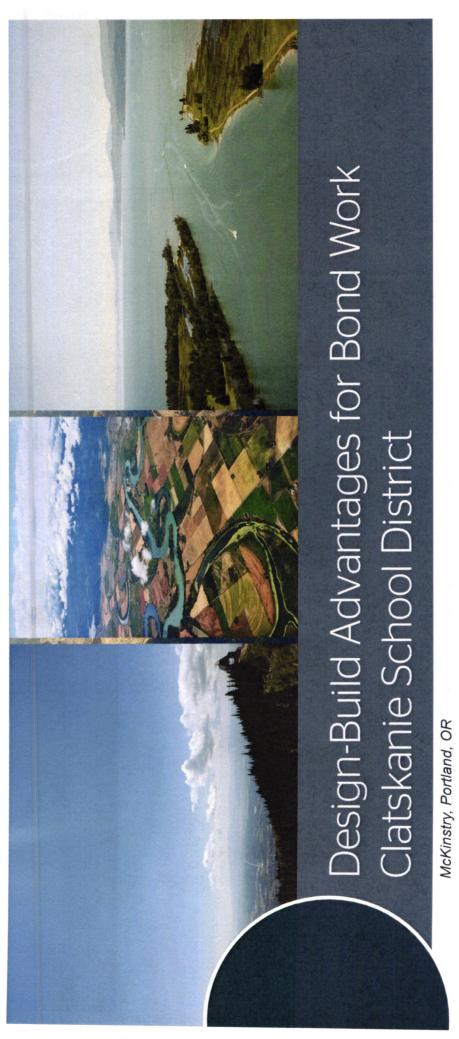
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# Total Cost of Ownership

Initial/Replacement Cost + Maintenance + Operations = Total Cost of Ownership



- Plan for capital (Bond) facility and maintenance/operations (General Fund) investments
- 50% of lifetime building costs are operations and energy (ASHRAE)



# Delivery Methods - Structure

