

Clatskanie School District 6J
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR BOARD MEETING
October 12, 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, Katherine Willis
Admin Team Present: Cathy Hurowitz-Superintendent, Mark Bergthold-Business Manager, Tami Burgher-Board Secretary, J. Helmen-Director of Student Support and Innovation, Kara Burghardt-CES Principal, Kim Oblack-CMHS Principal
Guests: Lucius Jones, Ryan Tompkins, Dawn Warren, Rick Becker of McKinstry, Donna Thompson

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Agenda Review: M. Evenson reviewed the agenda and added, under the Consent Agenda, letter D. Cafeteria Paper, Dairy, and Produce Supply Bids

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: K. Oblack-CMHS Principal, read the report for the student body. Please see attached.

- C. Oregon School Employees Association Representative Report: None

- D. Clatskanie Education Association Representative Report: They should be starting contract negotiation soon, next thing on the to do list.

- E. COVID Safety Update - Ryan Tompkins: We just started doing cohorts in the building, approximately 30 students per day. These are mostly ones with connectivity issues or special ed students. We have had the opportunity to work with the Oregon Health Authority due to a student having a positive COVID test. He discussed the processes and things went pretty smoothly and now we are familiar in case it happens again. We have cut back on our cohorts due to increasing COVID cases in the area. We have cut out our enrichment cohorts at this time. A Head Start Preschool will be starting up in our building soon, which will change the dynamic a bit, but we are excited to have them.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Division 22: C. Hurowitz presented the Division 22 Standards for the 19-20 school year. It was normally done in February, but has been moved to November. This year, the standards were reduced from 54 standards down to 17 basics. We are compliant with all of the standards and are ready to submit it to ODE.

- B. All Students Belong: C. Hurowitz gave a presentation on the new All Students Belong rule. It is a rule that prohibits the three most recognizable symbols of hate; the swastika, the Confederate flag and the noose at all school events and activities, both in-person, hybrid and distance learning environments. The district will be adopting policy once OSBA has distributed their sample to all of the districts. There is a letter that the board needs to approve to be sent out to our families so they are aware that the policy is coming. Any incident will have to be thoroughly investigated.

A motion was made to accept the All Students Belong letter to send out to our families with the correction of the spelling of Kathy Engel's last name.

KH/IW- UNANIMOUS

- C. Schedule a Board Work Session: I. Wiggins will email the board and C. Hurowitz possible dates, the others will chime in and then those dates will be passed along to Rob Hess for scheduling.
- D. Policy Updates - 1st Reading
 - 1. GBEB - Communicable Diseases - Staff, (Highly Recommended)
 - 2. GBEB-AR - Communicable Diseases - Staff, (Highly Recommended)
 - 3. GBN/JBA - Sexual Harassment (Required)
 - 4. GBN/JBA - AR(1) - Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure (Required)
 - 5. GBN/JBA - AR(2) - Federal Law (Title IX) Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure (Required)
 - 6. JBA/GBN - Sexual Harassment (Required)
 - 7. JBA/GBN-AR(1) - Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure (Required)
 - 8. JBA/GBN-AR(2) - Federal Law (Title IX) Sexual Harassment Complaint Procedure (Required)
 - 9. JHCC - Communicable Diseases - Students (Required)
 - 10. JHCC-AR - Communicable Diseases - Students (Required)

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. K-6 Principal Report: Written. K. Burghardt reported that CES is working on sending out progress reports. Student attendance is around 90% right now. Also had the staff attend a literacy institute through the University of Florida where they did some RTI around CDL to help support students through this time. It was very beneficial. The Phil Boyt presentation is happening this Friday if anyone would like an invitation.
- B. 7-12 Principal Report: Written.
- C. Student Services Report Written. K. Harris had a question regarding the use of the OIS system, even though it is not approved to use, staff can still use it? Yes, those that were certified this past year can use it until it expires next October.
- D. Superintendent Report: Oral. C. Hurowitz reported on possible Back To School options. CMHS wants to have distance learning until the semester ends in January, that would be a good transition time. At this time, our metrics don't support K-3 coming back into the building, but we need to start planning for that. That is something the board needs to discuss at a future meeting. Also, we need to discuss curriculum and whether we will stay with distance learning curriculum when students return to school. There are a lot of decisions to be made in the near future. C. Hurowitz also discussed the issues around the metrics that the state is using to guide them regarding schools reopening. Seems like the information is not reliable, timely or accurate in many cases. It can take weeks for a positive result for a Columbia County person to reach the district, depending on where the test was administered. Many Columbia County residents use Longview doctors. She also showed how the metrics are set up online and can be misleading as far as numbers. You have to be very cautious when looking at information on line. Feels like a broken system that we are trying to work with. Governor Brown will be changing the metrics, hopefully by the end of the month. Some good news, Acellus is being paid for by the ESD, because they are the ones that proposed it to us and, basically, sold it to us. We are looking for a stand alone curriculum that we can push out, basically for homeschooling purposes, similar to an online school. We have been losing a lot of students and maybe this can bring some of them back. Lastly, C. Hurowitz discussed the list of 17 issues that the teachers found concerning last month. She went through each item and responded. That document is attached. She wanted to respond in a public meeting so there is a record of the responses.
- Financial Report: M. Bergthold reported that we are moving along. In the November board meeting we will bring the new budget, we may have to have a budget meeting before the meeting. There is a lot to do. K. Engel asked the question, where and when will we see an accounting of our COVID expenditures (this question was asked by M. Evenson, as K. Engel's phone battery died during the Zoom meeting). Mark said he can bring it to the November meeting.

- VI. BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS: M. Evenson welcomed Katherine Willis to the board, there was a write up in The Chief and a picture. She wanted to thank her for stepping up and taking on this role. Hopefully in May, she will be on the ballot to continue on. She also liked the short video of staff saying what they appreciate about the kids. It was fun to watch and a neat idea. Having those kinds of connections is important. K. Harris agreed, she thanked Katherine for stepping up and looks forward to working with her. Also wanted to know where to access the video