

Clatskanie School District 6J
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REGULAR BOARD MEETING
September 9, 2019, 6:30 pm, CES Library

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Board Members present: Megan Evenson-Board Chair, Kara Harris-Vice Chair, Ian Wiggins, Chris Ouellette, Kathy Engel
Admin Team present: Cathy Hurowitz-Superintendent, Tami Burgher-Board Secretary, Mark Bergthold-Business Manager, Tiffany O'Donnell-CES Principal, Jim Helmen-CMHS Principal
Guests: Becki White, Rob Hess, Frank Bechdoldt, Wendy Isaacson, Heidi Isaacson, Ryan Tompkins

- I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 pm
 - A. Flag Salute
 - B. Agenda Review: Added the discussion of closing the walking trail/CES campus to dog walkers during the school day as item G. under new business. Added, Approve the hiring of Maeve Mitchell, payroll clerk to the consent agenda as item F.

- II. COMMUNICATIONS AND HEARINGS OF INTERESTED PARTIES
 - A. Public Comment: Becki White discussed school safety and requesting a proactive, objective, written policy that empowers the board to take action when necessary.
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: Mr. Jones was pleased with the district bbq and new hire luncheon that occurred this year. Discussed a possible New Hire Professional Day for new staff/teachers. It could be done during the inservice week.. The wellness grant is on track and the next step is to build an overarching goal and smart goals related to what we want to do. Discussed the possible need for a mentor program for new teachers.

- III. OLD BUSINESS: None

- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Rob Hess presentation on Teacher Evaluations: Mr. Hess, a consultant for Breakthrough consulting, gave a presentation on a new evaluation system for teachers. He presented a handout and discussed how the new system works and how it gives back meaningful feedback to the teachers.
 - B. Rob Hess discussion on Strategic Planning: Mr. Hess talked about the district's need for a strategic plan. The district has a very good start with the goals that the board came up with over the last year. This can be done at a Board Retreat. Dates were discussed and a consensus of Oct. 21st from 9 am to 4 pm at Megan Evenson's house was agreed upon.
 - C. Girl's soccer co-op with Rainier School District-Ryan Tompkins: Mr. Tompkins outlined the need for and the reasons for wanting to join a co-op with Rainier School District in girl's soccer. Numbers have been declining in both districts. This is a year long agreement and will be re-evaluated next year. The team will be coached by both Rainier and Clatskanie and the extra duty contracts for coaches will remain the same as they co-coach.

A motion was made to approve the cooperative soccer program of Rainier and Clatskanie

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- D. OSBA 73rd Annual Convention, November 14-17, 2019, Portland OR: A discussion was had regarding the value of the conference and who would like to attend. M. Evenson, K. Engel, K. Harris and C. Ouellette will attend. I. Wiggins will be out of town that weekend.
- E. Review Board Superintendent Working Agreement: The board reviewed the agreement.

A motion was made to continue the Board-Superintendent Working Agreement for this school year

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- F. Enrollment information: Discussed enrollment issues and where students are going. Next month the report will include where students are transferring to. Discussed a little bit about our increasing enrollment at the elementary and what some possible options are.
- G. Discuss closing CES walking trail/campus to walkers/dog walkers during the school day. T. O'Donnell discussed the need for this action. It is a safety issue, people are walking dogs and coming through campus during the day. There is dog feces, that children have fallen in. They are hoping to make it easy for people to be responsible. There will be signage about the trail being closed during the day and places along the way with garbage cans and plastic bags for dog feces (for after the school day is over and the trail is open again). They will get the word out and that is all that is usually needed.

A motion was made to close the CES grounds/walking trail to public access during the day.

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V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. K-6 Principal Report
- B. 7-12 Principal Report
- C. Special Education Report
- D. Superintendent Report: C. Hurowitz discussed the possibility of Perry Tech coming to Columbia County. They are looking at Kalama as well. They are looking to expand to another area. Betsy Johnson was there along with all five superintendents from the area. They were impressed with the willingness of the communities to work with them. The monastery in Quincy Mayger is interested in starting up a marimba band at the district. They are also looking into offering yoga classes, mindfulness classes, etc.
 - 1. Financial Report: M. Bergthold, our new business manager, discussed the financial report. There have been a lot of PO's generated, but that is normal in the first few months of school. He is working with the ESD to transition business services back to the district, he is very impressed with the ESD and the Clatskanie team.

- VI. BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS: I. Wiggins thanked Lucius Jones for helping organize the barbeque, it was a lot of fun. K. Harris is excited about the Alternative Program at CMHS, we are going to rival any alternative school anywhere. It is well thought out, a great environment and we are really proud of that. M. Evenson talked to some 7th graders and they were very excited about their first year at the mid/high, especially about having a locker!

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Financial Report
- B. Cafeteria Paper, Dairy and Produce Supply bids
- C. 2019-2020 Clatskanie Education Association Contract
- D. Approve the hiring of CMHS Counselor, Joanne Kallunki and CMHS Life Skills Teacher, David Ramsey
- E. Approve Minutes from August 12, 2019 board meeting
- F. Approve the hiring of Maeve' Mitchell, payroll clerk.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda as presented.

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ADJOURNMENT: 8:04 pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING: October 14, 2019


Megan Evenson, Board Chair


Cathy Hurowitz, Superintendent