

Harney Education Service District

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Monthly Board Meeting December 6, 2023 3:30 PM Harney ESD Board of Directors

Present: Doug Stott, Director
Dan Brown, Director, Vice Chair
Charles Dunten, Director
Thomas Doman, Director
Sandy Volle, Director
Charles Schmidt, Director, Chair
Shannon Criss, Secretary to the Board, Superintendent
Donna Schnitker, ECC Director
Corissa Wright, Business Manager
Brenda Engebretson, ECC Director
Janet Caldwell, HESD Program Director

Absent Excused: Julie Weikel, Director; Katie Hill, Administrative Assistant/Board Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Charles Schmidt called the December meeting to order at 3:32 PM at the Harney ESD Regional Services Center located at 25 Fairview Heights Loop. This meeting was also available to attend virtually.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Charles Schmidt.

VISITORS

Janice Dunten was in attendance

Happy Birthday was sung in recognition of Charles Dunten's birthday

Executive Hearing as per ORS 192.660(2) (i) - No Executive Session needed.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

- Approval of November 8, 2023 minutes

After review of the Consent Agenda Dan Brown made a motion to approve as presented. Charles Dunten seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

- OAESD Officer Council Elections - no nominations were made

OLD BUSINESS

- None

PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Financials

Business Manager, Cori Wright, presented the Financial Narrative highlighting disbursements, balances and significant expenditures. Please find attached Financial Narrative.

Charles Dunten made a motion to approve the expenditures/disbursements as presented. Sandy Volle seconded. No discussion. Motion carried unanimously.

PROGRAM REPORTS

ECC Report attached

- **Brenda Engebretson** updated the board on Head Start and Preschool Promise.
- **Donna Schnitker** updated the board on EI/ECSE and the progress being made on the proposed childcare center.

Superintendent Report

Shannon Criss shared the following:

- Discussion on Jim Green's vacancy at OSBA and concerns expressed by Emily McIntire (Eagle Point School District - attached) and OSBA President Sonja McKenzie's response (attached).
- New staffing update including an assistant for Cori to help with ECC, a new data specialist to assist with a state grant for the purpose of alleviating the administrative burden for small and rural schools (all school districts in Harney County), and a new staff member to take on the SIA position. Jenny Bruck has already been hard at work. Shannon invited the board members to the robotics event at the Central Hotel on Thursday, December 7th.
- Shannon updated the board on the remodel project and thanked the staff for their efforts in getting this complex project completed. A special thank you to Katie Hill and her family as well as Janet and Cori for all of the behind the scenes work. The project is successful because of their efforts.
- Shannon showed the OSU Outdoor Education video (with Janet's help), one of three that was produced and published.
- Shannon thanked the board and expressed gratitude to them and wished everyone Happy Holidays and a reminder of the Christmas Event at the Pine Room at 5:00 PM

DISCUSSION ITEMS

No additional items to discuss.

MEETING CLOSURE

With no further business, Chair Charles Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 4:07 PM.

Charles Schmidt, Board Chair