



WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Session Minutes December 14th, 2020

7:00 p.m. Willamina School District Library

The Willamina School District Board of Directors met in a regular session on December 14, 2020. Minutes are as follows:

Attendants:

Board Members

Clinton Coblenz, Ken Onstot, Lincoln Watson, Ginger Whitman, and Brenda Shenk.

WSD Staff

Superintendent Carrie Zimbrick, Debra Eisele.

Meeting Begins

7:00 pm Regular session called to order by Chairman Watson followed by the flag salute.

Board of Education

Lincoln Watson inquired about the budget committee position vacancy. Debra Eisele indicated that Deann O'Neil agreed to a one year term and her position is still vacated. Kristine Neese has agreed to a three year term.

Mr. Watson also inquired about the board position vacancies. Mrs. Eisele informed the board members that board member Coblenz would not be renewing his position and that February 6, 2021 is the first day for a candidate to file. Last day to file will be March 18, 2021. Chairman Watson encouraged members in the audience with interest to apply for either a budget committee or board member position.

Correspondence

Superintendent Zimbrick informed the board that this was Debra Eisele's final board meeting, having been employed with the district for 32 years. She indicated that there would be an official recognition to honor her service and she would inform the board once that has been scheduled.

Superintendent Zimbrick stated that there were no major maintenance projects to report on at this time. Maintenance has focused on maintaining the buildings, catching up on cleaning projects, and keeping up with current maintenance needs.

Current enrollment has maintained consistency with families finding the best fit for their students. Applications for virtual schools have slowed down significantly. Enrollment is pretty steady and pretty close to the same as pre-COVID enrollment. Currently we are at 841 ADM and last year at this time we were at 850 ADM. She stated there has been some savings with being only online. One being sub costs are significantly reduced and three COVID-related funds the district had access to: Emergency Relief Fund (ESSR), CARES Act funds, and YCCO (Yamhill County Care Organization) have resulted in over \$300,000 to use for internet hot spots, transportation, COVID-related cleaning supplies, and some curriculum. Edgenuity, the online platform for 6-12th grades was an added expense we had not had in previous years.

Superintendent Zimbrick reviewed the Ready School Safe Learners (RSSL) plan and indicated the new plan was close to the same guidelines except for increased limits in cohort instruction (up to 20 students). Meeting all the CDC guidelines. She did indicate that sports were delayed again until the beginning of February. All indoor recreation is prohibited.

Board member Ken Onstot inquired who was making these decisions and Superintendent Zimbrick explained that it was Oregon Health Authority. ODE can add or make some guideline changes.

Superintendent Zimbrick stated that the district leadership team met prior to the board meeting and focused on making decisions for the district. The team has several staff members from all areas in the decision making process, so all voices can be heard. They focused on the equity goal and reviewed Senate Bill 13 (Tribal History/Shared History). She wanted to commend the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde for their investment into this work and professional development that all schools are using to implement this bill.

Superintendent Zimbrick attended the school law conference and reviewed the sessions she attended including special education.

Mr. Onstot inquired about the risk level guidance chart and where we are currently at on the chart. Superintendent Zimbrick indicated that we are still in the high risk category.

Principal Sarah Norwood reported that a lot of staff members were doing their own professional development since it is virtual now. Behavior coaches have done a lot of trauma informed care trainings. These trainings will be used to train all staff after January 1. Principal Norwood reported that they had virtual family conferences on November 12 and 13, and felt it went really well. Enrollment was holding steady at 373.

Principal Jami Fluke reported that their professional development has revolved around engagement. Staff are working on ways to engage students that are failing or struggling academically and working as a team to engage students. She reported that sixteen staff attended an equity conference through COSA which is a three-part series; the next session will be attended in March.

Vice Principal Shawn Draper congratulated Deb Eisele on her career at Willamina School District. He reported on student recognition and the incentives still being used for good behavior and attendance. Mr. Draper also reported that they held a parent/senior night for information on FASFA, scholarships, graduation, etc. He reported on school improvement which they have focused on getting 9th grade on track and assigning academic mentors for students. In addition, the engagement team is focusing on students that are not engaging academically or attending regularly.

Vice Principal Draper reported that the Positive Family Support Program has partnered with YCCO to pay for 18 parents to participate in a collaborative problem solving class for free.

Board member Ken Onstot inquired about the percentage of students referred to the engagement team. Mr. Draper reported, as an example, that 10-15 students can be referred in a week and that it's possible that some are the same students.

Angie Fasana volunteered as the tribal representative and reported that the Grand Ronde Tribal campus was closed, but that academic advisors were still providing support virtually to about 200 students.

Spyre Nelson reported that students were informed that sports were delayed until the beginning of February. National Junior and Honor Society participated in Shop for the Student providing for approximately 75 kids. Students have participated in dress up days for prizes and FFA has been doing the Food For All program and encouraged anyone to help in packing the food.

Consent Agenda

Clinton Coblentz moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Brenda Shenk seconded.

Board member Ken Onstot inquired about a couple of expenses in the financial report. Superintendent Zimbrick explained that the expense was related to a student's educational placement. He also inquired about the Clevertouch expense and Technology Director Richard Booker explained it was a content management (passwords) for technology.

Vote: 5 Yes - Motion Carried

Audience Time

There were no comments from audience members.

Reports & Discussion

Input on All Students Belong Policy

Superintendent Zimbrick stated in attending the law conference, had learned that Oregon is the first state to adopt such a policy. She stated she had provided the board with e-mails of other links to districts that have adopted policies or practices that are similar. The policy remains as written from OSBA. She reported that there has been a lot of discussion in the community in regards to the policy and being very supportive in the communication that she has received. She stated that she highly recommends that they approve it and reminded them that it was a Division 22 standard.

Decision Items

1. Adopt Board Policy ACB (with AR) - All Students Belong w/ Bias Incident Complaint Procedure

Clinton Coblentz moved to adopt the ACB - All Students Belong and ACB-AR - Bias Incident Complaint Procedure as required by the Oregon Department of Education. Ginger Whitman seconded.

Vote: 4 Yes - 1 Abstained - Motion Carried

2. Appoint Kristine Neese into budget committee vacancy for position #4 - expiration 6/30/2023

Clinton Coblentz moved to appoint Kristine Neese into Budget Committee Position #4. Brenda Shenk seconded.

Vote: 5 Yes - Motion Carried

3. OSBA Election

One candidate, Brandy Penner. Clinton Coblentz moved to vote Brandy Penner to the OSBA Board of Directors. Brenda Shenk seconded.

Vote: 5 Yes - Motion Carried

4. WESD Resolution

Superintendent Zimbrick reviewed the contract services that are provided through WESD. This provides the district the opportunity to obtain services and not hire someone directly. She provided information about services they provide in areas of students with special needs, technology, school improvement, administrative and support services.

Ginger Whitman moved to adopt the Resolution 20/21-01 approving the local service plan with the Willamette ESD as presented. Clinton Coblentz seconded.

Vote: 5 Yes - Motion Carried

Future Agenda Items

Board Recognition Month

Superintendent Evaluation Document (Draft)

Board member Brenda Shenk wanted to state that she felt personally attacked publicly in regards to the last board meeting on November 9, 2020. She was hurt and appalled with public comments and assumptions due to difference of opinion.

Board member Ginger Whitman agreed and she felt the same.

Board member Lincoln Watson reminded the audience (public) of the openings for Budget/Committee members.

Meeting Ends

Duly adjourned at 8:08 pm.