

WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Session

May 13, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Willamina Elementary/High School Library

The Willamina School Board of Directors met May 13, 2024 for Regular Session in the Willamina Elementary/High School Library. Minutes are as follows:

ATTENDANTS:

Caryn Stockwell
Karley Strouse
Dan Rinke - Absent
David Shenk –
Roy Whitman - Virtual
Carrie Zimbrick, Superintendent
April Johnson, Executive Secretary

7:00 pm Regular Session called to order by Board Chair Caryn Stockwell followed by the flag salute.

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Board Secretary April Johnson informed the board that they will need to schedule Phase 5 of the Superintendent hire plan with McPherson & Jacobson, shortly after the new superintendent begins. Regular session is scheduled for July 22nd, so maybe a short time after that something can be scheduled. She asked the board to just inform her of dates that would not work.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Karley Strouse moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

David Shenk seconded. **VOTE: 4 YES – MOTION CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Zimbrick stated that she had secured a contractor that is certified through ODE to conduct our facility assessment, long range plan and seismic assessment. She indicated that a grant was received to cover the cost. Supt. Zimbrick expressed a positive feeling about the election (Bond) and reviewed that she had a meeting with David Williams from Piper and Sandler about the steps that will take place immediately after the bond passes. She also stated that the budget committee had met and Lisa Anderson, Business Manager did an excellent job of preparing two budgets one if the bond passed and one if the bond fails. She states the district is fortunate compared to other districts that were looking at budget cuts. Supt. Zimbrick informed the board that the district received the summer learning grant and they were making preparations and plans on what that would look like. She stated that staff would be very busy ending the school year and completing necessary reports for ODE and Federal education department. She indicated that the DLT was focused on the Tribal Consultation process which was necessary to complete for some plans submitted for federal funds.

Principal Sarah Norwood reported that RTI team attended an annual conference in Eugen and herself and Brent Murrell were able to attend a conference that focused on helping students prepare students today for future careers. The main focus was on AI and student engagement strategies. Principal Norwood informed the board the SBAC testing was completed and all students participated in a “celebration” approach to testing. This consisted of a buddy program from grades 3-5 to help K-2 to help encourage them through testing. She discussed several events that had taken place, Donuts with Dudes, TAPP onsite visit and all the activities they had to celebrate Certified Staff Appreciation Week.

Principal Jami Fluke discussed the professional development staff had participate and stated that 11th grade PLC presented their 3-week advisory module on Summer Opportunities. She reviewed a very busy end of the year activity schedule and stated that with graduation and 8th grade promotion staff voted on several awards students would be receiving and she was able to take the Vals/Sals to lunch to celebrate their success. She indicated they were in process of making plans for summer school as well.

Principal Fluke informed the board that the Principal's Advisory Committee has been formed and those students have met for their first round of leadership/strengths training and will meet every 4-6 weeks after the school year begins. She recognized several staff for special achievements including Ryan Lewis for an amazing music performance, Kaylee Kidd and Rachel Bevens for planning and fundraising for a very successful Prom and TJ Wilson for taking students to compete in the SKILLS USA competition.

Principal Fluke indicated that students participated in a Youth Truth Survey and the 9th grade on track continue their work for freshman success. Staff and students were completing the DESSA for the third and final round and the Master Schedule for 24-25 has been completed and preliminary scheduling has begun for students.

Tribal representative Angela Fasana reported that they had a successful Admin day at the tribe and several tribes that they have MOA with participated. She also reviewed the construction and opening plan of the education center. She indicated that they have 15 KG beginning in the fall and hope to add grade levels yearly.

Board Secretary April Johnson reviewed the student report which reported on the final outcome for athletics. Several students were attending in the State track meet, and girl's softball were continuing with a good winning streak. FFA participated in a dress up week and ended with an FFA Banquet on Saturday.

AUDIENCE TIME:

Jake Eagleman ~ parent of a KG student expressed concern of KG behavior he was hearing about in the classroom. He stated he knew that ODE had requirements that made it even more difficult to deal with those behaviors, but he felt it was important to express his concern. Principal Norwood and Supt. Zimbrick reiterated that there had been an increase in behavior at that level, however they were doing everything possible to deal with those issues which sometimes results in removing the student from class and being sent home.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Supt. Zimbrick reviewed the Title VI Indian Education Grant and the collaborative committee of parents, tribal members and staff that work together. Emily Rawls Title VI Director also reported that this past year they had studied Native American Culture and customs. Some lessons were on the were related to Camus class specials. Students spent this designated time focusing on art related projects specifically geared towards the native culture. She also reviewed her position as the Title VI Director duties which include coordinating Title VI Parent Committee meetings in maintaining the grant as well as working diligently on the 506 forms which helps keep accurate records of Native and Native Descendant students in the Willamina School District.

Supt. Zimbrick also reviewed several other Federal State grants/programs. She indicated that the TITLE I, IIA, II , IV and VI had to be submitted . Each grant is specific in addressing certain areas such as ELL, addressing students living in poor communities, improving teacher and principal quality. Other Federal grants such as McKinney Vento help remove barriers for our homeless youth and help them access education needs. IDEA funds are used in accordance with federal laws. She also stated that the Stronger Connections Grant requires tribal consultation and approved budget.

Supt. Zimbrick indicated that state programs were specific in helping support certain areas in education as well. Such as High School Success (M98) that is dedicated to help dropout prevention as well as CTE enhancement.

Board Secretary April Johnson reviewed the policies that were revised for board discussion and review. She stated that the policies that are up for review have already been reviewed by OSBA and legal counsel, as well as Supt. Zimbrick. She stated that this was the time for the board to inquire, make changes or revise any wording about the policies. After any edits/revisions they will be in the next board meeting packet for approval.

DECISION ITEMS

1. Board Meeting Calendar 2024-2025

Karley Strouse moved to adopt the Board Meeting Calendar for the 2024-2025 school year. Dave Shenk seconded. **VOTE: 4 YES – MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Signature Change on Bank Accounts

Karley Strouse moved to remove Carrie Zimbrick as a signer on all District Bank Accounts, including First Federal beginning July 1, 2024 and adding Michael Gass, incoming Superintendent as the signer for the district beginning July 1, 2024. Dave Shenk/Roy Whitman seconded.

VOTE 4 YES – MOTION CARRIED

Future Agenda Items

Budget Hearing/ Regular Session June 24th

Adjourn: 7:59 PM