



WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Session Minutes September 14, 2020

7:00 p.m. Willamina School District Library

Following a walking tour of the district facilities that have been remodeled, the Willamina School District Board of Directors met in a regular session on September 14, 2020. Minutes are as follows:

Attendants:

Board Members

Clinton Coblentz, Ken Onstot, Ginger Whitman, and Brenda Shenk.

WSD Staff

Superintendent Carrie Zimbrick and Deb Eisele.

Meeting Begins

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

Board of Education

Deb Eisele provided a handout for the OSBA Convention which is being held "virtually" this year and asked board members interested in attending to register online.

Correspondence

Superintendent Zimbrick reported on new protocols for a return to school in person to include drinking fountains, no food consumption in staff rooms, small gym (rubber room) being converted into a staff room with enough room for social distancing and bathroom use by staff and students to minimize direct contact with each other.

Superintendent Zimbrick stated she is getting a little concerned with finances as enrollment is down for obvious reasons. Superintendent Zimbrick stated she has begun to deny requests to transfer to online schools as law allows us to deny once we reach 3% of our total enrollment. Superintendent Zimbrick reported, so far, parents are not upset as they were not aware we could offer the same thing with distance learning models currently in place.

Superintendent Zimbrick stated that due to her concerns with finances, we are not filling positions that we don't currently need and are going "status quo" currently on staffing.

Superintendent Zimbrick reported on the District Leadership Team (DLT) meeting which focused on supporting parents as well as students as we navigate this new "norm."

Superintendent Zimbrick states she has included a school calendar that is coded to more accurately reflect what we are doing as a district.

Clinton Coblenz asked why we keep delaying the start of school, to which Superintendent Zimbrick stated due to poor air quality coupled with a new state waiver which allows for teacher preparation for Comprehensive Distance Learning (CDL) in order to be able to deliver a comprehensive education plan.

Shawn Draper delivered the WMS/WHS board report to include professional development activities for staff to deliver curriculum with social/emotional focus. Mr. Draper stated they would be using the same areas of focus for the School Improvement Plan. 1) Attendance, 2) Academics, 3) Behavioral/Social/Emotional Learning, 4) Parental Involvement. Mr. Draper reminded everyone that there is no school on the 25th to observe Native Day. Enrollment at WMS/WHS was reported at 495.

Jami Fluke reported that Mrs. Nelson had nine parents in one session which is more than she ever had at in-person parent/teacher conferences. Mrs. Fluke also stated that she had a parent meeting with about 50 parents joining in.

Sarah Norwood reported on professional development for Ready Math and Ready Reading, Kindergarten transition camp, and great staff collaboration on getting their CDL off and running.

There was no tribal report.

Spyre Nelson provided the student report to include open gym for sports, FFA participation in the Polk County Livestock Auction, soils competition in October, no new activities for Club Med and Leadership students repainting the paw prints on the road leading to the campus. Workouts for football conditioning happens on Tuesdays and Thursdays with coaches Nelson and Hedrick.

Consent Agenda

Clinton Coblentz moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Ginger Whitman seconded.

Vote: 4 Yes - Motion Carried

Audience Time

There were no audience comments or input at this time.

Decision Items

1. Approve Agreement with Classified Union - OSEA Chapter #18

Superintendent Zimbrick summarized the changes from the last agreement to the current proposed agreement.

Clinton Coblentz moved to approve the OSEA Chapter #18 negotiated agreement through June 30, 2023 as presented.

Vote: 4 Yes - Motion Carried

Reports & Discussion

1. Operational Blueprint for School Re-entry 2020/2021

Superintendent Zimbrick indicated this is provided for board review and is required by the Oregon Department of Education (ODE).

2. Willamina School District Pandemic Plan

This was also provided for board review and required by the ODE.

3. OSBA Board of Directors Elections

Deb Eisele explained that if any of our board members would like to serve on the OSBA board, there are instructions on how to file for the open position in Yamhill County in the board packet.

4. Kudos to Lynne Shore

A letter received from the School Nutrition Association highlighting the achievements of Lynne Shore was included in the package. Board members indicated we are lucky to have Mrs. Shore on staff!

Superintendent Zimbrick indicated she has included a complaint received from the Office of Civil Rights (OCR) from last year. Superintendent Zimbrick indicated she agreed to review our anti-discrimination policies to satisfy this complaint.

Future Agenda Items

OCR Complaint and voluntary agreement - December meeting.

Meeting Ends

Duly adjourned at 8:02 pm.