

WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Session

October 14, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Willamina Elementary/High School Library

The Willamina School Board of Directors met October 14, 2024 for Regular Session in the Willamina Elementary/High School Library. Minutes are as follows:

ATTENDANTS:

Caryn Stockwell
Karley Strouse
Dan Rinke
Roy Whitman- Phone
David Shenk
Mike Gass, 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 reminded the board members of the OSBA Annual Convention in November.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Karley Strouse moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Dan Rinke seconded

VOTE: 5 YES – MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Gass updated the Board on activities that have been going on district wide as well as professional development for staff and himself. He stated that the Bulldog Bash was an impressive well attended event. Supt Gass informed the board of a new “Safer Watch” program that would be available to staff as an App on their phone for emergency purposes. This will give more direct access to Admin on site when the need arises for immediate assistance, as an alert can be sent directly to their cell phones. Staff will attend training on the application in a couple weeks, Admin and other essential staff will be trained first. He stated that the campus had been busy not only with activities, also with the beginning of construction on the concession stand and PE/Athletic shelter, which will also provide updated ADA accessibility. Supt. Gass also reported that he was pleased that the Elementary school had made some significant improvements and was no longer on watch with ODE.

Jami Fluke reported on her goals data for the Middle School and reviewed the current data and where students were at academically in areas of reading, math, and attendance. She explained how the use of IXL and Dibels programs were used to test the students to gather the data needed to evaluate where students were at academically so they could begin to address the areas that students are scoring the lowest. She stated that the programs were computer adapted to skill level and continued monitoring of these scores will also identify achievement levels. She stated it is helpful as well for staff to see where their students are at and the progress that they are making.

David Shenk inquired about students moving up in skill level and Jami explained about the self-paced but also skill based and as students learn new skills it adapts to their skill level. Supt. Gass indicated that he was willing to add more licensure as long as they continue to see improvement with students’ skills and test scores.

Principal Fluke also stated that the IXL Math gives recommendations on what students needed to learn a specific math skill and provides the worksheets and necessary components to help them improve those skills. The program is individual base.

Supt. Gass inquired if the information from these programs/tests would be available for parents during parent teacher conferences and Mrs. Fluke stated that the information would be available and/or sent home in report cards as well.

She stated that the new TAPP Advocate, Mike Solem has been meeting with students that are having attendance issues and addressing the reasons why particular students are having difficulty in getting to school and providing interventions to help with those issues.

Board member, Dan Rinke inquired about the correlation in the attendance issue data that Jami Fluke presented with lower scores in math and reading. Jami stated that there is a correlation of those same students with lower attendance rates also having lower scores.

Board member, Roy Whitman inquired if the Monday schedule was having any impact on attendance and Jami stated that Mondays were being ran differently, and was not affecting the actual scores in attendance.

Principal Sarah Norwood provided a written report.

There was no tribal report.

New student board representative Mikayla Mercier was introduced and she reported on the activities for the student body as well as upcoming events.

AUDIENCE TIME:

One person present, no comments.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Superintendent Gass presented the Division 22 Standards and reviewed the components of the report that documents our compliance. He informed the board that the report is submitted to the State to document how the district meets the components and standards to stay in compliance. He reviewed some areas of the report and descriptions of how we meet those component areas. He also stated the report is available to the public on our website.

Supt. Gass also presented the draft of the RFP for the construction that was proposed with the passing of the Bond in May. He explained that this was a rough draft and he was meeting with legal counsel to review it, to be sure we are in compliance with the proposal as well as procedures for the bidding process.

DECISION ITEMS

There were no decision items.

Future Agenda Items:

November meeting will be at CTGR campus November 18th @ 7 PM.

Duly adjourned 7:59 PM