

WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Session

January 8, 2024

7:00 p.m.

Willamina Elementary/High School Library

The Willamina School Board of Directors met January 8, 2024 PM for Regular Session in the Willamina Elementary/High School Library. Minutes are as follows:

ATTENDANTS:

Caryn Stockwell

Karley Strouse

Dan Rinke

Roy Whitman

David Shenk

Carrie Zimbrick, Superintendent

April Johnson, Executive Secretary

Bethany Mason – Tribal Representative

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Superintendent Zimbrick recognized and thanked the board for their service.

Board Secretary April Johnson reviewed the current timeline on the superintendent search and indicated that the events that were scheduled that day had gone well and Maureen (Mcpherson & Jacobson) was pleased with the data she collected

CONSENT AGENDA:

Caryn Stockwell moved to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Karley Strouse seconded

VOTE: 5 YES – MOTION CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Superintendent Zimbrick stated she was still hopeful to move into the new middle school building by the end of January. She indicated that the furniture had all been ordered and should be arriving soon. Technically they were waiting for PGE to complete their installation as well as the fire suppression.

Superintendent Zimbrick informed the board that the 22-23 Audit was completed and she included in her report a few pages to review. She stated that the district had a healthy ending fund balance that had been growing steadily. Due to the grants that we have received that are noncompetitive (not federal grant related). She also stated that the district received notice that they received the CTE revitalization grant (3rd year) and was very pleased with what that meant for our growing CTE program. She also explained that the district has done well with putting money in for reserve funds for stabilization of the district. She indicated that funds were set aside to offset PERS stabilization fund, building and maintenance as well as they started a reserve fund for grounds/athletics to maintain and or repair grounds/structures to avoid replacement costs (track).

Superintendent Zimbrick also stated that the district leadership team met and reviewed the proposed calendar for 24-25. She was hopeful that it would be ready for adoption in February.

She also stated that she was meeting with bond counsel to work on the language for the Bond that will be on the ballot as well as the title. She reiterated the importance of passing the bond at this time as we have already been approved for the OSCIM grant that will match the funds we are requesting in the bond.

Superintendent Zimbrick stated that she had a conversation with ODOT about a second access drive to our campus. She learned that we indeed have the right to a second driveway off of HWY 18 B that would be between Burr's property and Alger's property. However, that is not the most ideal placement.

Roy Whitman inquired about the access off of Sunshine Mtn. Drive as an emergency exit. Superintendent Zimbrick indicated that is an option as well and that the access off of HWY 18 B would be for authorized vehicles and in case of an emergency only.

David Shenk inquired about Solar Drive and our district ownership. Superintendent Zimbrick informed him that we owned the property from the stop sign and were responsible for road maintenance. We have an account set up and that the people living on Solar Drive pay a yearly easement fee to access the road.

Board Secretary April Johnson indicated that the easement agreement needed to be reviewed as it was over 20 years old and more construction has taken place on the property that is using solar drive.

Tribal Representative Bethany Mason reported that several members attended the Native Institute training the district had that day and was very pleased with the outcome and information they received.

AUDIENCE TIME:

There was no audience questions or concerns.

REPORTS & DISCUSSION

DECISION ITEMS

Future Agenda Items:

Board Secretary reviewed the upcoming meetings: Work Session and Executive session and stated she would inform them on locations and time. She also indicated that we would try to schedule a walk through of the new school before the February meeting.

Roy Whitman inquired about the students waiting to get into the building in the morning and was concerned with them standing in inclement weather. If there were any way possible for students to have access to be out of the weather. Supt. Zimbrick stated that there was a conflict with contract language and staff missing their prep time if they are having to supervise students. Mr. Whitman inquired if instructional assistants could possibly step in and help. Supt. Zimbrick indicated she would look into it.

Meeting adjourned 7:25 pm