



WILLAMINA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Goals Review Meeting Minutes **August 9th, 2021** **7:00 p.m. Willamina School District Library**

The Willamina School District Board of Directors met for dinner and to review goals on August 9th, 2021. Minutes are as follows:

Attendants:

Board Members

Caryn Stockwell, Karley Strouse, Shane Felton, and Brenda Shenk.

WSD Staff

Superintendent Carrie Zimbrick, Executive Secretary April Johnson.

Meeting Begins

7:00 pm Goals Review meeting called to order by board chair Caryn Stockwell followed by the flag salute.

Consent Agenda

Brenda Shenk moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Karley Strouse seconded.

Vote: 4 Yes - Motion Carried

Correspondence

Superintendent Zimbrick reviewed facilities and summer projects. She reported that the maintenance oversight committee had met and composed a priority list on how to spend the ESSR funds in relation to facilities projects. Superintendent Zimbrick indicated she felt the funds are best utilized in substantial projects that will last in the district. The priority is to add the additional 6 classrooms to the middle school, expanded playground

area, and a possible extra gym. She stated that several grants were in place in addition to the ESSR funds that have to be spent in specific areas. In addition she also reviewed the ending fund balance and explained the above average carryover was due to not having as many expenditures as you would in a typical school year.

Superintendent Zimbrick reviewed the updated Ready School Safe Learners (RSSL) recent changes. The district has created a plan and a draft to help prepare to follow the mandates set in place by Governor Brown and ODE. She stated that ODE will fine districts \$500 per violation and also may sanction teacher licensure if found in violation. Willamina School District will be following the mandate.

Superintendent Zimbrick reported that the District Leadership Team has met and usually the focus tends to be on curriculum, however with the pandemic the main purpose is how to re-open and keep everyone safe. She asked for patience and grace in working through this as it is a difficult task to meet the needs of everyone while keeping the community safe.

Audience Time

Several parents were present to voice their concerns with the new mandates, especially mask-related. Darren and Kelsey Risseeuw expressed their concerns and frustrations in regards to kids wearing masks full days and inquired what would happen if a student was not wearing a mask. In addition, Darren asked about the use of masks during sports, PE, and recess.

Superintendent Zimbrick stated that students would be given several breaks throughout the day and would be taken outside or for walks as much as possible to remove masks.

Kelsey Risseeuw inquired about other districts, such as Culver School District that was not enforcing the mask mandate. Superintendent Zimbrick indicated that August 3rd at the superintendents meeting, that districts were supposed to be implementing procedures under local control. When the mandate came through, a few districts reached out to local elected officials to help gain their local control back.

Ryan Shelton inquired who would be monitoring the mask wearing and providing masks. He was also concerned about the risks vs. benefits of constant mask wearing.

Gary Sipe inquired about the new announcement of students not having to meet state testing requirements to earn a high school diploma in the areas of math, reading, and writing. Superintendent Zimbrick clarified that it did not mean that students were not proficient in those areas as they still have to pass the school's curriculum as graded by their teachers. The state had indicated that the tests were very time consuming and the results inconclusive.

Kelsey Risseuw emphasized that she understood the position the district was in and felt parents had a choice. She also inquired how the district was going to implement the best plan with kids wearing a mask. Superintendent Zimbrick stated that when kindergarten students were on campus, they actually followed the mask-wearing and other guidelines (i.e. social distancing) well.

Darren Risseuw also inquired about transportation and students having to wear masks to sporting events. Superintendent Zimbrick stated that students would be sitting with the same members of their household as much as possible and indicated the school would try to have more bus routes to help distance students. She also stated that students could arrange to ride with parents to sporting events.

General discussion took place among the audience in regards to chromebooks, class size, and sporting events. Superintendent Zimbrick informed the audience that most school districts were upset about losing local control.

Reports and Discussions

Lynne Shore Food Services Director presented a powerpoint presentation reviewing the Food Service Program at Willamina School District. The report provided an overall view of nutrition services to students. All students have meals provided at no cost through the Community Eligibility Provision. In addition, students also receive breakfast in the classroom and after school snack. Lynne reviewed several grants like Farm to School that provides local fresh produce.

Lynne also shared the effects of the pandemic and how that has impacted overall food service. She indicated that cancelled food orders, shortage of food and increased pricing has presented some challenges. She has changed menus and relied on self-packaging to continue meeting the requirements for food service.

Board Member Caryn Stockwell inquired if she utilized any other local farms besides Mama Tee's, such as Bare Farms and C & K Bakery? Lynne stated that they have to meet certain guidelines but she has reached out to Bare Farms with no response.

Lynne reviewed some of the special projects this year that included a pizza party, produce giveaway, and cake in a mug kits. She also informed the board that during the pandemic they prepared and handed out 170,164 meals.

Supt. Zimbrick reviewed the updates for policy JHCA/JHCB Immunization, Physical Examination, Vision/Dental Screening as suggested by OSBA. She informed the board that policies are reviewed and recommendations are made for any updates in language or written policy is given to the board for review and discussion. Policies will be voted on after the board has a chance to review the recommendations in subsequent meetings.

Decision Items

No decision items at this time.

Future Agenda Items

Operating Plan for 2021/2022 (RSSL Update)

Meeting Ends

Duly adjourned at 8:09 pm.