Minutes Regular Board Meeting – February 3, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.
Weston Middle School Library

The meeting was opened and called to order at 6:30 pm by Scott Rogers. Members attending were Marty Graham, Clell Hasenbank, Tim Seymour, Natalie Lambert and Rebecca Bond. Kristin Williams was absent.

School personnel attending were Ann Vescio, Paula Warner, Morgan Rauch and Kerri Coffman.

Report of closed/other sessions - Executive Session for Superintendent Evaluation

Adopt Agenda: Marty Graham moved and Becca Bond seconded to approve the revised agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

School Board Meeting Minutes - Marty Graham moved and Tim Seymour seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 13, 2025. The motion passed unanimously.

Community Input – None

Correspondence: None

4.1 Facilities Report: Travis Glover stated that the food trailer is ready for spring sports. He is working on a few lighting projects throughout the district to improve visibility in some identified dark areas. Laure Quaresma is writing more grants for a new pig barn at the land lab.

4.2 Preschool/Athena Elementary Report - Kerri Coffman reported that the pre-school is fully enrolled. Western Oregon University is doing a 3 hour evaluation. Mrs. Monaco is having the students teach each other. The PreSchool classroom has become a little family.

K-3 -The family garden event was well attended. Families enjoyed black bean brownies and pizza. Athena Elementary had a Super Hero assembly to promote the character trait of Responsibility. Several students have run 50 miles and were recognized. Mrs. Staley taught art to all grades. Science students are germinating seeds. World Reading Day is Wednesday. The public librarian is going to read them a story then they get to pick out a book to keep.

4.3 Middle School Report - Mrs.Vescio shared we have finished the 1st semester and the academic awards assembly is on Wednesday at 5:30 pm. Heart Pumping Game Night will be held on February 13th. Middle school students who are grade and behavior eligible can attend.

6,7,8 students are completing a unit on energy, forces and motion. One Book One School has begun for students in grades 4-8. The students are reading Code Talkers. New 2nd semester electives have begun.

Girls basketball started after the winter break. Wrestling has participated in a couple of tournaments.

The middle school teachers have begun a weekly raffle for students with no behavior referrals. Their favorite reward is GUM!

4.4 Weston McEwen High School Report - Mrs. Rauch stated that February is CTE month. To celebrate, the foods class is catering, the graphics class is making specialty signs, the wood shop class is making dog houses, and art class is working on painted magnets. This semester the high school is offering a Career in Trades class.

Mock interviews will take place this week. Mr. Gau will lead the 74th Annual Pipes and Drum event at the home game on Saturday.

The first semester academic outing will be on Thursday. 84 students with 3.5 GPA earned bowling and pizza at Wildhorse. In addition, students with 90% attendance or better for the year or in January earned a private screening of Mufasa. 57 students qualified for both events.

Unfortunately in today's OSAA special session, it was decided that we would in fact move to 3A if we kept the co-op with Helix. At this time, we do not believe that this is the best fit for our athletes, so we will be dropping the Hlix co-op until we can feasible stay 2A with their numbers.Marty Graham suggested we put out a public communication about the 3A and co-op decision.

Student Representative, Lyla Rogers: ASB is wrapping up concessions for basketball. The NHS will hold their second blood drive on March 5th. Communicare is working on awarding their grant money.

Superintendent Report

4.5.1 Enrollment - Mrs. Vescio shared that current student enrollment is 492.

4.5.2 Local Service Plan - Mrs. Vescio shared information from the IMESD regarding the Local Service Plan. Technology and special education are the main services used by the District. We did use the IMESD Crisis Team when our staff member passed away this year.

4.5.3 Community Bond Advisory Committee Update (CBAC) - Mrs. Vescio shared information from the last meeting on January 20th. The committee reviewed tax assessment information, seismic grant options for the HS gym, and grade level configuration information. The group participated in two table exercises around prioritizing facilities needs at the high school.

4.5.4 February 25th 6:30 pm Community Engagement Events - The February Thought Exchange event will be on February 25th at 6:30 pm in the Weston Cafeteria. Citizenship, facilities, School Finance 101 and enrollment will be the topics for discussion.

4.5.5 Graduation Rate - Mrs. Vescio outlined the 2023-2024 graduation data. AWSD's on time graduation rate is much higher than the state's rate. In the 23-24 school year, we had a graduation rate of 94% and the State rate was 81%.

4.5.6 2025 Legislative Priorities - Mrs. Vescio shared legislative priorities. The state school fund budget is going to be at $11.38 Billion. High school success and SIA are to be fully funded. Increasing funding for special education which is currently capped at 11% is a priority for COSA. Other priorities include K-12 Facilities, fully funding early literacy, fully funding summer learning programs, mental health attendance, and workforce.

4.5.7 March School Board Meeting - March 10, 2025 - CTUIR

4.5.8 Regional Board Training - Mrs. Vescio stated there is a new law that school board members must have training one time per term. The IMESD will host the training this spring on May 1st. Paula Warner reminded the board members to file if they are up for re-election.

4.5.9 Federal Funding Freeze - Mrs. Vescio shared the AWSD programs that are funded through Federal Funding. Our main federal funding is Child Nutrition, Title I, and IDEA.

4.5.10 Carruth - Paula Warner went through the Carruth breach situation.

Business Items:

5.1 Personnel - Tim Seymour moved and Marty Graham seconded to accept the hiring of John Sargent, Middle School Wrestling and Loran Monaco, High School Track Coach. The resignation of Jason Rawlings – Middle School Wrestling and Sage DeLong – High School Assistant Football, and certified retirement of Craig Taylor, elementary teacher. The motion passed unanimously.

Action Items:

6.1 Budget Calendar - Marty Graham moved and Tim Seymour seconded to approve the budget calendar as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

6.2 Budget Committee - Tim Seymour moved and Marty Graham seconded to approve the budget committee as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

6.3 Local Service Plan - Tim Seymour moved and Natalie Lambert seconded to approve the Local Service Plan as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

6.4 Superintendent Evaluation - Tim Seymour moved and Marty Graham seconded to approve the Superintendent Evaluation as presented. Scott Rogers read the superintendent evaluation letter from the board. The motion passed unanimously.

6.5 FFA Overnight Trip - Tim Seymour moved and Becca Bond seconded to approve the FFA Overnight Trip as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

6.6 Donation - Marty Graham moved and Natalie Lambert seconded to approve the ski club donation. The motion passed unanimously.

Review Distributions – Marty Graham moved and Natalie Lambert seconded to approve the distributions as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Board of Education: Marty Graham acknowledged Mr. Taylor's long career in the district. Becca Bond appreciated the federal funding information. Clell Hasenbank also acknowledged Mr. Taylor. Natalie Lambert and Scott Rogers thanked Mrs. Vescio for her work as superintendent for the district.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Paula L. Warner

Chairman of Board

Business Manager