Elkton School District #34
Regular Meeting 12/10/24
Minutes

Board members present: Candy Weatherly, Roger Holcomb, Randi Smith, Cheryl Flick, Doug Byle (arrived 7:05)
Staff present: Andy Boe, Edwina Miller, Brian Kruse, Melissa Whitley

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Board Chair Roger Holcomb

A motion is made by Candy Weatherly to accept the agenda. The motion is seconded by Randi Smith. The motion carries 4:0 with yes votes by Candy Weatherly, Randi Smith, Cheryl Flick and Roger Holcomb.

Student Report – ASB President – Jasmine Parsons

Executive Council team shift.

- Jasmine Parsons President
- Kendall Holcomb Vice President
- Jessica Hawkinson Secretary
- Darwin Hudson Treasurer
    - Thank you to Amelia Holloway for her service.
- The senior class has decorated the hallways and is hosting daily dress up days for winter spirit. They are also selling holiday spirit goods.
- December 17th is the winter formal dance fundraiser for senior class.
- We are planning for the holiday dinner at lunch on 12/19. All board members are invited to attend.

FFA Report – Braden Groth, Advisor

- Mr. Groth has been an ag teacher for 16 years starting in Condon and then has been in Elkton 15 years. He is a member of Oregon Ag Teachers Association. As CTE educator it is required to be a part of a technical organization. OATA is the only CTE organization geared toward a specific subject and geared toward ag education. Mr. Groth has been a member for 16 years. OATA provides professional development opportunities. Has mentor/mentee opportunities. Mr. Groth has been a mentor each year the program has been available and is very rewarding and provides for leadership development, advocacy and support, travel and networking. Last week Mr. Groth attended an event in San Antonio. Two years ago he was elected as Oregon Ag Teachers President Elect and organized the OATA conference, presenting workshops and presenters. He will serve as the president of OATA this year acting in an overseeing roll. OATA looks at each other as a family allowing for networking and provide support. Mr. Groth felt very honored to be elected and to serve.
- Cheryl Flick where are the conferences this year?
    - Crook County and Lebanon and summer conference is in Seaside. Fall conference is one day and summer conference is 3 days. National conference rotates between Nashville, Anaheim, San Antonio and New Orleans.
- Mr. Boe asks is this a one-year term as president?
    - Braden Groth shares that you serve as president elect and then president.
- Cheryl Flick states I always encourage involvement and the networking helps so much in your profession and meeting people with the same problems is so nice.
- Braden Groth states the membership has grown from 80-90 ag teachers to now 165. The problem nationally is retention.
- Brade Groth shares that he wants to say Jasmine Parsons has been fantastic stepping into this roll. She has taken it by the horns and I want to make sure that you know she does a great job. She is one of our FFA officers and what she has done and grown the last four years is fantastic.

Superintendent Report – Andy Boe

- Conferences and conference schedule was later in the year with mixed reviews by teachers and parents. It was a little further from the grading period. It is something we will need to discuss. We did have great attendance at both the grade school and the high school. Something we need to keep an eye on for next year calendar scheduling.
- State report card came out and shows both successes and failures. We need to identify what we need to do to move past being average. The link to that is on our website and on the ODE website.
- Winter sports are off and running. We have 10 girls playing basketball, 14 boys playing basketball and 4 boys wrestling. We have a new partnership with the ECEC and Sam Scharf hosting an Art Academy and we have 3-4 kids going to that. We have after school gaming club and a music club and a 4/5 grade girls basketball program with Kim Davis. There are many activities available to students.
- The governor released the next biennium budget and there is a little bump from last year at 11.5 billion. This PERS thing keeps coming up as an obligation. It does not look like there will be a state bail out on PERS. There was a strategy created about 10 years ago where bonds were sold on the PERS obligation. Some of them it worked great. Others it went horribly wrong. We did not do it, thank goodness. We have our own system of reserves to offset and cover our obligation. Something to keep an eye on and it is in the news.
- Attended COSA and Oregon Small Schools Association in Eugene last week. A lot of PERS conversations going on.
- We are going to ask for the bus decision in the transportation portion of the agenda. Last month was a tight line with busses again. We had one bus down with an emissions problem. It is up and running now. We got everything done but it was tight at times. I refer to some other costing as we talked about costs for the new unit, and it was a net difference of $15,000 to get the AC and the USB ports upcharge.
- Holiday break beings on the 19th and runs to the 5th.

Principal Report – Sam Tupou

- I think Mr. Boe covered a lot of the activities but to elaborate we met with Emily Ring of Emergency Management, a Douglas County Sherrif deputy, Dave Wiley of the Elkton Fire Department, Brian Kruse and myself and we did a walk-through of our premises and looked for ways to improve our emergency responses and options. The Baptist church is always an option, but we are looking for other options to avoid walking across the highway. We also did a walk-through of the grade school and the ECEC. Ms. ___ is going to get back to us and see if we can have someone from the I Love You Guys Foundation to do more training and learn what we can improve on. It's good work.
- Middle School Boys Basketball tonight was their last competition. Girls basketball will start in a couple of weeks.
- Upcoming events – it is going to be a busy next 2 weeks. This Wednesday is our big middle school dance. On Thursday, the 8th grade class will visit OMSI. This Friday is our high school winter formal dance and next week Jasmine invited you folks verbally to the holiday dinner. She will follow up with a notecard reminder.
    - Doug Byle asked - The tsunami warning got me thinking. Where would you evacuate to. I was told the ECEC.
    - Andy Boe states that we are not in the tsunami zone. However, the ECEC is higher ground than the high school. We have identified that the high school would evacuate to the Elkton Baptist Church. The ECEC is higher than the high school and the grade school is above the flood plain. It is addressed in our I Love You Guys platform but it is pretty vague.
    - Roger Holcomb asks how many boys went out in the middle school to play basketball?
    - Sam Tupou replies 15 ish.

- Andy Boe says I think 18. It's a pretty good number grades 5-8.

A motion is made by Candy Weatherly to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion is seconded by Doug Byle. The motion passes 5:0 with yes votes by Randi Smith, Cheryl Flick, Doug Byle, Candy Weatherly and Roger Holcomb.

BUILDINGS AND MAINTENANCE - Brian Kruse

- We are reapplying for the seismic grant.
- Maintenance wise things have been well.
- Transportation - We had a bus down for about 2 ½ weeks waiting for parts. We are getting some parts to do some service work over the break. Rob and I and Edwina played with the radios on Friday. We've been working with Day Wireless and Silke Communications to potentially put some radios in the busses. Silke got us test radios and we drove our routes and tried them out. It was good coverage with some expected dead zones.
    - Mr. Boe recommends we purchase the 84-passenger bus with the add-ons.
    - Edwina Miller – You're buying a payment for over 10 years $220,000 purchase. It will be a second loan. We budgeted enough money, and it will make it a little tighter than I thought it would be. The drop off point will be staggered with this purchase. The amount of money invested in some of the used busses is another factor to consider. Even though I hate to say, probably fiscally it's a responsible move. I think that to have, even though we will have that extra payment, it's fiscally responsible to have that stagger and over 10 years you're looking at $22,000 per year.
    - Doug Byle asks to explain the stagger.
    - Edwina Miller explains the stagger, payment plan and depreciation.
    - Doug when asks when is the next time we would be expected to purchase another new bus?
    - Edwina Miller says about 2 years.
    - Andy Boe says the next purchase would probably be a smaller bus or an activity bus because we will have these buses we're purchasing that should last 10 years.
    - Cheryl Flick asks we said the warranty was for 5 years?
    - Andy Boe states that transmissions are 5. Warranty is 3 years unlimited miles on the engine and Cummins has a 5 year 100,000 mile. On page 5/7 on my packet explains warranties.
    - Cheryl Flick asks if we can depreciate it faster than 10 years?
    - Edwina Miller the states the 10-year rule is set with ODE. It depends on the cost and equipment.
    - Cheryl Flick states you would hope bus would last 10 years but the emissions you just never know
    - Andy Boe states on the transmissions we purchased the extended warranty. 5 years on powertrain, 5 years on the transmission, the Bluebird is 3 years unlimited. The bus you would be saying yes to is a few less seats spread further apart for travel. It is to have AC and USB ports. It would become our trip bus and the one we have now would go into service on route. They're big busses and there's time on routes there aren't very many kids on them. The capacity is 78.
    - Edwina Miller states 50% of your mileage has to be route mileage to qualify.
    - Cheryl Flick asks how many miles on the bus we'd trade out?
    - Brian Kruse says 115,000. A lot of it is age.
    - Andy Boe states it's one of the used busses we got from Sherwood.
    - Brian Kruse shares that it sat for about 3 years which is harder on them than running them.

- Cheryl Flick says the hard part is a big payment with repairs and that's my hesitation.
- Edwina Miller states and that's why we have contingency.
- Andy Boe shares that we paid $20,000 for the bus and got 15,000 miles out of it. The other two we're happy with.
- Cheryl Flick states we're so new into the bus thing and it's worrisome do we know what we're biting off.

A motion is made by Candy Weatherly to purchase a new bus as recommend by Mr. Boe. The motion is seconded by Cheryl Flick. The motion carries 5:0 with yes votes by Randi Smith, Cheryl Flick, Doug Byle, Candy Weatherly and Roger Holcomb.

A motion is made by Candy Weatherly and seconded by Doug Byle to accept the second reading of the below stated policies. The motion carries 5:0 with yes votes by Randi Smith, Cheryl Flick, Doug Byle, Candy Weatherly and Roger Holcomb.

AC – Nondiscrimination
BBF – Board Member Standards of Conduct
BBFC – Delete
CBG – Evaluation of a Superintendent
CCG – Evaluation of Administrators
EBBA – Delete
EBBA-AR – Delete
EBBB – Injury/or Illness Reports
EBC/EBCA – Delete
EBCA – Safety Threats
EBCB – Emergency Procedure Drills and Instruction
GBEB – Communicable Diseases in Schools
GBEB-AR – Communicable Disease In School
GBEBA – Delete
GCDA/GDDA – Delete
IGBAF – Special Education IEP
IGBAF-AR – Special Education IEP
IGBAG – Special Education – Procedural Safeguards
JBAA – Section 504 - Students (v2)
JBAA-AR – Section 504 – Students
JEA – Compulsory Attendance
JEA-AR – Compulsory Attendance Notices and Citations
JGA – Corporal Punishment
JGAB – Use of Restraint or Seclusion
JGAB-AR – Use of Restraint or Seclusion
JHC – Delete
JHCC – Delete
JHCC-AR – Delete
JHCCA – Delete
JHCCF – Delete
JHCCF – Pediculosis
JHCCF-AR – Delete
KBA-AR – Public Records

Co-Curricular Activities

- We are going to discuss the Washington DC trip at the next meeting. There is a forms package we can get from Zolezzi Insurance, and we have had those conversations. There were concerns with the chaperones and relationship with the school and the trip. Now we need to discuss the compensation of the trip. We are going to pay for their leave time when they're gone with subs but are we going to pay them for their leave. We can trade some leave, one day, for professional development. The other days they would have to take leave. I'm going to bring it back to you in January for a final.
- Roger Holcomb asks how do other schools handle it?
    - Andy Boe states a million different ways and a lot of schools seem to have it under the Booster Club. The insurance said it isn't that big of a deal and as long as we have the forms straightened. Drain has done this trip for years and years and I'm not sure how they ran those funds through. Here it seems we can go through Boosters or the Student Body

Financial/District Reports

- Waiting for the draft audit from Neuner Davidson.
- Saif Audit went well and we earned a $5,000 reduction in our premium.
- Child nutrition admin audit is next week. We've sent in a lot of stuff already and we try to send as much as we can to them so it's quicker.

- The procurement audit is requesting a lot of documentation.
- Our early literacy grant was approval today. We've submitted all of our annual grant reports.
- As you can see on the long sheets the property taxes are coming in.
- The revenue report, the 11.5 billion is about status quo. It is an increase of 500 million. When you factor in COLA and PERS, we wouldn't have less revenue so our staffing would remain the same.
    - Cheryl Flick asks is the conversation of standardized pay still out there?
    - Andy Boe – It is completely gone. The unemployment piece and paid family medical leave had an impact on everyone and is an unfunded mandate.
    - Edwina Miller states those two have really hit some districts really, really hard.
    - Andy Boe states that's the thing to watch is how many of those little pieces that get pushed out impacting us as an employer. Advocating for more money even though it sounds insane. With so many roll up costs and things attached. We're in a good spot but we're rooting on the 11.5. We won't budget on that number.
    - Edwina Miller says that no I always budget on low revenue and high expenses. Plus we negotiate both contracts this year. There's a lot of uncertainty.
    - Andy Boe shares that the crazy part about the economy in Oregon in the last 8 quarters is booming. The cliff is coming and is what we are always fearing.
    - Edwina Miller states the PERS thing is going to hit some districts really hard. I'd always felt side accounts and finance shouldn't be in the same conversation but there are some districts who are going to be hit really, really hard. Our percentages are increasing as we go and I'm hoping it will continue to climb a little bit. It's not necessarily been eaten for expenses but some has been moved into reserves. This reflects the fund 100 but we have other funds with transfers.

A motion is made to increase adult meal prices to $3.00 for breakfast and $5.00 for lunches. Motion is made by Candy Weatherly and is seconded by Doug Byle. The motion carries 5:0 with yes votes by Randi Smith, Cheryl Flick, Doug Byle, Candy Weatherly and Roger Holcomb.

A Motion is made to accept grants and donations as listed. The motion is made by Candy Weatherly and is seconded by Doug Byle. The motion carries 5:0 with yes votes by Randi Smith, Cheryl Flick, Doug Byle, Candy Weatherly and Roger Holcomb.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ORS 102.660(2)(d) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations is entered into at 7:58 pm.

Regular session is resumed at 8:11 pm.

Cheryl Flick shares that the grade school robotics team, the Robohowlers, qualified for the state competition and will travel to Hillsboro to compete on January 18th. They also earned the Innovation Award.

Next Meeting January 13, 2025.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:15 p.m.