Elkton School District #34
Regular Board Meeting
Minutes 2.12.24

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Board members present: Rober Holcomb, Doug Byle, Lindsey Baker, Candy Weatherly, Randi Smith, Sarah Wood

Staff members present: Andy Boe, Sam Tupou, Edwina Miller, Melissa Whitley

Visting staff: Steven O'Neal, Braden Groth, Jeremy Lockhart, Devin Hunt, Lisa Olson

Community present: Sage and John Parsons, Patty Holloway, Cheryl Flick, Travis Heath

Meeting is called to order by Chairman Roger Holcomb with the flag salute at 7:00 p.m.

Next Board Meeting March 11, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting

Review and Acceptance of Agenda

**Student Reports**

- Cael Boe, Senior, ASB President
    - Robotics is in 1st place and are going to the State Tournament
    - Basketball just won and will compete at the District Tournament this weekend.
    - Prom is being planned. Theme: Hollywood Walk. A DJ has been secured and we are commissioning students to make props and we are going to place an order for supplies.
    - We have 2 clubs going strong right now. The Guitar Club is meeting after school on Thursdays. The Game Masters League has a good turnout and Mr. O'Neal is leading that.

- FFA, Parliamentary Procedure Presentation by the Parli Pro Team and Braden Groth. Students Meah Saddler, Kendall Holcomb, Madelin Byle, Jasmine Parsons and Amelia Holloway

- Mr. O'Neal asks if the board will give permission to move forward with planning a ski trip for students on a Friday at Willamette Pass. He is asking for consensus to move forward with planning. A consensus is given to plan and return to the Board in March.
    - Sarah Wood asks if Mr. O'Neal will look into scholarship funding for the kids who would like to go but cannot afford it.
    - Mr. Boe states this should be a part of the planning.
    - Mr. O'Neal states yes.

- Senior Trip Presentation by Cael Boe, Mariah Kellam and Mr. O'Neal
    - Chaperones – Mr. Boe, Mr. Buell and Mr. O'Neal
    - Air BnB at Rockway Beach, Oregon May 29-May 31
    - Review of itinerary and food/meal planning

- Mr. Byle asks about the lack of a female chaperone on the list of chaperones. That is a hesitation for him.
- Mr. O'Neal states he will find a female chaperone
- Mrs. Weatherly asks what is the male/female breakdown?
- Mr. O'Neal states 3 female and 10 males.
- Lisa Olson asks what activities will happen during the down time?
- Cael Boe states there is a lot included in the home. There is an entire game room plus there are hiking trails and beach access.
- Lisa Olson asks if they are familiar with what is in the town of Rockway?

**Chairman's Report**

- There have been three parties who have turned in letters of interest for the Interim School Board position.
- Mr. Byle and Mrs. Wood will check references on the three applicants using the questions suggested in the OSBA guidance.
- Mrs. Whitley will contact the applicants to see if March 4 or March 11 works best for a special board meeting to conduct interviews.

**Superintendent Report**

- Attended Supt. Retreat and State looking at taking money from district coffers and the bill has died for this session but believe it will be a conversation moving forward. We rely heavily on the rainy day funds.
- Received a text message from the head of ODE and I was invited to be a part of an accountability group. I will sit on that panel and will be a part of recommendations back to the legislature. I have the chance to be a voice for small schools at the state level. Those meetings will be every other week starting week after next and they will go through September when we make our recommendation.
- Purchases of items – we are moving forward with the weight room. We have made purchases of $14,000 of equipment and that came out of a grant from the Ford Family and we are receiving $85,000 per year. The guitar club advisor and game masters club advisor stipends also come out of that fund. We are looking at making purchases of family recreation items. I have spoken with Marjorie at the ECEC about creating a student employment position to handle the checking out of the equipment. They are also looking at starting an elementary walking club.
- Teachers attended a recent science adoption caravan. They have received some of the science curricula and it is being passed around. It was shared at the recent Charter Council meeting as they began the discussion of the fit of natural resources with the newly adopted curriculum linking back to the natural resources mission. We are looking at a recommendation to come to the Board in June.
- We are looking at a Friday Academy Day at the high school to interact with students about the offering of the UCC Friday disciplines earning certificates and gaining pathways to post school outcomes for students. We want kids to be informed so they can make decisions to be involved with the UCC Friday's.
- Bathrooms: Vape sensors came in and have been installed and have been effective. The locks are installed so the students have the ability to use hallway bathrooms and lock the doors and use them themselves. It is starting to curb some behaviors and we are catching up to behaviors that need to be curbed.
    - Lindsey Baker has heard the sensors may be defective.

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- Andy Boe says Brian Kruse is working on the sensitivity and tampering is differentiated from vaping censoring. Once they figure out it can be tampered with, that's an issue.
- Sarah Wood asks what is discipline around vaping on campus?
- Andy Boe states that vaping falls under tobacco on the matrix. Tobacco is a one-day suspension or engaging in a smoking cessation course. That's the first. The second and third moves along with progressive discipline. This district, typically, if there is anything else, THC, typically a longer suspension with decreasing that suspension time by referring to Adapt.
- Sarah Wood asks are we able to include our mental health counselor with that?
- Andy Boe states, yes. That person would be a bridge between Adapt and the person.
- Sarah Wood asks this discipline is if it happens at school between hours and if it's off campus?
- Andy Boe states that's difficult and hard to do once they leave us. Different for athletes as there's a code of conduct and it's a 60-day suspension of athletics.
- Doug Byle asks what's the discipline for tampering?
- Andy Boe says that any disruption to the school environment will go from an after-school detention to suspension. Typically, a tampering thing is an after-school detention. If it is a continual behavior it may go into a suspension.
- Doug Byle asks, there is a formal progression?
- Andy Boe states, yes, that is under the heading of disruption of the school environment.
- Candy Weatherly asks is there more severe punishment if they actually destroy or damage them?
- Andy Boe says, yes, that's a $1400 piece of equipment and we haven't been there, but yes. We can say that about a laptop or anything.
- Andy Boe says that might be something to put into the adulting 101 presentation tomorrow. I want to be very careful about this being the thing. It's great but we're also trying to change the culture and perception. Educational components are coming. We are actively seeking presentations for people to come in and speak to kids, the Adulting 101, and the culture part is what we're after.
- Steven O'Neal offered a review of Tuesday's Adulting 101 lesson.
- Edwina Miller asks if the Code of Conduct encompasses all curriculars like FFA?
- Andy Boe says yes.
- Candy Weatherly asks, do we still do in school suspensions?
- Andy Boe says yes. Sam has done some. It's a capacity thing and having a principal here allows for it.
- Candy Weatherly states that in the past sending kids home who were repeat offenders was no big deal for them.
- Sarah Woods shares that getting them here with some positive support – that's the goal, right? Having kids in a room by themselves isn't the same as having someone here like Sam where they can talk.
- Andy Boe shares that he thinks there's room for both.

- Review of the 2023-2024 Douglas Educational Service District Service Plan

**A motion is made by Doug Byle to accept the 2023-2024 Local Service Plan as presented by the Douglas Education Service District. The motion is seconded by Candy Weatherly and the motion carries 6:0 with yes votes by Randi Smith, Doug Byle, Lindsey Baker, Candy Weatherly, Roger Holcomb and Sarah Wood.**

**Principal Report**

- Last week I accompanied the FFA State Degree presentations and our students' presentations were easily the top two.

- Congratulations to Student of the Month Allison Abraham
- Kudos to Steven O'Neal and his team for the work done on the Adulting 101 classes.
- Regarding the vape sensors – we do get a vape alert and we also get a tamper alert. The kids are testing out the equipment and today nothing. I think they are understanding this concept now. I think it's working, and we are going to keep it going. If nothing else, it lets them know we are taking it seriously.
- If there are any questions, I am happy to answer anything.

**Public Comment** – none

**A motion is made by Candy Weatherly to accept the Consent Agenda. The motion is seconded Doug Byle and the motion carries 6:0 with yes votes by Randi Smith, Doug Byle, Lindsey Baker, Candy Weatherly, Roger Holcomb and Sarah Wood.**

**Buildings and Maintenance**

- We do have a list of surplus items in your packet. They will be made available to the public starting tomorrow. The weight equipment will be available until the end of the week and then be permanently surplused. We do need a motion.

**A motion is made by Candy Weatherly to accept the list of surplus items as presented. The motion is seconded by Doug Byle. The motion carries 6:0 with yes votes by Randi Smith, Doug Byle, Lindsey Baker, Candy Weatherly, Roger Holcomb and Sarah Wood.**

**Co-Curricular Activities**

- Congratulations to Robotics for placing first and advancing to the state competition.
- Roger Holcomb wanted to share that the girls' basketball team went through the whole season with 6 girls and there wasn't a single game that all 6 girls weren't there. They took a beating, but they showed up at every game. All 6 of them. They hung in there.
- Randi Smith asks where do robotics practice?
    - Andy Boe shares in the old music room on the stage.
    - Randi Smith asks is the old teacheridge an option?
    - Edwina Miller states that it's a confidentiality thing.
    - Andy Boe shares that it's something to put on Brian's radar. The downstairs, they're still trying to figure out sheetrock. I will pass it on to Brian as we plan.

**PERSONNEL**

**A motion is made by Candy Weatherly and seconded by Doug Byle to accept the hiring of the following: Noah Miller, Head Baseball Coach, Katie De Bonis, Head Softball Coach, Jeremy Lockhart, Head High School Track Coach, Devin Hunt, Head Grade School Track Coach, Jeremy Lockhart as High School Guitar Club Advisor. The motion carries 6:0 with yes votes by Randi Smith, Doug Byle, Lindsey Baker, Candy Weatherly, Roger Holcomb and Sarah Wood.**

**Financial/District Reports**

- The audit has been passed through ODE.
- I am starting the budget process and some staff have turned theirs in, some haven't. One of the positive things is the bargaining agreements involved a couple years so it's nice to have that taken care of. We are working on a couple of grants that are moving slowly through ODE but they are coming through.

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- Cash projection review. We did get our second Common School Fund that will show in February and is around the $13,000 mark. We got our e-rate amount of $5,000. Everything else is status quo.

**A Motion is made to accept the Budget Calendar for 24-25 by Sarah Wood and is seconded by Doug Byle. Motion carries 6:0 with yes votes by Randi Smith, Doug Byle, Lindsey Baker, Candy Weatherly, Roger Holcomb and Sarah Wood.**

**A motion is made by Doug Byle to accept Resolution 24-12 to accept grant funds in the amount of $41,690.33 from ODE for the Early Literacy Success Grant. The motion is seconded by Candy Weatherly and the motion carries 6:0 with yes votes by Randi Smith, Doug Byle, Lindsey Baker, Candy Weatherly, Roger Holcomb and Sarah Wood.**

**A motion to accept Resolution 24-13 by Candy Weatherly to accept additional grant funds in the amount of $2,000 from ODE for the Farm to CNP Reimbursement Grant. The motion is seconded by Doug Byle and the motion carries 6:0 with yes votes by Randi Smith, Doug Byle, Lindsey Baker, Candy Weatherly, Roger Holcomb and Sarah Wood.**

Regular session is recessed at 8:24 p.m. to enter into executive session under ORS 102.660(2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to carry on labor negotiations.

Regular session is resumed at 8:58 p.m.

**Matters for Next Meeting: 2024-2025 District Calendar, New Board Member, Contract Renewals**

Meeting is adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

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