Elkton School District #34
Regular Board Meeting
Minutes July 8, 2024

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

Members present: Randi Smith, Doug Byle, Candy Weatherly, Roger Holcomb, Cheryl Flick, Sarah Wood (7:15 pm)

Staff present: Andy Boe, Edwina Miller, Brian Kruse, Melissa Whitley

A motion is made by Candy Weatherly and seconded by Randi Smith to nominate Roger Holcomb as Board Chair for 2024-2025. The motion carries 6:0 with yes votes by Cheryl Flick, Randi Smith, Doug Byle, Candy Weatherly and Roger Holcomb.

A motion is made by Candy Weatherly and seconded by Cheryl Flick to nominate Doug Byle as Board Vice Chair for 2024-2025. The motion carries 6:0 with yes votes by Cheryl Flick, Randi Smith, Doug Byle, Candy Weatherly and Roger Holcomb.

Public Input

Katelynn Kruse, Senior, FFA Member – WLC report

- Jasmine, Kendall, Katelynn and Mr. Groth visited NYC, toured, then went to the leadership conference in Washington DC. Over 300 FFA members were there. Less than 1% of FFA members get to experience the conference. It was very educational. It was nice to meet people from other states and see how they operate. The conference itself was very helpful and will be applied to the Elkton FFA Chapter. We attended tours of the monuments, visited the National Mall, the Holocaust Museum, White House, and Museum of Natural History.

Superintendent's Report

- I attended the conference in Seaside. There was a lot of conversation around money and specifically a statewide salary scale for all school employees. We are a unique state as far as how we fund our schools so it's hard to find a formula that works. We will keep our eyes on it.

- Testing data came back and we are right where we have been. We haven't made ginormous gains but will be above state average in every category. There were some positive surprises.

- Transportation is coming along. We will hire some folks tonight. Delivery of equipment is on schedule. We are looking at another bus purchase if we can afford it. Oakland has a used bus with low mileage they are looking at trading off. I haven't heard any negative on it. We are moving forward.
    - Candy Weatherly asks – Have you made progress with Mid Co and maintenance?
    - Andy Boe states – We are going to be completely finished with Mid-Columbia.

- I am the interim volleyball coach; a letter has been sent out to students and families. The letter reflected that if we don't have enough girls, we don't have a team. If we have the girls but they are not committed, we might just play a JV schedule. We will see how it goes. The forecast in the spring showed we would have 16 girls but there are some eligibility issues and movement. We are currently scheduled to begin practicing on 8/26.

- The summer rental program is up and running. There were a few snafus but they're working through it. If you get a chance, stop by. Sam has done a great job with that. Natalie Zinda and Ethan Saladen are working that booth at the ECEC.
- The State Accountability Committee continues. We are working toward some in person meetings. That work concludes in October with a report from that committee with recommendations to the Governor and then the Governor will act in December.
- The Oregon Small Schools Association had a big impact on the conversation around the state salary schedule and sharing that the one size fits all model does not work. Mostly around job descriptions, because we have so many people who have jobs that overlap. Washington has a real hybrid model now.
- I had a chance to go watch the All State Basketball Games in Sisters and reminded me how important the small things we do for kids like Knowledge Bowl, Robotics, and all of the things that go along with the experiences for our kids. It's fun to watch and brings it into perspective. We need to remember that those things are really important, not just sports. We need to provide those opportunities for our kids.

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

Students

- Summer school began today and 4 of 6 students were present We are going to run a 2-233k session and additional 2 week session if we need to.
    - Sarah Wood asks if Mr. Boe can talk more about the summer school enrichment program we had.
    - Andy Boe states that the hiccup is dollars. You could look for those opportunities and would be easier at the high school level. At the grade school there really is no source of funding. Hoping to see a change in how the funding is rolled out in the future.
    - Sarah Wood asks if there is a conversation around starting and stopping the summer school program?
    - Andy Boe states that ODE wants to talk about that but I don't see that being fixed in the next 4-5 years.
    - Sarah Wood states we run remediation and it's bare bones?
    - Andy Boe states we are running 8 periods a day and it's hard to run another class for credit recovery. Coming in for those 2 weeks in the summer helps with the credit recovery piece.

Buildings and Maintenance

- The sound system in the gym should be finished by midweek next week just before we seal and recoat the gym floors.
- Repairs in the parking lot at the high school began today.
- Teacheridge update – We are moving along. Sheetrock and mud is done. They will begin some priming and texturing. HVAC is installed short of a few things awaiting the finish of sheetrock. Concrete for front porch was poured last week. We will pour some steps, sidewalks, painting the exterior and then get Edwina moved down there. Things are moving along.
- We are finishing at the high school and then will transition to the grade school.
- Went to the Opta conference in Bend and made a lot of contacts if we have questions or need help with transportation. Met all the people at ODE who run the bussing.

- The bus barn is empty right now and we will make some repairs and get things ready for our bussing. We are getting quotes for a portable building so we can have an office for the bus drivers down there until we figure out a more permanent solution.
    - Candy Weatherly asks – Can we take a tour of Edwina's new abode when it's done?
    - Brian Kruse – Yes.
    - Candy Weatherly – When?
    - Brian Kruse – Maybe next month. Maybe September.
    - Candy Weatherly – I would love to see it when it's done.

Personnel

A motion is made by Candy Weatherly and seconded by Doug Byle to accept the hiring of Alana Zieman as Head Cook, Ruifen Zieman as Food Service Assistant and Oscar Galeano, Tammy Heikes, Alvin Palmateer, Phil Saladen, Rod Wilgus and Kara Wolfe as Bus Drivers. The motion carries 6:0 with yes votes by Cheryl Flick, Randi Smith, Doug Byle, Candy Weatherly, Roger Holcomb and Sarah Wood.

Financial/District Reports

- I have been unable to produce the long sheets due to a Visions software glitch. Carry over is at 1.3 million. I will have it for you at the August meeting.
- The audit is set for the second week of August.

Regular session is recessed at 7:33 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 continued at 7:57 pm.

A motion is made by Candy Weatherly to offer an interim contract to Brook Baker to perform bus transportation mechanic services. The motion is seconded by Doug Byle and carries 6:0 with yes votes by Cheryl Flick, Randi Smith, Doug Byle, Candy Weatherly, Roger Holcomb and Sarah Wood.

A motion is made by Doug Byle and seconded by Candy Weatherly to seek mechanical services for bus transportation. The motion carries 6:0 with yes votes by Cheryl Flick, Randi Smith, Doug Byle, Candy Weatherly, Roger Holcomb and Sarah Wood.

Coming Events – Special Board Meeting August 12, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Meeting is adjourned at 8:00 p.m.