

HOOD RIVER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 30, 2023

I. REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING AND CALL TO ORDER – 6:32 P.M.

The Hood River County School District (HRCSD) regular board meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Board Chair, Chrissy Reitz, in Nathaniel Coe Administration Center, 1011 Eugene St, Hood River, OR, 97031.

The following board members were present:

Corinda Hankins Elliott
Chrissy Reitz, Chair
Brandi Sheppard, Vice- Chair
Jen Kelly
Barb Hosford
David Stuben
Gabe Beccera, Student Envoy*
Ben Bauman, Student Envoy*

The following board members were absent:

Julia Garcia-Ramirez

The following members of the superintendent's cabinet were present:

Bill Newton, Superintendent
Amy McConnell, Executive Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Doug Holmes, Executive Director of Finance
Gus Hedberg, Executive Director of Human Resources
Anne Carloss, Executive Director of Student Services
Patricia Ortega Cooper, Executive Director of Equity and Family Engagement

The following HRCSD staff/community members were present:

Tod Hilstad, Meghan West, Ted Cramer, Trish Walker, Sarah Maddox, Holly Lavoie, Tess Misa, Stephanie Hoppe, Christy Christopher, Jerri Schwartzel, Lindsay Weseman, Julie O'Shea, Olivia O'Shea

II. REVIEW/REVISION OF AGENDA

Superintendent Newton shared a revised personnel report.

III. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Thanked district staff for all their work getting students back to school this week successfully.
- Photos shared from student's back to school posts on Facebook.
- Successful back to school district inservice.
- Colors of the Gorge event was this afternoon.
- Youth Re Engagement Grant and the 21st Century Grant (EXCEL) were awarded.
- Hispanic Heritage Month Resolution Sept 15 - Oct 15, 2023.

- Core Value and Strategic Plan reports presented later tonight.
- Welcome new student envoys Gabe Becerra and Ben Bauman.

IV. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS - 6:43 P.M.

No board member reports were presented. Reitz mentioned the OSBA board openings and shared if any board members had interest to contact her.

V. STUDENT ENVOY AND BOARD COMMUNICATION - 6:44 P.M.

Student Envoys Gabe Becerra and Ben Bauman shared the following information:

- Becerra shared information about himself and how excited he is for the upcoming events at HRV.
- Change arena was last Monday and Link day was yesterday.
- Bauman shared information about himself and shared his favorite club is the Justin Bieber fan club. He also is very excited about homecoming and air guitar.
- Today was the first day of school at HRVHS, which is back to an A/B schedule with an advisory period.
- Welcome back assembly and first home football game this Friday.

VI. RECOGNITION & GOOD NEWS - 6:49 P.M.

Director of Human Resources Gus Hedberg recognized Tess Misa, Sarah Maddox and Holly Lavoie for their work as directors of the summer school program.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT/HEARING OF DELEGATIONS OR VISITORS - 6:56 P.M.

There was no public comment presented.

VIII. CONSOLIDATED REPORTS - 6:56 P.M.

All items listed below are matters considered by the Board of Directors to be routine information items. There was no separate discussion of these items.

A. EL Legislative Report

IX. CONSOLIDATED ACTION - 6:56 P.M.

All items listed below are matters considered by the Board of Directors to be routine and were enacted by one motion. There was no separate discussion of these items. The Consolidated Action consisted of the following items:

- A. Regular Business Meeting Minutes for August 15, 2023
- B. Regular Business Meeting Minutes for August 23, 2023
- C. Human Resources Report/Personnel Action
- D. Superintendent's Goals

A motion was made by Corinda Hankins Elliott to approve the Consolidated action as presented. It was seconded by Barb Hosford and unanimously approved 6-0.

X. REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS – 6:57 P.M.

A. Strategic Plan Update

Superintendent Bill Newton presented a review of the strategic plan. He reviewed the goals and the purpose of the strategic plan.

B. Spring Core Value Survey Results

Director of Communication Stephanie Hoppe presented the spring core value survey results.

XI. ACTION ITEMS – 7:29 P.M.

A. Approve MOVER Grant Application

Director of School Safety and Security Kyle Rosselle, Joseph Wachunas and Kevin Carbonnier of New Buildings Institute (NBI), presented the MOVER Grant project. They provided an overview of the objectives and scope of the project.

A motion was made by Brandi Sheppard to approve the MOVER grant application as proposed. It was seconded by Corinda Hankins Elliott and approved 6-0.

B. Resolution 23-24/01 Hispanic Heritage Month

Board Chair Chrissy Reitz presented resolution 23-24/01 which proclaims September 15th - October 15h, 2023 Hood River County School District as Hispanic Heritage Month.

A motion was made by Corinda Hankins Elliott to approve Resolution 23-24/01 Hispanic Heritage Month as presented. It was seconded by Barb Hosford and unanimously approved 6-0.

C. Acceptance of Donations

Chair Chrissy Reitz read the list of generous donations:

- Kelly & Dave Dittmar donated supplies valued at \$3,212.06 to Parkdale Elementary.

A motion was made by Corinda Hankins Elliott to accept the generous donations as presented. It was seconded by Brandi Sheppard and unanimously approved 6-0.

XII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – 8:00 P.M.

Director Jen Kelly

Director Kelly shared she is excited about the WIN (what individuals need) program as an addition to the MTSS programming and hopes to hear an update about how it's working in the future. She also would like to hear an update on the MOVER grant as the program progresses. She highlighted student envoy Becerra for his work in the HOSA club and the successful fundraiser.

Director Brandi Sheppard

Director Sheppard welcomed Gabe and Ben as student envoys. She thanked all the staff for getting the district ready for school to start. She shared it is exciting to see all the students re-engaged and back in activities. She encouraged the families to get involved in their schools by volunteering and attending open houses.

Director Barb Hosford

Director Hosford shared how amazing the school district is and how hard staff work to keep and maintain the level of excellence. She shared she liked hearing about the new work time with teachers at the high school. Hosford encouraged the public and parents to attend the listening sessions.

Director Corinda Hankins Elliott

Director Hankins Elliott thanked the student envoys for coming to the meeting and encouraged them to participate. She was very excited for the first days of school. She enjoyed seeing all the students and community at the Colors of the Gorge event. Hankins Elliott shared her excitement for all the grants presented during the meeting.

Director Chrissy Reitz

Director Reitz shared that the district all staff welcome event was amazing to attend. She highlighted the amazing district staff that the district employed. She shared she visited schools this week and she felt the optimism in students and staff at the start of the new school year. She also is excited to hear about all the grants and exciting opportunities they provide the district. Reitz shared she is excited to attend the football game and the musical "Mean Girls" upcoming.

Director David Stuben


Director Stuben noted his excitement for the 2023/24 school year and for the new envoys. He shared his overwhelming excitement for the grant funding presented during the meeting. He thanked the summer school directors for all their hard work.


XIII. ADJOURNMENT – 8:09 P.M.

Chair Reitz adjourned the meeting at 8:09 P.M.

| Board Meeting Voting Chart | | | Date: August 30, 2023 | | | | | | Time: 6:30pm | | | | | |
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| | | MOTION NUMBER | 1. Consolidated Action | | | 2. Approve MOVER Grant | | | 3. Resolution 23-24/01 Hispanic Heritage Month | | | 4. Acceptance of Donation | | |
| Position | Name | ATTENDANCE | Aye | No | Abstain | Aye | No | Abstain | Aye | No | Abstain | Aye | No | Abstain |
| Position 1 | Chrissy Reitz | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| Position 2 | Barb Hosford | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| Position 3 | Corinda Hankins Elliott | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| Position 4 | Julia Garcia-Ramirez | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Position 5 | David Stuben | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| Position 6 | Brandi Sheppard | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| Position 7 Member at Large | Jen Kelly | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | |
| | | Motion made by: | Corinda Hankins Elliott | | | Brandi Sheppard | | | Corinda Hankins Elliott | | | Corinda Hankins Elliot | | |
| | | Seconded by: | Barb Hosford | | | Corinda Hankins Elliott | | | Barb Hosford | | | Brandi Sheppard | | |

SIGNATURES


Chrissy Reitz, Board Chair Date
Board: mw

 09/04/2023
Bill Newton, Superintendent Date