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TO: Board of Directors
FR: Superintendent Dan Goldman
RE: Board Meeting Minutes

EXPLANATION:

The minutes of March 13, 2019 Hood River County School District Board of Directors meeting are presented for approval.

PRESENTER(S): Board Chair Chrissy Reitz

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS: Board Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2019

RECOMMENDATION: It is the recommendation of the administration to approve the minutes as presented.

PROPOSED MOTION: I move to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2019 Hood River County School District Board of Directors meeting as presented.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 13, 2019

The School Board minutes are not official as they have not been approved by the Hood River County School District Board of Directors. These minutes are for review and are subject to change and/or approval. Once approved, signed and dated, they become official.

REGULAR MEETING WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER AT 6:31 P.M.

Board Vice Chair Rich Truax welcomed all to the Hood River County School District Board of Directors meeting.

PRESENT:

Board Members: Board Vice Chair Rich Truax, Board Member Tom Scully, Board Member Benjamin Sheppard, and Board Member Brandi Sheppard.

Absent: Board Chair Chrissy Reitz, Board Member Julia Garcia Ramirez, and Board Member Corinda Hankins Elliott.

Administration: Superintendent Dan Goldman, Human Resources Director Catherine Dalbey, Director of Curriculum & Instruction Neely Kirwan, Chief Financial Officer Sandra Buchanan, Mid Valley Elementary School Principal Kim Yasui, Athletic Director Trent Kroll, Hood River Valley High School Principal Rich Polkinghorn, Equity & Family Partnerships Director Patricia Cooper, and Technology Director Tod Hilstad.

Staff and Community Members: Theresa Burke, Celia Newton, Kelsey Cardwell, Calli Zuercher, Kelly Benjamin, Mikka Irusta, Jackie Osborne, Emily Sullenger, Darlene Sullenger, Scot Sullenger, Steffanie Olson, Elaine Walker, Ximena Galvez, Trinity Jones, Aryn Dahlstrom, Sarah Christensen, Molly Cunningham, Lynn Miller, Ericka Jones, Aievery Dunn, Arianne Dunn, Ambrose Reyes, Aurelia Galindo, Martin Pille, Colette Wisniewski, Jacq Wisniewski, Gracie McCafferty, Emily Mitchell, Branden Frazier, Sonia Marquez, Ana Pille, and Board Administrative Assistant Terri Martz.

REVIEW/REVISION TO AGENDA:

A revised Personnel Report was noted for board approval.

SUPERINTENDENT - BOARD COMMUNICATION:

Welcome:

Supt Dan Goldman welcomed all to the Hood River County School District Board of Directors meeting and thanked Mid Valley Elementary School for hosting the meeting tonight. He noted the new library space which is beautiful and seismic work that is planned for over the summer.

Athletics:

Tonight there are Wrestling State Championships in the audience who will be recognized later in the meeting. We also have State Champions in the Alpine Ski Team. The boys basketball season came up a bit short this season but had a great season overall. It was just an amazing atmosphere on Vannet Court the other night! Supt. Goldman sent congratulations to the basketball team and coaches as well.

Boundary Process:

Our second Boundary Process meeting last night. We have good community member representation from all of our K-8 schools along with each of the principals. Neely Kirwan and Patricia Ortega Cooper are also serving on this committee. When asked why people volunteered to be to be involved, Supt. Goldman was heartened to hear that nearly every committee stated that they wanted to ensure equitable access to similar program levels across the district. This is also the central reason the Board has directed this important work to occur.

After spending the majority of time so far reviewing the community surveys, birth rates, land use and construction data, and committing to some guiding principles that will drive the Committee's work, at the end of last night's meeting the group began to take a look at different possibilities to solve our over-enrollment problems at Westside Elementary School, Mid Valley Elementary School, and Hood River Middle School. With severe under-enrollment at Parkdale Elementary School and Wy'east Middle School and additional seats planned in the new construction at May Street Elementary School and at Wy'east, the work of this committee will be crucial as Supt. Goldman will be bringing recommendations forward to the Board later this spring. The committee will be presenting their draft solutions at open houses and listening to feedback from community members on April 2nd at Wy'east Middle School and then April 23rd at Hood River Middle School.

Lock-In:

The Lock-in was in full effect last weekend. Around 500 students spent the night at Hood River Valley High School involved in all kinds of great activities: sports, laser tag, fortnight, dancing....a really fun event for all. An all night activity like the Lock-in is a great tradition, but it really takes a whole village to pull it off. Tons of volunteers, school staff, administrators and are law enforcement partners are part of the effort. In the center of that are a few core

individuals that really make it happen. The high school administrators are central of course, but it's the work of Lyndsy Weisman that pulls the Lock-in off. A huge congrats to Lyndsy and all the staff and community members that put in hours to make sure our kids have awesome, safe high school experiences.

Classified Inservice:

Last week was classified appreciation week where we celebrated and honored the work of our custodians, secretaries, instructional assistants, drivers and more. On Monday, we had our first ever Classified Inservice Training Day with sessions on behavior management, best practices in academic subject support, school and personal safety, technology use and much more. The feedback from the staff was excellent - they report feeling valued and appreciated for the important work they do. Our Curriculum and Student Services departments shoulder much of the load in making sure a day like this is relevant, organized, and meaningful. A huge congrats to Neely Kirwan and Anne Carloss and their teams.

Reunification:

Two weeks ago, all of our principals and administrators spent a Saturday practicing our emergency response systems alongside our law enforcement partners and with feedback from an FBI observer. Catherine Dalbey has headed up this critical work and we received a lot of great feedback along with ideas to improve. We often say that safety is our top priority - and it really is. This doesn't mean nothing bad can ever happen of course - we are confident that our response systems are well-established, well-thought out, and practiced.

PBIS Conference:

The Board should know that many of our teachers and support staff from multiple schools were featured presenters at the recent NWPBIS conference, the largest positive behavior support conference in the country. PBIS is a best practice strategy supported in research - and central to the Board's strategic plan - to improve school climate, reinforce positive behavior, intervene early with negative behavior, and reduce rates of bullying, suspension and expulsion. Supt. Goldman noted he is proud that all of our schools, from the elementary through the high school, have developed and implemented truly remarkable and innovative PBIS programs - each with their own school flair. He is also really proud of our staff who were willing to share their practices with other school professionals from across the pacific northwest.

RECOGNITION & GOOD NEWS:

Human Resources Director Catherine Dalbey presented the Mid Valley Elementary DIBELS - Dynamic Indicators in Basic Early Learning Skills team Theresa Burke, Kelly Benjamin, Elaine Walker and Caree DeBorde. This team was honored for their work in testing all elementary students kindergarten through 5th grade three times per school year.

Also recognized was the Hood River Valley High School Girls State Champion Wrestling team members Aryn Dahlstom, Trinity Jones, Ximena Galvez, Aievery Dunn, Emily Sullenger, Emily Mitchell, Grace Miller, Gracie McCafferty, Jacq Wisniewski and Coaches Trent Kroll and Lynn Miller.

Assistant Coach Lynn Miller was also surprised with recognition and received the Oregon Assistant Wrestling Coach of the Year Award by the National Wrestling Coaches Association.

PUBLIC COMMENT/HEARING OF DELEGATIONS OR VISITORS:

There was no noted public comment at this meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. February 22 & February 27, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

Human Resources Report/Personnel Action

DIACK Grant Acceptance

Approval of Nutrition & Custodial Director Contracts

It was moved by Board Member Tom Scully and seconded by Board Member Brandi Sheppard to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

A full copy of these items may be found at the District Office as well as on the District website.

REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS:

A. Mid Valley Elementary School Equity Learning Team Report:

Mid Valley Elementary School Principal Kim Yasui along with Equity & Family Partnerships Director Patricia Ortega Cooper and Mid Valley ELT Members Celia Newton, Sarah Christensen & Molly Cunningham presented the Hood River County School District Board of Directors with an update on the work and progress for the Mid Valley Elementary School Equity Learning Team.

A full copy of this report may be found on the district website.

B. On-Time Graduation & 9th Grade On-Track Initiatives:

Hood River Valley High School Principal Rich Polkinghorn presented the Hood River County School District Board of Directors with the recently released ORegon four-year graduation rates. HRVHS 87% on time graduation rate reflects the district's hard work and focus on on-time graduation. This presentation focused on the Class of 2018 as well as descriptions of the programs and activities aimed at helping all students and specific subgroups improve their graduation outcomes.

Topics Discussed:

- HRVHS 4 year Graduation Rates vs Comparison Schools
- Student population trends
- Achievement Gap Trends
- CTE Concentrators On-Time Graduation Rate
- Graduation Support Systems
- 9th Grade On-Track and supports
- On-Track now and then rates

A full copy of this report may be found on the district website.

C. Social Studies Curriculum Adoption:

Director of Curriculum & Instruction Neely Kirwan, Literacy Instructional Coach Theresa Burke, Wy'east Middle School Teacher Steffanie Olson, and May Street Elementary School Teacher Calli Zuercher presented the Hood River County School District Board of Directors with an update on the district currently being in the process of conducting a curriculum renewal for K-12 Social Sciences. A committee of teachers representing grade bands from each school, administrators from each level, two members of the School Board, and the Literacy Instructional Coach are all involved in this refresh.

Topics Discussed:

- Timelines
- Data Dive Into HRCSD
- Equity Lens on Social Science Standards
- Prioritizing Standards
- Next Steps

A full copy of this report may be found on the district website.

D. Oregon Kindergarten Assessment:

Director of Curriculum & Instruction Neely Kirwan presented the Hood River County School District Board of Directors with information regarding all students that are enrolled in kindergarten being administered the Statewide Kindergarten Assessment upon entry to kindergarten. The assessment includes measures in the domains of Early Literacy, Early Math, and Approaches to Learning which include Self-Regulation and Social Emotional. The results from the Oregon Kindergarten Assessment can be a part of proactive conversation about how all classrooms at all grade levels, even kindergarten, are contributing to the development of college and career ready students. This presentation focused on the results received on this year's kindergarten assessment. The levels of academic and behavioral skills that our students begin their career in the Hood River County School District were discussed.

Topics Discussed:

- Intended Purpose of Kindergarten Assessment
- Achievement Gap at Kindergarten Level
- Achievement Gaps Persist
- Categories Assessed
- How does our district rank?
- Approaches to Learning
- Is there an achievement gap this early?
- What does data tell our district?
- Further Considerations
- What have we been doing?

A full copy of this report may be found on the district website.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Acceptance of Donations:

Board Vice Chair Rich Truax asked the Hood River County School District Board of Directors to accept the following generous donations as presented:

- \$225 From Ian & Aspen KcKenna to Westside Elementary School
- Total donation value \$225

It was moved by Board Member Benjamin Sheppard and seconded by Board Member Brandi Sheppard to approve the generous donations as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

A full copy of this action item may be found at the District Office as well as on the district website.

B. Licensed & Administrative Staff Renewal/Extension & Non-Renewal Recommendations for 2019/2020 School Year:

Human Resources Director Catherine Dalbey presented the Hood River County School District Board of Directors with the 2019/2020 Licensed and Administrative Staff Renewal/Extension. All regular contract and probationary staff are recommended for renewal or extension.

It was moved by Board Member Brandi Sheppard and seconded by Board Member Benjamin Sheppard to approve the 2019/2020 Licensed & Administrative Staff Renewal/Extension and Non-Renewal Recommendations as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

A full copy of this action item may be found at the District Office as well as on the district website.

C. Resolution #18-19/13 Budget Transfer:

Chief Financial Officer Saundra Buchanan presented the Hood River County School District Board of Directors with Resolution #18-19/13 Budget Appropriations Transfer. This resolution requests the budget appropriations transfer in the amount of \$139,825 from the General Fund Instruction Budget to the Support Services Budget to provide funding for custodial equipment, associated payroll costs, and audit and legal services.

It was moved by Board Member Tom Scully and seconded by Board Member Brandi Sheppard to approved Resolution #18-19/13 Budget Transfer as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

A full copy of this action item may be found at the District Office as well as on the district website.

D. Approve “Take it to the Court for Education” Grant:

Mid Valley Elementary School Principal Kim Yasui presented the Hood River County School District Board of Directors with information to accept funds in the amount of \$10,000 from the Trail Blazers Foundation - Take it to the Court Education Grant. The funds will be used to provide safe walking/running surfaces for students during PE and recess activities. It will increase the number of students who are able to participate in healthy activities, including “Cardio Club” during the school day. A dedicated track will allow all students, especially those with disabilities access to a safe exercise surface and to allow for more meaningful participation in PE and school recreational activities. The addition of a safe surface will encourage students, families, and the community in the Odell area to exercise more outside of the school day.

It was moved by Board Member Brandi Sheppard and seconded by Board Member Benjamin Sheppard to approve “Take it to the Court for Education Grant” as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

A full copy of this action item may be found at the District Office as well as on the district website.

E. Approve 2019 Apple Technology Purchase:

Technology Director Tod Hilstad presented the Hood River County School District Board of Directors with information to approve the bond expenditure for the 2019 Apple Technology purchase as presented.

It was moved by Board Member Tom Scully and seconded by Board Member Brandi Sheppard to approved the bond expenditure for the 2019 Apple Technology Quote 2205114576 in the amount of \$525,900.00 as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

A full copy of this action item may be found at the District Office as well as on the district website.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Board Member Tom Scully noted all the amazing “feel good stuff” presented to the Board tonight. There is a lot of programs and great things happening for the students in our district. He thanked all for making these things happen. He also recognized the wrestling team in attendance tonight, thanking Coach Trent Kroll for all his work and attendance at every sporting event.

Board Member Brandi Sheppard thanked all the great athletes in attendance tonight and congratulated them for their hard work. She also noted thanks to learning about graduation rates, the preschool information and all the great things happening in our district.

Board Member Benjamin Sheppard noted looking forward to to the social sciences adoption and learning more about the preschool.

Board Vice Chair Rich Truax encouraged all to send letters to the Legislative Ways and Means committee advocating for more state school funding, adding he would help anyone with letters that ask.

BOARD MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:02 P.M.

Superintendent

Board Chair

Date

March 13, 2019