

Union School District No. 5
Regular Meeting **7:00 P.M.**
April 13, 2016 **High School Library**

This meeting location has been changed. If you need accommodations to attend the meeting, please call the district office at 541-562-6115.

PRESENT: Phillip O'Reilly; Dennis Falk; Mark Wing; Jerry Matthews; Carter Wells, Superintendent; Mendy Clark, Deputy Clerk; Bill Johnson, Elementary Principal

NOT PRESENT: Josh White

ALSO PRESENT: Don Nowak, Nod Palmer, Chris Dunlap, Brandi Tobin, Theo Asberry, Brian Rhyne, Forrest George, Tehya Vogel, Ashten Wright

1. Call to order. (Chair) ORS 192.610

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 by Mark Wing, Chairman

2. Approve Consent Agenda:

Minutes:

a. Regular Board Meeting- March 9, 2016

b. Work Session – March 8, 2016

Add to Agenda

Action Item b. Hiring and c. PACE resolution

Information Item: b. Budget Outlook

Dennis Falk made a motion to approve the consent agenda as revised. Jerry Matthews seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

3. Recognition of Guests and Correspondence

• Science Curriculum demonstration

Greg Poor, HS Science teacher described the history of science curriculum over the last 20 years. We are using the same Chemistry textbook that was in use when he was in high school. In his research, he found a company called CK12 which is based on Chromebooks and Google Chrome wireless classrooms.

Ashten Wright and Tehya Vogel used classroom Chromebooks to demonstrate to the board how the virtual classroom works.

Discussion of the cost of Chromebooks vs. textbooks followed. Questions about how the curriculum can line up age appropriately were answered.

Mr. Poor recommends to the board that all dollars allocated to textbooks be put into purchasing Chromebooks to run these classrooms. Further, he mentioned that the traditional computer labs could be used to run the curriculum, but might become obsolete in the future.

Ck-12 is a non-profit company who uses sponsors to create their curriculum. That is how they can offer the material at no cost. The curriculum is for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), so it does not include traditional language arts or social studies, etc.

Discussion of how to pay for the technology followed. Public Schools are not allowed to charge fees for “required” textbooks, etc. However, the students could be charged for damaged or lost items.

There will be an action item in May about the adoption.

- Robotics program demonstration
Nod Palmer, along with students Forrest George and Brian Rhyne were present to demonstrate the efforts of the Robotics Program throughout the last year. With the exception of a \$2,000 stipend to Mr. Palmer, the program is run solely through grants. Mr. Palmer has received over \$18,000 in grants to support the program this year. The students showed video of the game simulation they were asked to navigate. The robot was demonstrated.

4. Administrative Reports:

Carter Wells- District and High School

- Oregon Rising Video – Demonstrates that Oregon ranks very low in the nation for class size, class time and funding. Mr. Wells is feeling strongly that as a district, we can use what we already are doing through robotics, STEM curriculum in addition to the other activities to promote our district. There is a survey which he will be promoting should provide feedback to Confederated Oregon Schools Association for use as a lobbying tool to ask for additional funding from the legislature. Discussion followed about general state school/public finance issues.
- Enrollment
- Events
- Injuries
- Discipline
- Eligibility
- Reader Board
- Attachments

- Mark Wing asked if the board is interested in writing a policy for using the reader board. Mr. Wells will talk with the City of Union who partnered on the board to write some guidelines about postings.

Mendy Clark- Financial

- Check listing
- Consolidated Board Report
- Beginning balance at \$550,000 approximately
- Positive May adjustment from 2014-2015

Bill Johnson - Elementary School

- Spring discipline
- Spring activities
- Work Session was positively received.

5. Action Items:

a. School Calendar 2016-2017

Phillip O'Reilly made a motion to approve the 2016-17 Calendar. Jerry Matthews seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

b. Hiring staff:

The hiring process was explained.

Third Grade – Meagan McCabe

High School PE – Jordan Kleebaum

Phillip O'Reilly made a motion to hire the 3rd Grade position, Meagan McCabe and the PE Position, Jordan Kleebaum. Dennis Falk seconded the position, which was unanimously approved.

c. PACE Resolution

A resolution was read. Jerry Matthews made a motion to adopt the resolution as read. Dennis Falk seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

6. Policy Items: Second Reading TABLED

- EFAA-AR Reimbursable Meals and Milk Programs**
- GCBDD/GDBDD – Sick Time**
- GCDA/GDDA – Criminal Records Checks/Fingerprinting**
- IGAEB – Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco Prevention, Health Education**
- IGBAF-AR Special Education – Individualized Education Program**
- IKF – Graduation Requirements**
- ILBA – Assessment Exemption (DELETE)**
- JEBA – Early Entrance**

7. Information/Discussion Items:

a. Future Options and Student Retention

The work session held on April 12 was very positive. Staff was heard by the board and respectfully presented several different ideas about the viability of our district in the future. It may be a little too soon to talk in depth tonight as some of the ideas require some thought. The board feels that the priorities need to be set by the district staff after additional input from the community. The costs associated with the ideas should be illustrated so that appropriate actions can be planned. A future work session on Monday, May 2. Chris Dunlap suggested sending staff a survey of which previous ideas to prioritize in order to make the meeting more efficient.

b. Budget Outlook

A potential positive May ADM adjustment in our state school fund will hopefully ease some loss in student ADM in future years. Also, the money in the fund generated by the Tax Credit sales and energy efficiencies could be used to do a major project like a roof. Two fold, this will create the “matching funds” to become eligible for other grant funding.

8. Future Agenda Items:

School Safety – Jerry Matthews would like a copy of the school safety report generated when the Pendleton Chief of Police toured our facility.

Home School List – Jerry Matthews would like a copy of the home school students.

9. Adjourned 9:16 p.m.