



Butte Falls School District #91

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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MONDAY MARCH 8, 2021

- DATE/TIME/PLACE:** A meeting of the School Board of Butte Falls School District 91 was held on Monday March 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in elementary gym, 239 Main Street, Butte Falls, Oregon. The meeting followed the emergency procedures for public meetings. Virtual access to the public, via YouTube was provided.
- ROLL CALL:** Present: Steve Nelson, Mark Carlton, Dan Murphy, Stephanie Pitts (via Zoom)
Absent: Aaron Worman
- ADMINISTRATION:** Dr. Phil Long, Dianne Gorman
Racheal Aiken (via Zoom)
- SECRETARY:** Julie Freeman (via Zoom)
- TECHNOLOGY:** Catherine Cogdill
- PUBLIC:** Public was allowed access via Zoom for comments and via YouTube for viewing.
- CALL TO ORDER:** Board Chair Steve Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mr. Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- APPROVE AGENDA:** Mr. Carlton made a motion to approve the agenda as amended, with the addition of 5.2 Agreement for High School Sports-Dr. Long-ACTION and 7.1 Executive Session under ORS 192.610(d) "labor negotiations". Mr. Murphy seconded. 4 aye votes, 0 opposed.
- CONSENT AGENDA/
MINUTES:** Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of February 8, 2021 as amended, to include Dr. Long's name in paragraph 6 and the special meeting minutes of February 16th as presented. Mr. Carlton seconded. 4 aye votes, 0 opposed.
- SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT/UPDATES:** **Natural Resource Center:** Dr. Long reported that Mr. Mathas was working on grant reports and that things were progressing well at the NRC. He stated that he would like the board to meet prior to the April board meeting to take a tour of the NRC.
- Enrollment:** Dr. Long shared that enrollment was at 230 students at the end of February.

Updates: Dr. Long shared that it was very nice having the students back on campus and that things were falling into place. He stated that three temporary positions had been filled to help with the new protocols and ensuring safety for both students and staff. Dr. Long stated that more temporary help was needed to help with sanitizing, food preparation, and bus monitoring.

Dr. Long stated that he had been working with both unions on contractual adjustments needed around the pandemic and wildfire.

REVIEW OF
PAYMENTS:

Board members reviewed the expenditure report and asked for clarification on various expenditures. Mrs. Aiken provided answers.

FINANCIAL
SUMMARY:

Mrs. Aiken provided the board with the current financial reports and was able to answer questions presented by the board.

Mrs. Aiken reported that she had received the 2021-2022 state school fund estimate and was approximately \$18,000 less than the current estimate due to the local revenue increasing \$30,000. She also stated that the ending balance was at \$368,000 at this time.

Mrs. Aiken stated that she was working on the budget and would have a draft out soon.

CHARTER SCHOOL/
STAFFING UPDATE:

Mrs. Gorman presented the local Bulletin to the board which included local events and school highlights and updates along with Dr. Long's letter to the parents and community members.

She stated that the small cohort groups have been helpful in teaching and practicing safety protocols and the students were getting better at social distancing, sanitizing and face coverings. She stated that both campuses were prepared for health and safety as a first priority.

Mrs. Gorman stated that the district was in the second week of phase 2b hybrid, with half of the students attending on Monday & Wednesday, and half of the students attending on Tuesday and Thursday. She stated that students were receiving hot meals when they attended onsite and were sent home with a sack breakfast & lunch for the next day. Mrs. Gorman stated that students attending CDL had meals and packets delivered on Fridays.

Mrs. Gorman shared that the hybrid model seemed to be working well with the high school students. She stated that bringing all the students back at this time would be difficult to maintain the current safety procedures. She shared that the high school was looking at starting up some new clubs.

Mrs. Gorman shared that a new heating system had been installed at the old computer lab in the high school.

ESSA/SITE
COUNCIL/PARENT
INVOLVEMENT:

Mrs. Freeman reported that she continued to work with SOESD on a virtual parent engagement meeting to help move forward with the SSA grant.

BUTTE FALLS
COMMUNITY
SCHOOL
PARTNERSHIP:

Mr. Murphy stated that the Bulletin outlines the events happening at The Landing.

Public Comment: None

OLD BUSINESS: **School Reopening Options and Schedule Adjustments Update:** Dr. Long shared the matrix for on-campus phases created by the administration, the Governor's latest instruction for in-person learning, the most recent county case rate and positivity rate, along with the advisory metrics for returning to in-person instruction provided by ODE & OHA.

He stated that he would recommend moving to phase 3a, four days on-site for grades K-2 after spring break and phase 3a, four days on-site for grades 3-7 beginning on April 12th. He stated that this transition would give the district the opportunity to see how the current practices and personnel placements were working and make changes as needed.

Dr. Long shared that most high schools were continuing with the hybrid model due to the logistics of building sizes, classes and number of students.

Dr. Long stated that both campuses would be closed campuses for safety reasons. The students at the Community Hall would utilize the tennis court and baseball field for outdoor exercise. He also stated that each classroom would be provided with an air purifier sometime after spring break.

The board was given an opportunity to ask questions and give comments.

The board gave their consensus to proceed with Dr. Long's recommendation of phase 3a.

NEW BUSINESS: **2021-2022 District Calendar:** Mr. Carlton made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 District Calendar. Mr. Murphy seconded. 4 ayes, 0 opposed.

Agreement for High School Sports: Dr. Long requested authorization from the board to give approval for individual students to participate in sports co-op with other schools. The board agreed with the understanding that it is the parent's responsibility to provide transportation to and from practice and games.

PERSONNEL: None

COMMENTS/
FUTURE ITEMS
FROM THE BOARD:

Mr. Carlton: Mr. Carlton shared statistics on Covid and the low risk for children.

Mrs. Pitts: None

Mr. Murphy: Mr. Murphy inquired if there was any federal funding that the school has not used. Dr. Long stated that he was not aware of any.

Mr. Nelson: Mr. Nelson spoke of the long term effects of Covid and the lack of availability of vaccines in our area. He also spoke about the potential of an outbreak in a small community and it entering the school.

EXECUTIVE
SESSION:

Chairperson Mr. Nelson placed the board into executive session at 7:25 p.m., under ORS 192.610(d) "labor negotiations"

OPEN SESSION:

Chairperson Mr. Nelson took the board out of executive session and placed the board into open session at 8:25 p.m.