



## Butte Falls School District #91

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### OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MONDAY JANUARY 10, 2022

**DATE/TIME/PLACE:** A meeting of the School Board of Butte Falls School District 91 was held on Monday January 10, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office 720 Laurel Ave., Butte Falls, Oregon. Virtual access to the public was provided, via Zoom and available for viewing on YouTube.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Katie Misfeldt (via Zoom), Steve Nelson (via Zoom), Aaron Worman (via Zoom), Mark Carlton Dan Murphy

**ADMINISTRATION:** Dr. Phil Long  
Racheal Aiken (via Zoom)

**SECRETARY:** Julie Freeman (via Zoom)

**TECHNOLOGY:** Catherine Cogdill (absent)

**PUBLIC:** None

**CALL TO ORDER:** Board Vice Chair Katie Misfeldt called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mrs. Misfeldt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE AGENDA:** Mr. Carlton made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Nelson seconded. 5 aye votes, 0 opposed.

**CONSENT AGENDA/  
MINUTES:** Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of December 16, 2021. Mr. Nelson seconded. 5 aye votes, 0 opposed.

**SUPERINTENDENT  
REPORT/UPDATES:**

**School Board Recognition Month:** Dr. Long presented board members with a certificate of appreciation and read aloud the proclamation from the office of the governor. Dr. Long thanked the board for their service to the district and the community. Erin DeCarlow, representing the Butte Falls Education Association, read a letter thanking the board for their hard work and commitment.

**Enrollment:** Dr. Long shared that enrollment was at 190 students at the end of December.

**Covid Update:** Dr. Long stated that he had been contacted by several parents reporting students were showing possible signs of Covid symptoms, along with numerous staff and students testing positive for Covid. Based upon the guidance from Jackson County Health and the exposure to Covid

within the school system, Dr. Long stated that the school would be moving to distance learning for the next four school days and then reassess the situation after the Monday holiday. He stated that the teachers were prepared to move to distance learning, parents were notified, chrome books were sent home and packets would be delivered to the younger students. Dr. Long stated that student schedules would be similar to on campus schedules. Dr. Long stated he was very pleased with the staff's preparedness for the situation and the guidance from Jackson County Health. He encouraged board members to visit the Jackson County Health website, which shows the high infection rates within the county.

**Swing Set Project:** Dr. Long reported that he was working with the intermediate grades on a new swing set project. He stated that the older students petitioned for a new swing set for the younger students. He shared that the intermediate students would be involved in the project which would give them the opportunity to utilize the Ruby Edwards fund to purchase some fun things for the playground area and recess times.

**Snow:** Dr. Long thanked the City of Butte Falls for helping rid the snow from the fierce winter storm that hit Butte Falls. He stated that their efforts of snow removal made it easier for the students to return to the campuses.

**Winter Sports:** Dr. Long reported that the middle girls' basketball team and middle school boys wrestling team had begun their practices. He also stated that Mr. & Mrs. Burg would be starting the Jr. Logger basketball program for the younger students in grades 2, 3 and 4. Dr. Long stated that all practices were on hold while students were in distance learning.

**NRC Update:** Dr. Long stated that Mr. Mathas would be presenting a report at the next board meeting.

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 stated she had sent out budget requests to the administration and would begin working on the budget process. She stated that when she received the updated State School Fund and the 2022/2023 State School Fund that would give her a better picture of where the district would be at starting the 2022/2023 school year. Mrs. Aiken stated that grant money was being used whenever possible and she was waiting for reimbursements from the TAP grant and Seismic grant.

CHARTER SCHOOL/  
STAFFING UPDATE:

Reported in Superintendent Report.

ESSA/SITE  
COUNCIL/PARENT  
INVOLVEMENT:

Mrs. Freeman reported that she had submitted the Title carryovers and Title I monitoring materials. She stated that she and Mrs. Misfeldt would be hosting a Site Council/Parent Involvement meeting.

BUTTE FALLS  
COMMUNITY  
SCHOOL

PARTNERSHIP:

Mr. Murphy stated that The Landing would be hosting another Covid vaccination clinic.

PUBLIC

COMMENT:

Dr. Long read two parent letters, sent via feedback from Bonnie Freeman and from Evan & Emily Goettel regarding mask mandates and the public attending meetings in person. He also received a hand delivered letter addressing concerns regarding parents at basketball practice signed by 14 parents.

Mrs. Misfeldt gave the board members the opportunity to comment and respond to the letters presented to the board and ask questions to the administration.

Mr. Carlton made a motion to relax masking mandates immediately.

The board continued their discussion and comments on the masking mandates.

Dr. Long shared that the direction to keep outdoor mask was based on a M.O.A. with the teacher's union and states that the district will follow the current reopening plan, (RSSL Standards) for mitigating Covid. He also stated that a new plan is due on Feb. 24 and that our current plan requires masks to be worn both inside and outside by both students and staff but can be addressed and adjusted in the new plan.

Dr. Long asked for clarification on Mark's motion.

Mr. Carlton responded that he would like to see that masks were not required to be worn outdoors or during physical activities and for sports practices both indoor and outside.

Mr. Worman seconded. 3 ayes (Katie Misfeldt, Aaron Worman, Mark Carlton) 2 opposed (Steve Nelson, Dan Murphy)

Dr. Long asked to summarize, for clarity, the direction of the board as per the motion made and seconded. The direction given by the board to Dr. Long, was upon return of the students to school, students will no longer be required to wear masks outside. Students playing in sports programs will no longer be required to wear masks when playing in games or practicing on the field or floor in a gym. All spectators and players on the bench will wear a mask. Only parents and siblings may attend practices and must wear a mask. If a parent at a practice or a spectator at a game refuses to wear a mask, the board has directed Dr. Long to ask them to leave.

There was full consensus of the board on the direction stated.

OLD BUSINESS:

**Local Control Resolutions** - Dr. Long provided the board with a draft letter addressing return to local control of the management of Covid allowing Butte Falls School District to work directly with local public health and the community addressing the management of Covid. The board agreed to give direction to Dr. Long to finalize the draft letter, seek legal counsel from the attorney, and get final approval from the board chair and vice chair before sending it out.

**ESSER III - Open public Comment Period for District's Update to Safe Return to In-Person Learning & Continuity of Service Plans** - Dr. Long shared the outline of the ESSER III funding and explained that the funding was to help mitigate the impact of the pandemic. He shared that the



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dollars would be used for personnel and the Baker Web on-line school. Dr. Long shared that information on the ESSER III funding was available on the school's website, [www.buttefalls.k12.or.us](http://www.buttefalls.k12.or.us)

Dr. Long gave the board and public the opportunity to comment on the ESSER III funding. He also stated that any comments could be directed to the feedback link, [Feedback@buttefalls.k12.or.us](mailto:Feedback@buttefalls.k12.or.us)

**SIA Annual Financial Audit:** Dr. Long shared the Student Investment Act (SIA) annual financial audit for the 2020-2021 school year. He also stated that information on the SIA and funding was available on the school website [www.buttefalls.k12.or.us](http://www.buttefalls.k12.or.us) and offered the board the opportunity for comments and questions.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution 22-03- AllCare Health:** Dr. Long explained this resolution was for the new swing set project at the elementary school. Mrs. Misfeldt made a motion to approve Resolution 22-03. Mr. Carlton seconded. 5 ayes, 0 opposed.

**Resolution 22-04 - Cascade Lodge No. 208:** Dr. Long explained that this resolution was a donation from Cascade Lodge 208 to help with classroom supplies for the elementary teachers. Mrs. Misfeldt made a motion to approve Resolution 22-04, Mr. Carlton seconded. 5 ayes, 0 opposed.

**Resolution 22-05 - AllCare Health:** Dr. Long explained that this resolution was for the purposes of providing a community outreach liaison for the vaccine clinic at The Landing. Mrs. Misfeldt made a motion to approve Resolution 22-05, Mr. Carlton seconded. 5 ayes, 0 opposed.

**PERSONNEL:** Dr. Long shared that Jason Haskell and Ted Birdseye were hired as the middle school wrestling and middle school assistant coach.

**COMMENTS/  
FUTURE ITEMS:**

**Mr. Carlton:** Mr. Carlton asked if future board meeting could allow the public to attend in person.

Dr. Long suggested offering a separate a "listening session" meeting to allow people to share their concerns and comments to the board and administration. He suggested a hybrid virtual meeting in the elementary gym or the community hall. Members agreed to hold hybrid in person & virtual "listening session" for the community at the elementary gym on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Carlton stated he would like to see board members attend meetings in person and open to the public to attend in person.

**Mrs. Misfeldt:** Mrs. Misfeldt thanked the board and staff for working together through everything.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION:**

Vice Chairperson Mrs. Misfeldt placed the board into executive session at 8:33 p.m., under ORS 192.660(2)(d) "labor negotiations".

**OPEN SESSION:**

Vice Chairperson Mrs. Misfeldt took the board out of executive session and placed the board into open session at 8:44 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m. 5 ayes. 0 opposed.