



Butte Falls School District #91

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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MONDAY DECEMBER 11, 2023

- DATE/TIME/PLACE:** A meeting of the School Board of Butte Falls School District 91 was held on Monday December 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the District Office 720 Laurel Ave., Butte Falls, Oregon. The meeting also provided virtual access to the public, via Zoom & YouTube.
- ROLL CALL:** Present: Bonnie Freeman, Dan Murphy, Kirsten White
Absent: Katie Misfeldt, Mark Carlton
- ADMINISTRATION:** Dr. Phil Long
Karina Ferre
Angie Brownson
- SECRETARY:** Julie Freeman
- TECHNOLOGY:** Catherine Cogdill
- PUBLIC:** Ben DeCarlow, Emily Goettel, Evan Goettel
- CALL TO ORDER:** Acting Board Chair Bonnie Freeman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mrs. Freeman led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- APPROVE AGENDA:** Dr. Long clarified that the list of board policies in the packet included duplicate policies and he would note the correct policy during the second reading. Mrs. White made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Freeman seconded. 3 aye votes, 0 opposed.
- CONSENT AGENDA/
MINUTES:** Mrs. White made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of November 13, 2023. Mr. Murphy seconded. 3 aye votes, 0 opposed.
- NRC Update:** Mr. DeCarlow presented a flyer with the latest updates at the NRC. Mr. DeCarlow shared that the sixth and seventh grade students had begun collecting data regarding the disappearance of frogs at the NRC. He stated that the project had received \$2,500 from the Rural School Collaborative group to help fund the project.
- Mr. DeCarlow also shared that that most of the elementary students have been able to visit and participate in various activities the NRC. He stated that some of the lesson the elementary students engaged in at the NRC included tree ring counting, bird feeder making, garden work and reading and interpreting maps and graphs and nature observation lessons. He stated that high school students have helped with many of these activities.
- Mr. DeCarlow reported that there was a impromptu work day at the NRC during conference week.

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT/UPDATES:

Dr. Long reported that the enrollment at the end of October was 155.

Dr. Long shared the December newsletter that went out in the Bulletin that highlights events within the district including, conferences, updates on the welding and woodworking classes, Ruby Edwards visit and donation, middle school boys basketball team, and the upcoming events to take place prior to Winter Break.

Dr. Long reported that the asphalt between the main high school building and the gym had been removed and the water leak repaired by Mr. Childers. Dr. Long stated that the area was covered in gravel and no longer presented a tripping hazard.

CHARTER SCHOOL
UPDATES:

Mrs. Ferre shared a number of events that took place in November including a Thanksgiving event that drew a large number of parents to visit the elementary school. Mrs. Ferre also shared that the elementary classes were working hard on practicing for the Winter Program and that every class was doing something. She stated that the program would hold two performances, a dress rehearsal in the afternoon and an evening performance. Mrs. Ferre reported that grade six would be caroling at the V.A.

PAYMENTS:

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

FINANCIAL
SUMMARY:

Mrs. Brownson provided the board with the current financial reports and was able to answer questions presented by the board. She reported that her and Racheal were working through the audit draft and reviewing numbers. She stated that she hoped that the auditors would be presenting the audit at the January board meeting.

SITE COUNCIL/PARENT
INVOLVEMENT:

Mrs. Freeman stated she had nothing to report.

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PARTNERSHIP:

Mr. Murphy stated that The Landing was working on a twelve month calendar of activities that will help coordinate events at the Landing with the school and other community events.

Public Comment:

Mrs. Goettel asked what was the lowest enrollment that the school could get to and how the information would be disseminated to the public. Dr. Long stated that the administration would be looking at enrollment as they built the next year's budget. He also stated that information would be presented at board meetings and the newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Board Policies Section I Instruction & GBEDA GBEDA-AR Drug & Alcohol Testing Transportation-Second Reading: Dr. Long noted the policies not included in the readings that were duplicate policies. Policy IF Curriculum Development and policy IGDA Student Organizations. He also stated that policy IIABB & IIABB-AR would be tabled for a future meeting. Mr. Murphy made the motion to approve the policies as presented in the board packets. Mrs. White seconded. 3 aye votes, 0 opposed.

NEW BUSINESS: **Resolution 24-02 Ruby Edwards Donation/Butte Falls Charter School:** Dr. Long read resolution 24-02 to the board. Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve resolution 24-02. Mrs. Freeman seconded. 3 aye votes, 0 opposed.

Early Literacy Success School District Grant: Dr. Long presented the board with the Butte Falls School District/Butte Falls Charter School Early Literacy Success School District Grant. He shared the application planning template to board members and offered the board and audience the opportunity to ask questions or discuss information. He stated that the application and information would be posted on the school website: www.buttefalls.k12.or.us
Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the Butte Falls Early Literacy Success School Grant as presented. Mrs. White seconded. 3 aye votes, 0 opposed.

OSBA 2023 Election: Dr. Long shared the LPC position 5 and two resolutions that were included in the board packets.
Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve Sara Crawford for LPC Position 5. Mrs. White seconded. 3 aye votes, 0 opposed.
Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve OSBA Resolution 1-Creates the Oregon Rural School Board Members Causus. Mrs. White seconded. 3 aye votes, 0 opposed.
Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve OSBA Resolution 2-Adopts the proposed amendments to the OSBA Bylaws. Mrs. White seconded. 3 aye votes, 0 opposed.

PERSONNEL: **None**

**COMMENTS/
FUTURE ITEMS:** **Mrs. Freeman:** Mrs. Freeman asked if the high school students could go back to eating lunch or picking up lunch at the elementary campus. Dr. Long stated that a number of logistics played into the decision to have the high school students stay at the high school during lunch.

ADJOURNMENT: The board meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.