



Butte Falls School District #91

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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MONDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2022

- DATE/TIME/PLACE:** A meeting of the School Board of Butte Falls School District 91 was held on Monday February 14, 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), Mark Carlton, Dan Murphy. Aaron Worman (via Zoom) entered the meeting at 6:06 p.m.
- ADMINISTRATION:** Dr. Phil Long
Racheal Aiken (via Zoom)
- SECRETARY:** Julie Freeman (via Zoom)
- TECHNOLOGY:** Catherine Cogdill
- PUBLIC:** None
- CALL TO ORDER:** Board Vice Chair Katie Misfeldt called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mrs. Misfeldt led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- APPROVE AGENDA:** Mr. Carlton made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of 5.5 New Business: Board Leadership - ACTION. 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 January 10, 2022. Mr. Carlton seconded. 4 aye votes, 0 opposed.
- NATURAL RESOURCE CENTER:** Mr. Mathas (via zoom) presented a report on the activities and projects taking place at the NRC. He stated that Mr. DeCarlow was doing an excellent job of facilitating the elementary and middle school students down to the NRC on a regular basis and connecting the curriculum with hands on outdoor learning. Mr. Mathas reported that bridges, bathrooms and classrooms were near completion.
- Mr. Mathas shared a community service project involving seedling for replantation for the property owners that lost trees during the Obenchain fire. He shared that the first local landowner picked up seedlings to replant on their property. He shared that BLM & OSU had donated 2000 seedlings which were nurtured through the heat of last summer and the cold of the winter. He stated that the remaining trees that do not find homes with property owners will be planted at the NRC or used for fundraising for the NRC.

Mr. Mathas also shared that S.O.U. students were again utilizing the NRC for their Environmental and/or Business Management programs. He shared that one student was working on a professional documentary film that will be entered into the Documentary Film Festival in Ashland.

Mr. Mathas stated that he was happy to be representing the Natural Resource Center to a board that has been cooperative and has made all the right choices when it comes to supporting our school and making it safe during the Covid pandemic.

SUPERINTENDENT
REPORT/UPDATES:

Covid Update: Dr. Long shared that the students were all back in school after having to shift to distance learning for two weeks. He expressed appreciation to the teachers and staff for making the flip from on campus learning to distance learning so smoothly. He also expressed appreciation for the parents who were vigilant and kept students home if they were showing any signs of illness once in person learning resumed. Dr. Long shared that the students were enjoying the nice outside weather and reminded the board that masks were optional outside. He shared that about half of the students were wearing masks and half were not.

Enrollment: Dr. Long reported that enrollment was at 185 students at the end of January. Dr. Long stated that the goal is to have full programs in place and increase activity levels for the students while bringing enrollment up.

Safety Issue: Dr. Long shared that a student had brought a utility knife to school and made a verbal threat to another student. Dr. Long stated he immediately implemented an eight-day suspension and a risk assessment. He shared that he is now extending that suspension pending expulsion as per board policy. He stated that he would be working with the parents and student to provide an academic plan and other support as needed.

Grants: Dr. Long reported that he had been working on a couple of grants to renew investments to the facilities, help with long term facility planning and help with recertification of asbestos evaluation.

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REPORT/UPDATES:

Sports: Dr. Long reported that the middle girls' basketball team and middle school boys wrestling teams had had a robust season. He shared that the high school was trying to field a baseball team and had given permission for the girls to sign up as there was not enough girls to field a softball team. He also shared that the school was planning on a middle school track team and encouraged high school students to help with the program.

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 that she was waiting for the 2022-2023 State School Fund Estimate that should be out no later than March 1st. Mrs. Aiken also stated the at the beginning of March she will see the remainder of the 2021-2022 State School Fund and also be able to "true up" the 2020-2021 State School Fund sometime in April.

Mrs. Aiken shared that she had attended a meeting with ODE and that they indicated that student statewide enrollment was down by 30,000 students. She stated that the impact of the declined statewide enrollment and a recalibration of funding, could possibly be less of an impact to the district than anticipated.

Mrs. Aiken stated that she had been working with administration on the 2022-2023 budget and that the budget meeting would be held on May 2, 2022. She encouraged board members to reach out to citizens that may be interested in serving on the budget committee. Dr. Long shared that John Huey, a long standing budget committee member, had moved, but stated that Stephanie Pitts had said she was interested on serving on the committee. Racheal reminded board members and audience to contact Julie Freeman or the Feedback email for information on the application process for budget committee members.

COUNCIL/PARENT
INVOLVEMENT:

Mrs. Freeman reported that the Title carryovers had been approved and Title I monitoring materials had gone well. She stated that she and Mrs. Misfeldt would be hosting a Site Council/Parent Involvement meeting on March 9th.

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SCHOOL
PARTNERSHIP:

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

PUBLIC
COMMENT:

Dr. Long stated that he had received one written comment and asked to share the letter with the 4.2 agenda item, Community Listening Session February 28, 2022.

OLD BUSINESS:

Local Control Resolutions: - Dr. Long stated that the letter addressing return to local control of the management of Covid and to work directly with local public health and the community had made it to the Governor's office.

Community Listening Session February 28, 2022: Dr. Long shared a flyer that would be sent to families and the community regarding the Community Listening Session on February 28, 2022. He stated that the listening session would be a hybrid session, offering in person, zoom for comments or Youtube for viewing options. He stated that the listening session would be to listen to input from the parents and community members. He stated that each person would have the opportunity to speak for three minutes. Dr. Long shared a letter sent from Mrs. Goettel.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 22-06- Classified Employee Appreciation Week March 7-11, 2022: Dr. Long expressed his appreciation for all of the classified employees within the district. Dr. Long read Resolution 22-06. Mr. Worman made a motion to approve Resolution 22-06 Classified Employee Appreciation Week March 7-11, 2022. Mr. Carlton seconded. 5 aye votes, 0 opposed.

SOESD Local Service Plan for 2022-2023: Mr. Carlton made a motion to approve the 2021-2022 SOESD Local Service Plan. Mr. Carlton seconded. 5 aye votes, 0 opposed.

Adult Lunch Price Increases: Mr. Carlton made a motion to increase adult breakfast to \$3.75 and adult lunches to \$4.75. Mr. Murphy seconded. 5 aye votes, 0 opposed.

Changes in State Covid Requirements: Dr. Long shared information from OHA on different layers of Covid protection. He stated that after the community listening session, receiving more guidance from the state, guidance from local health officials and input from the unions, he should have a better picture of what the district's latest plan will need be and would be bringing a recommendation to the board. He stated that the plan was due to the state on March 31, 2022. Dr. Long shared that he

meets with other school officials and local health officials weekly and was told that local officials would not require anything more than the state requires.

Board Leadership: Dr. Long read a letter from Mr. Nelson requesting the board to switch leadership positions between Board Chair Mr. Nelson and Vice Board Chair Mrs. Misfeldt.

Mr. Murphy made a motion for Board Chair, Mr. Nelson & Vice Board Chair, Mrs. Misfeldt to switch board leadership positions for the remainder of the school year. Mr. Carlton seconded. 5 ayes, 0 opposed.

Policies: Mrs. Misfeldt and Mr. Carlton agreed to go through the "B" Board Policies and bring recommendations for the first reading to the board meeting.

PERSONNEL:

Dr. Long shared that he had hired Robyn Moren as a temporary classified help to fill in as needed.

COMMENTS/

FUTURE ITEMS:

Mr. Carlton: Mr. Carlton asked if OSBA and PACE were the right entities to represent our district. He stated that a group of other districts pushing for local control were moving away from OSBA. He stated that he felt OSBA restricted flexibility and freedom and questioned if they were always there to support the district 100%. He stated that 40-50 schools were talking about separating from OSBA.

Mrs. Aiken stated that out of the 197 school districts in the state, she knew of only three that could afford to be self-insured. She shared that most of the districts in the state were part of a consortium and able to receive a package deal through PACE which offered many additional services to the districts.

Dr. Long stated that he would reach out to OSBA and PACE.

Mr. Murphy: Mr. Murphy stated he would not attend the meeting on the 28th in person.

Mr. Nelson: Mr. Nelson stated that OSBA was there to review and analyze rules, laws, and legislations to help protect schools and provide the policies used in schools and would be a little uncertain about switching to a new unproven organization.

Mr. Worman: Mr. Worman stated that he had an open mind and would be willing to have more conversations about OSBA and PACE.

Mrs. Misfeldt: Mrs. Misfeldt thanked the administration for their hard work.

Dr. Long: Dr. Long shared that middle school wrestler Colin Culver won at District's and was preparing for regionals.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. 5 ayes, 0 opposed.