



Butte Falls School District #91

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OFFICIAL MINUTES OF SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MONDAY DECEMBER 14, 2020

- DATE/TIME/PLACE:** A meeting of the School Board of Butte Falls School District 91 was held on Monday December 14, 2020 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 Zoom 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)
- PUBLIC:** None
- CALL TO ORDER:** Board Chair Steve Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mr. Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- APPROVE AGENDA:** Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the agenda as amended with the correction of Mrs. Gorman's post-retirement contract date changed to June 30, 2021. Mr. Carlton seconded. 4 ayes, 0 opposed.
- CONSENT AGENDA/
MINUTES:** Mr. Carlton made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2020 board meeting. Mr. Murphy seconded. 4 ayes, 0 opposed.
- SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS:** **Natural Resource Center:** Dr. Long reported that Mr. Mathas continued making progress on projects at the N.R.C. and would present a complete report at the January school board meeting.
- Enrollment:** Dr. Long shared that enrollment was at 228 students at the end of November.

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He added that five new students had since enrolled in the district bring the total enrollment to 233. Dr. Long stated that this was very good news as most districts are facing a decline in enrollment.

Dr. Long also shared that he had a new empathy for students and on line learning. He stated that he attended a very long Zoom conference for the Southern Oregon Regional Network and would be sharing some information he gathered in the months to come.

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 would be meeting with administration in January to begin work on next year's budget.

CHARTER SCHOOL/
STAFFING UPDATE:

Mrs. Gorman reported that she had been working on teacher observations via sitting in on virtual classes. She stated that she was very impressed with what the teachers were doing with their classes and students.

Mrs. Gorman also stated that the sports programs were being pushed out further and Mr. Hedrick was keeping on top of the ever changing dates. She also shared a number of fun things the students and staff were doing such as a canned food drive, spirit week, photo contest and secret Santa.

Mrs. Gorman shared articles written about the NRC. One article was written by a student and published in the Bulletin about the NRC's pavilion. The second article was from the Mail Tribune Mr. & Mrs. Mathas and their involvement in the NRC.

ESSA/SITE
COUNCIL/PARENT
INVOLVEMENT:

Mrs. Freeman stated that she did not have anything to report at this time.

BUTTE FALLS
COMMUNITY
SCHOOL
PARTNERSHIP:

Mr. Murphy stated that the pre-school was operating within the state guidelines.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS:

School Board Policy Review-Second Reading-ACB All Students Belong: Dr. Long gave a background of the ACB - All Students Belong policy and allowed time for discussion and comments from the school board members. Mr. Murphy made a motion to adopt policies ACB & ACB-AR and Biased Incident Complaint Procedure as presented. Mrs. Pitts seconded. 3 ayes (Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Pitts, Mr. Nelson), 1 opposed (Mr. Carlton).

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OSBA Election & Resolution 21-06: Dr. Long gave a background of the OSBA election process and allowed time for discussion and comments. Mr. Carlton made a motion to nominate Clement Williams as OSBA Board of Directors. Mr. Murphy seconded. 4 ayes, 0 opposed.

Mr. Carlton made a motion to approve resolution 21-06 - Resolution to adopt the OSBA 2021-22 Legislative Priorities. Mr. Murphy seconded. 4 ayes, 0 opposed.

Elementary Seismic Project Intent to Award/Motion to Ratify the Decision of the Committee: Dr. Long shared that the Contract Review Committee had met to review the architectural & engineering proposals for the elementary seismic grant. The committee determined that ZCS was the strongest applicant. Mr. Carlton made a motion to approve the award of the architectural/engineering for the seismic retrofit at the elementary school to ZCS. Mr. Murphy seconded. 4 ayes, 0 opposed.

School Reopening Options & Schedule Adjustments for the Coming Months: Dr. Long led the ongoing discussion of where the re-opening of the school was at. Dr. Long provided the board members with a packet containing various handouts on Covid and schools. The handouts were Ready Schools, Safe Learners Guidance for School Year 2020-21, General Metrics for Returning To In-Person Instruction, General Metrics for Returning to In-Person Instruction & Projections for Classroom Use Under RSSL Standards. Time was provided for discussion and comments.

NEW BUSINES: **Resolution 21-07 All Care Grant:** Mr. Carlton made a motion to approve Resolution 21-07 All Care Grant. Mr. Murphy seconded. 4 ayes, 0 opposed.

PERSONNEL: **Elementary Garden Advisor - Jill Defresne:** Mr. Murphy made a motion to hire Jill Dufresne as the 2020-2021 Elementary Garden Advisor. Mr. Carlton seconded. 4 ayes, 0 opposed.

**COMMENTS/
FUTURE
ITEMS FROM
THE BOARD:**

Mr. Nelson: None

Mrs. Pitts: Mrs. Pitts asked if the district could provide more microphones for Zoom meetings.

Mr. Murphy: Mr. Murphy asked if someone could follow up on why some of our families left. Mrs. Gorman was able to answer why some specific families had left.

Mr. Carlton: Mr. Carlton asked when the district would be looking into a possible five day school week.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m. 4 ayes, 0 opposed.