



# Butte Falls School District #91

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## OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MONDAY MAY 10, 2021

- DATE/TIME/PLACE:** A meeting of the School Board of Butte Falls School District 91 was held on Monday May 10, 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 Zoom & YouTube was provided.
- ROLL CALL:** Present: Steve Nelson, Mark Carlton, Dan Murphy, Aaron Worman (via Zoom)  
Stephanie Pitts (via Zoom)
- ADMINISTRATION:** Dr. Phil Long, Dianne Gorman  
Racheal Aiken (via Zoom)
- SECRETARY:** Julie Freeman (via Zoom)
- TECHNOLOGY:** Catherine Cogdill
- PUBLIC:** None
- CALL TO ORDER:** Board Chair Steve Nelson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mr. Nelson led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- APPROVE AGENDA:** Mrs. Pitts made a motion to approve the agenda as amended with the addition of 3.1 Approve New Principal-Action in place of NRC report, 5.1 Superintendent Evaluation Time Line & 6.2 Resignation of Sixth Grade Teacher-Action. Mr. Murphy seconded. 5 aye votes, 0 opposed.
- CONSENT AGENDA/  
MINUTES:** Mrs. Pitts made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of April 12, 2021 & the Budget Committee meeting minutes for May 3, 2021. Mr. Murphy seconded. 5 aye votes, 0 opposed.
- SUPERINTENDENT  
REPORT/UPDATES:** **New Principal Hire:** Dr. Long read a bio that he had previously shared with the board and staff about the recommended new principal hire, Mr. Jesse Jackson. He attested that Mr. Jackson's references checked out with no discrepancies and the T.S.C.P. inquiry found his license in good standing. Dr. Long shared that Mr. Jackson had met with many of the staff earlier in the day and that the staff were given the opportunity to introduce themselves and ask questions.

Dr. Long introduced Mr. Jackson to the board and allowed time for the board to ask questions or provide comments.

Mr. Carlton made a motion to approve the selection and hire of Mr. Jesse Jackson for position of principal of Butte Falls Charter School, effective July 1, 2021. Mr. Murphy seconded. 5 aye votes, 0 opposed.

Mr. Jackson thanked the board for the opportunity.

**N.R.C. Update:** Dr. Long reported that he and Mr. Jackson were able to visit the NRC and meet with Mr. Mathas. Dr. Long stated that he still hoped to get the board out for a tour of the NRC at a future date.

**Enrollment:** Dr. Long shared that enrollment was at 226 students at the end of April, and reminded the board that the budget was built on 220 students.

**Elementary Seismic Update:** Dr. Long shared that all the documentation was in order to proceed with construction, but that there were two concerns as the contractors moved forward. The first was the large escalation in material cost. The second concern was being able to get the asbestos mitigation done in a timely manner, due to the construction competition taking place in the region. Dr. Long stated that the district calendar may have to be adjusted to accommodate this concern and not to delay the project.

Dr. Long also shared that he was pleased with the work ZCS had done on the project and that they did submit an additional proposal that was discussed at previous meetings. He stated that the walkway on the west end of the elementary building had deteriorated and needed to be reengineered and brought up to safety standards. He also stated that he would be using grant money to help with security fencing and replacing some of the chain link fencing at the elementary campus.

Dr. Long also stated that they would utilize the opportune time to remove asbestos and mitigate risk in the caretaker house at the NRC and women's restroom at the elementary.

**Governor Visit to NRC:** Dr. Long shared that the school was able to host a meeting for the city with Governor Kate Brown and entourage at the NRC. While the meeting was centered around the acquisition of acreage around Butte Falls, time was allotted for the school to share the successes of the NRC and student projects. Dr. Long stated that a student that had been positively impacted by time spent at the NRC, did a wonderful presentation and that the governor asked to spend more time touring and asking questions about the NRC. Dr. Long stated that he was proud of how the community of Butte Falls represented themselves and how BFCS was able to share the projects and potential learning opportunities that the NRC offers.

**Air Purifiers:** Dr. Long shared that every classroom and office now had an air purifier.

**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. She stated that things were very steady insofar as financials were concerned, and that the positive May adjustment was \$24,934 and the high cost disability a little over \$20,000.

CHARTER SCHOOL/  
STAFFING UPDATE:

Mrs. Gorman gave an update on the sports program, stating that there was a good chance that the district could have a short five-week basketball season. She stated that due to the county metrics, there would probably be no spectators allowed. She shared that they are currently finding out if they had enough girls to field a team and if not they could possibly play on the boy's team. She shared that this was every changing and the district was following all the OSAA guidelines.

Mrs. Gorman also shared that Butte Falls Charter School was approved for the Summer School Grant, which would allow students falling behind on credits or grade levels an opportunity to catch up. She shared that a number of staff members signed up to help support the summer program.

Mrs. Gorman presented the latest Butte Falls Community/School Bulletin.

ESSA/SITE  
COUNCIL/PARENT  
INVOLVEMENT:

Mrs. Freeman reported that the Parent Engagement meeting was held on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021. She stated that the meeting was recorded and available on the website along with more information about the SIA and Title funds.

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 stated that in the process of the second reopening, a few parents chose to move to other schools and now that the school has reopened some are reenrolling.

Dr. Long reported that 39 students out of the 226 students attending are currently choosing to continue with CDL. He also stated that he did not know if the CDL option would be available for parents in the upcoming year. Dr. Long stated that he has appreciated the support from staff, students and parents throughout the many changes that have occurred this year.

**Superintendent Evaluation Time Line:** Mrs. Pitts asked about the training that the board members attended concerning about the Superintendent evaluation and would like to make sure that the time lines on the evaluation were followed. Dr. Long stated that he agreed that it was important to continue the process. He stated that once the newly configured board came together in July, training would be provided to new board members on the evaluation process and set a timeline for the superintendent evaluation in the fall. Dr. Long stated that the board will also be working on policy updates and updating the five-year plan in the months ahead.

Dr. Long thanked Mrs. Pitts for her service to the School Board and Charter Board and support for the students throughout the years.

**PERSONNEL: Resignation of Athletic Director:** Dr. Long thanked Mr. Hedrick for his commitment to the position. Mr. Carlton made a motion to accept the resignation of Harry Hedrick as Athletic Director effective June 30, 2021. Mr. Murphy seconded. 5 ayes, 0 opposed.

**Resignation of Sixth Grade Teacher:** Dr. Long thanked Mr. Harrington for his years teaching, music and athletic commitments within the district. Mr. Carlton made the motion to accept the resignation of Skylar Harrington as Sixth Grade Teacher effective June 30, 2021. Mr. Murphy seconded. 5 ayes, 0 opposed.

COMMENTS/  
FUTURE ITEMS  
FROM THE BOARD:

**Mr. Worman:** Mr. Worman asked for an update on graduation plans and the role of the board. Mrs. Gorman stated that it would like similar to last year, with each student being allowed to invite a limited number of guests.

**Mr. Murphy:** Mr. Murphy asked what the status of the maintenance pickup. Dr. Long stated it had not been built yet.

**Mr. Carlton:** Mr. Carlton stated that he would like to see the school push the graduation ceremony as far as possible as to allow as many as possible to attend. Mrs. Gorman stated they would do everything they could do.

**Mrs. Pitts:** Mrs. Pitts asked if ESSER funds could be used to design a middle school campus.

**Mr. Nelson:** None

Dr. Long thanked the board for their support on the hiring of the new principal. He stated that he had asked Mrs. Gorman to take on the summer school program, allowing some transition time around procedures and processes with the new principal.

**ADJOURNMENT:** With no further business, the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m. 5 ayes, 0 opposed.