



Sisters School District

“Home of the Outlaws”

Board of Directors Meeting

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January 12, 2022

6:00pm

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Board: Don Hedrick, Jeff Smith, Edie Jones, David Thorsett, Jenica Cogdill

Superintendent: Curt Scholl

Supervisors: Sherry Joseph, Todd Pilch

CALL TO ORDER / FLAG SALUTE

Don Hedrick called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ADDITIONS, DELETION, AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA/ ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Don Hedrick moved and Jeff Smith seconded that the board adopt the January 12, 2022 agenda. Vote was unanimous in favor, motion passed 5-0

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

BUSINESS/FINANCE – Tab H

Sherry Joseph shared the General Fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Ending Fund Balance. In addition, she shared 7 best practice findings that the auditors pointed out during the 2021 financial audit. These practices included segregation of duties, cash balances exceeding fidelity insurance, School Board regularly reviews and ask questions regarding financial activities, review of IT software controls, SSAE report from service provider, actuarial report under GASB statement, and reviewing un-cleared check reports.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Student Services ~ Lorna Van Geem, SHS ~ Steve Stancliff, SMS ~ Tim Roth, SES

Lorna Van Geem shared that although we are continuing the academic emphasis within our buildings, the schools are also focusing on student well-being with much of the emphasis on connections and belonging in order to foster upstream prevention of mental health difficulties.

The elementary school is teaching students how to create positive habits that will give them the tools to regulate themselves when challenges arise. Over the next few months, The Leader In Me program will focus on seven healthy habits.

Another program that the middle and high school are relaunching is the Sources of Strength Program. SOS is a youth suicide prevention program that was originally launched pre-Covid in 2020. The program is designed to harness the power of peer social networks to change unhealthy norms and culture, ultimately preventing suicide, bullying, and substance abuse. Principal Roth shared that the

immediate focus is to get adults trained, peers trained, and to then to grow the program over the next year to connect all students and provide a network of support within our buildings.

Principal Stancliff included that in addition to the SOS relaunch, the high school will begin school wide engagement on mental health topics. Teachers will collaborate to select a topic and create the lesson. These lessons will take place one Friday a month.

The SOS and Leader In Me programs align directly with the districts mission vision; belong, prepare, and inspire.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

SIA Report ~ SIA (Student Investment Account) is a state grant that we used to increase staffing and ultimately reduce class size. We hired a teacher for each grade level at the elementary school, an ELL teacher, as well as new para professionals. Reducing class sizes was the district's goal as data shows that smaller class sizes is a factor in increasing student achievement and equitable access to education.

Covid 19 Update ~ The district is tracking our data and making decisions based on that. We are currently keeping a full schedule of co-curricular activities and are in person for school. We are currently not seeing the high number of unfilled sub positions that other districts are facing.

Elementary School Update ~ We are continuing conversation with C4C with community discussion around the use of the old elementary school. Hoping to hear from them in May with feedback from the community. We have awarded Sunwest Builders the contract to build the elementary. Hoping to have a "no greater than" cost scoped out in March. Still on track to open September of 2023.

Enrollment Update ~ Not much change. Our numbers are up a couple kids since returning from holiday break.

Policy Review ~ Beginning a policy review process and will bring them to the board for first reading next month.

BOARD BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA: (Tab K)

- December 8, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes Tab K
- Resignation, Julee Davies, SMS Teacher Tab J
- Resignation, Acacia Knutzen, SES Nurse Tab J

Jeff Smith moved and David Thorsett seconded the Board approve the consent agenda. The vote was unanimous in favor, motion carried 5 -0.

Declare in Executive Session in accordance with ORS 192.660(2)(b)

Don Hedrick declared in Executive Session

- Personnel

Reconvene to regular session

Jeff Smith moves to accept Superintendent Scholl's Nov 18th, 2021 written decision in response to a parent's complaint against SMS Principal Tim Roth, without further consideration by the Board and Edie Jones seconded the Board's approval of Superintendent's findings. The vote was unanimous in favor, motion carried 5 -0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
02/02/22	February Regular Board Meeting	6:00	DO

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00p.m.

Don Hedrick, Board chair

Lynne Fendall, Secretary