

ALSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT 7J
Regular School Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 8, 2017
7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Flag Salute at 1900

2. Roll Call

Board: Aaron Schneider, Jeff Davis, Ron Koetz, Doug Westlind

Board members absent: Linda Montanez [prearranged]

Staff: Katie Sapp, Marc Thielman, Jackie Hendrix, Shirley Koetz, Shanon Rice

Patrons: Jill DeWolfe, Ariane Olsen, Bonnie Hill, D'Ann Ledbetter, Kathy Loraine

Students: Pere Sabate

3. Approval of Agenda

Ron Koetz motioned to approve the agenda as with edits noted. Doug Westlind seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes – February 15, 2017

Jeff Davis motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Ron Koetz seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Patron Comments –

A. None

6. Superintendent's Report – Marc Thielman

A. Working on dust collection power supply and found a soft spot in the roof.

B. Bill has been drafted and is assigned for the seismic study that Sam Littlefield is working on.

C. Elective Survey will go out tomorrow to start gaging interest in different classes. Doug Westlind suggested sending it to parents too.

D. Kings Valley cooperative has been dissolved and may be shopping for a cooperative partner for athletics. Marc Thielman said that they may approach us in the future.

E. \$300 education innovation bill is out for hearing on March 21st. It is SB803.

F. Integrated science kids met their goal on their most recent test and will be getting pizza next week.

G. Chess tournament is still going.

H. Middle School lock-in went well. All but one student attended.

7. Director of Student Services Report – Marc Thielman covered

8. Information Items

A. Student Presentation – Ski Trip – Pere Sabate talked about the proposed ski trip that the leadership class is planning. They would like to take the trip this Friday [March 10, 2017]. Right now, about 20 kids are signed up. They are working on making sure that everyone has good grades. Pere fielded questions from the board and patrons.

9. Athletic Report – Tiffany Schreiber [Provided before the meeting]

A. New Hires: MS Assistant Track – Sarah Littlefield, MS Assistant Track Coach – Pamela Russell [SPED]

- B. Resignations: None
- C. OPENINGS: Head Football Coach, MS Assistant Volleyball Coach
- D. Winter Sports Update:
 - a. MS Boys Basketball – Boys have 1 game left after tonight’s game. Coach is pleased with the season that they have had. With only 8 boys playing they tried hard and always did their best.
 - b. HS Girls Basketball – Girls made it to the State Playoffs. Coach was pleased with their performance and is very excited for next year.
 - c. Awards Night- February 28th @ 6:00pm, Went well. Not a huge turn out from the community, but most of our student athletes were there to receive their awards.
- E. Spring Sports Update:
 - a. HS Track – Is underway... Approximately 20 kids are signed up. Still waiting for other schools to post meets so we can add a few more meets to our schedule.
 - b. MS Track – MS Track will start the Monday after Spring Break.

10. Discussion Items

- A. Cash Flow/ Financial Reports – Still worried about PERS impacts for next year. We are watching costs in everything as we are going forward.
- B. Certified Contract Renewals – Annual time to renew certified contracts for the 2017-18 school year. Marc Thielman recommends that we renew current certified staff.
- C. New Hire
 - i. Sarah Littlefield – Assistant Middle School Track Coach
 - ii. Pamela Russell – Assistant Middle School Track Coach [SPED]
- D. Charter School Update – We held a community meeting last night. Marc Thielman felt it was a mostly positive meeting. One comment that he feels like we should take into account is a set percentage of teachers that are registered with TSPC verses traditionally certified through TSPC.

Doug Westlind heard a lot of comments about how people are interested in going back to stand alone grade school classrooms. He feels like if that is one of our goals, we will need to have set quotas for each elementary grade. Concerning registered teachers, he feels like the idea behind our “no change charter” would be to not use registered teachers, but have certified teachers. We need to have very clear goals about what we want to do with the charter to move forward. He feels like we need some clear aspirations/ goals as we set this up. Doug’s personal opinion, if we are going to do something like this, we need to move slowly. We need to make sure we are doing things well, focus and do one or two things well before we add more. Doug heard some skepticism if we can do this by July and if we are trying to pull this off, we need to make sure that we know what is going on.

Ron Koetz concurred with Doug Westlind’s synopsis.

Ariane Olsen asked if there will be another meeting on the Charter School? Yes, that is the plan. We would like to run our draft Charter by ODE prior to the next meeting to make sure that we are on the right track legally. The next meeting would allow for more one-on-one, small group discussion.

Doug Westlind talked about how right now, there is a lot of information on charter schools and that charter schools have a multitude of ways they are set up and run. D'Ann Ledbetter noted that what we are looking at seems fairly simple.

Aaron Schneider asked if the model of having the charter meeting right before the board meeting worked well for people. Patrons felt like it did. Ariane Olsen asked for contact information for the board members. It is on the website. D'Ann Ledbetter reiterated that a good plan moving forward needs to be set so we can meet our goals. She is concerned that this time working on the charter will end up being similar to how it went three years ago and just die away.

Bonnie Hill feels like July is kind of soon to get it all done. She has a lot of questions on the Charter document draft. Marc Thielman reiterated that we will work hard to get everyone's questions answered. D'Ann Ledbetter asked what could hold the process up. Marc Thielman noted that people get worried about change and everyone has different comfort levels with the process.

- E. Driver's Education – Jerry Conrady, our shop teacher, would like to teach a driver's education class for your students. Ron Koetz asked if the students have to be in Newport for the class. They will only have to go to Newport for the driving portion
- F. Resignations
 - i. Chris McKibben – Math Teacher
- G. Superintendent Evaluation – Aaron Schneider asked Marc Thielman if he want to do the evaluation in closed session or open. Marc Thielman opted to do it in open session. Aaron Schneider read the narrative to the board, patrons and Marc Thielman. Evaluation is included in this board packet.

11. Action Items

A. Payment of Bills – March

Doug Westlind motioned to approve payment of March bills. Jeff Davis seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Certified Contract Renewals

Jeff Davis motioned to approve the Certified Contract Renewals for 2017-2018. Ron Koetz seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

C. New Hires

- i. Sarah Littlefield – Assistant Middle School Track Coach
- ii. Pamela Russell – Assistant Middle School Track Coach [SPED]

Ron Koetz motioned to hire Sarah Littlefield and Pamela Russell as presented. Doug Westlind seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Driver's Education

Doug Westlind motioned to approve the Driver's Education program as presented. Jeff Davis seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Resignations

- i. Chris McKibben – Math Teacher

Ron Koetz motioned to accept Chris McKibben's resignation from his math teaching position. Doug Westlind seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

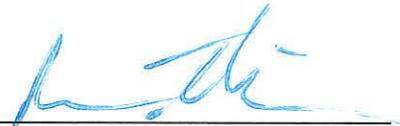
- 12. Other Business – The board came to consensus that the kids can take their ski trip this Friday. They asked that someone from the group comes back and presents after the trip.
- 13. Executive Session to consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent. ORS 192.660(2)(a).
- 14. Next Meeting Date: April 12, 2017 – Regular Board Meeting.
- 15. Adjournment at 2000.

As recorded by,
Katie Sapp

Board Chair:


Aaron Schneider

Clerk:


Marc Thielman