

**ALSEA SCHOOL DISTRICT 7J
Regular School Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 18, 2017
7:00 P.M.**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Flag Salute at 1900

2. Roll Call

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

Board members absent: None

Staff: Katie Sapp, Marc Thielman, Tiffany Schreiber, Ricki Hendrix, Keenan Elbers, Lisa Faris

Patrons: Glenn Kerns, Kathy Loraine, Jill DeWolfe, Jackie Olsen, Adam Schreiber, Tim Olsen, Terri-Anne Thalman.

3. Approval of Agenda

Doug Westlind motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Linda Montanez seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

1. Approval of Minutes – November 9, 2016 [December meeting cancelled due to inclement weather]

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

4. Patron Comments –

- A. Jill DeWolfe – Asked where we are with lead testing. Marc Thielman will report on it during the superintendent's report.

5. Superintendent's Report – Marc Thielman

- A. Lead testing. Atez came in and did lead and radon testing. Only two places came up with with any lead showing up, which were in the modular and staff room. Those areas were retested. We should have final results back by next week and get state reports taken care of when it comes in. Marc Thielman noted that we look really good.
- B. Measure 98. CTE finance, it looks like we will be eligible for some funding from this. Between \$400-800 per ADM. We will have to submit a budget the state for this. Estimated timeline will be this spring. Aimed at high school students. Dropout rates, new CTE programs, and attendance. We will need to submit a two year budget for this. Doug Westlind asked if there is a requirement for a breadth of offerings, or if we can concentrate one thing. Jackie Olsen noted that all districts are treating it differently. Must be used for NEW programs, not ones we already have.
- C. Marc Thielman and Keenan Elbers have been working with some safety upgrades. The Fire Inspector was out again this week and we passed our inspection. One good thing to note is that we can now consider the four doors at the back of the gym as fire escapes, so we don't need to worry as much about blocking the side doors.
- D. Aaron Schneider asked where we are at with the boiler. We had pipes freeze in the metal wing which caused some damage including a major leak in one room, small leak in the music room and no heat in the wing at all. A small amount of vermiculite was found, we had it tested and found that the levels were safe. We have had boiler repair people, insurance adjusters, ServPro and a boiler inspector out since the event. Insurance will cover \$10,000 in repairs.

6. Director of Student Services Report – Marc Thielman covered

- A. Rozeanne Steckler will be back full speed soon. We are working on second semester schedules currently.

7. Athletic Report – Tiffany Schreiber

- A. Football head coach position is currently being advertised.
- B. High School Girls Basketball – 12 girls, season going well. They are currently 2-2 in league.
- C. High School Boys Basketball – 12 boys out currently, we've had multiple injuries. We are picking up some JV games which are more at our level.
- D. Middle School Girls Basketball – Just finished up a short season due to weather concerns. 14 girls played and finished with a win.
- E. Middle School Boys Basketball – Started after the break. Parent meeting tomorrow night.
- F. Aaron Schneider asked where we are at with track. Tiffany Schreiber said we are set for high school as of now, but if we have resignations we will open it next week. Middle school track, we are waiting on what the assistant coach from last year will do, lead coach has resigned.

8. Information Items – None

9. Discussion Items

- A. Accuity LCC – 2015-2016 Financial Audit – Glenn Kerns from Accuity, LCC presented the 2015-2016 Financial Audit. He noted that how we report PERS has changed a little, so he explained how to read the document. Glenn Kerns noted that the audit looked much cleaner as far as record keeping and documentation this year. Suggested that we consolidate to one financial system. Overall, Glenn noted that we are in pretty good financial standing at this point, but PERS is still going to be a hurdle.
- B. Cash Flow/ Financial Reports – Marc Thielman talked about financial reports.
- C. LBL Local Service Plan – Plan hasn't changed much from previous years. The Superintendent's group plans to review the plan this year.
- D. Make-Up Days [March 10 and April 21, May 12, June 9, 2017] – Board talked about hour requirements. Recognized that we may need to add more days if weather continues to be erratic.
- E. 2017-2018 Budget Calendar and Review of Budget Committee Vacancies – Two positions are up for reappointment. Tina Hoch plans to not continue on the Budget Committee.
- F. Superintendent Evaluation – Board talked about the mechanism for the Superintendent Evaluation that we used for last year. Consensus was that last year's process worked well and they would like to do the same this year.
- G. Charter School – Marc Thielman presented a document on charter process, which is included in this board packet. **DISCUSSION:** Marc Thielman noted that we have a very good state economy but a state budget deficit. Since schools across the state now offer full day kindergarten and that we can no longer advertise our open enrollment status, our enrollment has remained fairly flat the last couple years.

With PERS cost rising and stagnant enrollment, Marc Thielman feels like we need to provide ourselves more flexibility in getting more students into the district. Marc Thielman is looking at how we attract a wide variety of students to our school to diversify and increase our enrollment to our school viable.

Marc Thielman noted that we need to serve the needs of all our students to help them thrive. Marc Thielman feels like chartering would give us more options, such as sending a dedicated bus to get Philomath and Corvallis, creating a new job and making sure that kids aren't on the bus for a long time each route.

Marc Thielman also feels that Chartering would allow us more staff that can meet the different needs of students, hoping that we can go from one primary middle school teacher, or math teacher, to having options within programs.

Board discussion: Doug Westlind noted that we have been through a similar process with Open Enrollment which helped the district for a time. He feels like really should take a hard look at this option.

Discussion opened to patron comments.

Jackie Olsen noted that with open enrollment was focused on elementary growth and she is concerned about what we are doing for our high school, specifically around the accreditation of the High School. She feels like this would be a good process for our high school to go through. She would also like to see options where we can get kids college credits before they graduate. She would like to see what is important to our community. Would like to make sure we are serving the kids we have here well.

Marc Thielman agrees that accreditation makes sense and can help our school draw families. Katie Sapp talked about how we are improving our ability to provide college credits. We now have teachers on staff who will be able to do this in the future soon. We need kids to be ready for the college level classes and the supports in place to make this work.

Tim Olsen wants to know what we are going to do to bring in more kids who want to succeed and how we are going to make this happen?

Adam Schreiber asked what the negatives are for chartering? All he has heard positive stuff about chartering is positive. He wants to know what the negatives are. Marc Thielman said he doesn't see any. Doug Westlind noted that there are a ton of options available for schools to choose including not hiring certified teachers for some classes.

Jill DeWolfe asked if we have non-certified teachers, can we be accredited.

Tim Olsen asked if we can get more additional funding for chartering? Possibly for the 2018-19 school year.

Adam Schreiber asked if what our limiting factor will be for bussing? Distance? Marc Thielman stated that we would keep the same process we have for Open Enrollment which is having kids on the bus for no more than an hour. Adam Schreiber asked if it is responsible of the board to have kids on the bus for that long. The board stated that this is a parent choice not a board choice.

Adam Schreiber asked what the next step going forward is? Aaron Schneider said we would request community involvement. Write a first draft of a no-change charter that we can share. Adam Schreiber asked for a pro and con list for chartering to share with the community. Adam Schreiber asked if we have time to do this in before next school year. Jackie Olsen would like a timeline, including other projects we are working on [IE, accreditation, upgrading the playshed, etc].

- H. School Board Member Elections – May, 2017 – We will have two open positions coming up for election in May 2017.

10. Action Items

- A. Acceptance of the 2015-2016 District Financial Audit

Doug Westlind motioned to accept the 2015-2016 audit. Jeff Davis seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Payment of Bills – November/December/January
Doug Westlind motioned to approve payment of November/ December and January bills. Ron Koetz seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Resolution 1617-01 – LBL Local Service Plan 2017-2018
Ron Koetz motioned approve Resolution 1617-01 – LBL Local Service Plan 2017-2018. Doug Westlind seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Make-days [March 10 and April 21, May 12, June 9, 2017]
Jeff Davis motioned to approve make-up days on March 10, April 21, May 12 and June 9th to make up for day the school was closed due to weather on December 14-15 and January 4-5. Linda Montanez seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Approval of 2017-2018 Budget Calendar
Ron Koetz motioned to approve 2017-2018 Budget Calendar as presented. Jeff Davis seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

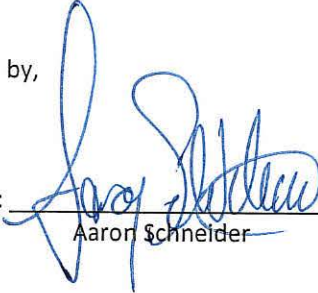
11. Other Business – None

12. Next Meeting Date: February 15, 2017 – Regular Board Meeting.
NOTE: This meeting is on the third Wednesday of the month.


13. Adjournment at 2108

As recorded by,
Katie Sapp

Board Chair:


Aaron Schneider

Clerk:


Marc Thielman