

Regular School Board Meeting
Thursday, March 12, 2020
7:00 P.M.



Alsea School District 7
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MINUTES

Board: Ron Koetz, Linda Montanez, Deb Lindberg, Jeff Davis

Board member absent: Aaron Schneider

Staff: Marc Thielman, Lora Dowless, Nicole Davis, Rich Dubord, Skip Lynch, Mary O'Brien, Tim France, Keenan Elbers, Carmen Martin

Students:

Patrons:

Call to Order, Flag Salute at 1900.

Approval of Agenda

Jeff Davis motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Deb Lindberg seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – February 20, 2020

Linda Montanez motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Deb Lindberg seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Patron Comments - Terry Lunsford, via email - I would like to ask that we think about changing the calendar schedule for next year to start after Labor Day. Most of the parents that I have spoken to think that it is much better to start school after Labor Day and extend the school year into June.

Teacher Report - Skip Lynch – COVID-19 discussion in all science classes, looking at internet gossip vs medical facts. Stage lights are great, students are making the stage more useful for student performances. Liberty Ulm is working with an interior design mentor to paint two classrooms over spring break, Middle School and Teri Ann Thalman's room. Rooms 3-4 going to Fort Vancouver in April. March music madness went well, students performed well with lessons being taught through music. Issues: LBCC students attending are missing crucial class time here at the school. Prefer to have students do courses online as to not fall behind in other courses.

Dean of Students Report- none.

Superintendent's Report - Marc Thielman –

Eric Clendenin is addressing the LBCC concern. Staff dynamic is going well. Welcome to Tim France taking over the math course. We should be having the time of our lives.

- Concern about the virus and Salem recommendation; today the ban for events, non-essential field trips, sporting etc. until April 8, 2020.
- Staff mtg today, celebrated the fact that we happen to have a 2 week break to allow less contact to help contain the germs. What will this mean for the economy and school budget? Time will tell.
- Mark has been emailing the community and staff and parents to keep them informed.

Information - None

Athletic Report - Nicole Davis - no new hires, no resignations

- High School basketball both boys and girls went to the state championships and had a great time.
- Triangle Lake cancelled all spring sports. Crow cancelled spring sports, for the next 30 days contingent on virus.
- Currently only one-track meet must be cancelled with others dependent
- Middle School track is contingent on other schools' participation.
- OSAA follows colleges in whether spring sports are cancelled or not.

Other News - None

Discussion Items

- A. Cash flow / Financial Reports – Marc Thielman
 - Ending fund balance is currently \$100,000 less than anticipated.
 - Currently \$590,000 is the ending balance.
- B. After School Music Program –
 - Making changes to activity bus drivers currently have added enough to be able to accommodate. Waiting until April to make the final decision is made as to whether it is a go.
- C. Marc Evaluation tools - trouble getting Survey Monkey up and running. April 9th is the deadline.
- D. Rehire of all Certified Staff - recommend rehiring staff as a blanket, intent to return letters are ready to be mailed.
- E. Gym Floor - tabled until next month, quote for resurface and quote for redoing all together.

- F. 20-21 School Calendar - starts on Sept 1st with the 5/4 calendar template used again; comparison to previous year attendance has given us better fall attendance. It allows the introduction of the 3 week "J" term. Allowing students to take extracurricular courses and for students who fell behind allowing time to catch up. Marc recommends not approving today but allows staff and board to consider it.
- G. Busing - Jay Farmer new hire to help split local east route, split Junction City, Philomath, Corvallis and Monroe routes.
- Transportation agreement with Goshen, Marc spoke to contract attorneys, we can retro contract. Willamette leadership academy gets paid when we get paid. Like Kings Valley contract. 90% to Willamette Leadership Academy, Alsea 10%, once the contract is approved by the School Board we have until April 15th to implement. We would get 8.5% for cost of operation. 672 miles per day to our mileage keeps us 90% reimbursable
 - Carmen feels that it is doable. Very apprehensive at first but after speaking to the school she feels more comfortable that this will not be a difficult merge. Added paperwork yes, but they will provide the information that she needs.
 - Activity bus situation has gotten better with making drivers available regardless of student need, depart time at 5:30.
- H. Electronic Surplus -
- I. SIA Grant - \$276, 000; continual improvement plan, presentation to the board, ODE liked our CIP plan, working with staff, taking feedback, investments will include single grades at elementary, prepare students for success. 3-year plan, reduce disparities, meet mental and behavior needs. High/Low plans budget depending. At the April 9th meeting a detailed application will be presented to the board.
- J. Bond - information presented to the board on 2/20 - Marc & Shirley worked with ODE to look into bond matching. The School Board will set the parameters. Alsea is in the top 40 of the districts, if we get the SIA grant then we may not need the bond.
- K. Wellness Plan - OSBA updated recommended policy matches. Federal government wants it presented in a public forum. No recommendations for policy.

Action Items

- A. Payment of Bills - March, Deb Lindberg motioned approval of the Bond report, Linda Monanez seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.
- B. Rehire Certified Staff for the 2020 - 2021 school year, Deb Lindberg motioned approval of the rehiring of certified staff, Jeff Davis seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.
- C. Busing, Jeff Davis motioned approval of the contract with Willamette Leadership Academy, Linda Montanez seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Electronic Surplus, Jeff Davis motioned approval of the disposal of old electronics, Linda Montanez seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Bond for November 2020, Jeff Davis motioned approval of the Bond report pending outcome of SIA Grant Linda Montanez seconded. Deb Lindberg not in favor. Motion was not passed unanimously, 3-1.
- F. Hire Jay Thomas as bus driver, Jeff Davis motioned approval of the Bond report, Linda Montanez seconded. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business - None

Next meeting date: April 9, 2020 - Regular Board Meeting

Adjournment: 20:05

As recorded by,
Lora Dowless

Board Chair: 
Ron Koetz

Clerk: 
Marc Thielman