Alsea School Board Meeting Alsea School Library Wednesday February 8, 2023 Special Session 5:00 PM



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#### **MINUTES**

- 1. Call to Order 1903
- 2. Flag Salute
- 3. Approval of Agenda Approved as published
- 4. Superintendent's Report Sean Gallagher
  - a. Bond GMP update Chris and Nancy Giggy Recap of report given to the BOC earlier this evening. 4 packages were approved by the committee tonight. 2 of the packages need to get more information. Bond project summary: budget update given by Chris Giggy. Updated budgeted expenses as well as updated estimates. These will be updated on a monthly basis. Currently with the contractor updates we are about 400k over budget. CB construction provided updated bids for the four work packages. Electrical upgrades, Electrical room, HVAC upgrades, VOC building. Because this was all sent out today by CB construction the board is being asked tonight to approve the scope of work at the current costs presented with the knowledge that these figures could come in. These plans all need to be looked at again to make sure they capture all of the changes that need to be made to lower costs.

Aligning for Student Success - Tim France, Bart Rothenberger, Aaron Miller presented. This is a massive project, the state provided extra funds for small schools to help with the costs. Tonight is just information for the board. There is a March 31st due date that will have to be met in order to obtain funding. Aaron Miller from Linn Benton Lincoln ESD presented 6 programs that are aligned.. The 6 programs include HS success, student investment account, continuous improvement plan, CTE programs, Every day matters (attendance), Early indicator and intervention systems. Community engagement, how students are accessing programs. How they are doing in the programs. What needs improvement? Looking at outcome data etc. This is developing a four year plan but with the budget it really is a two year plan. SIA dollars are already supporting programs that we have in place so it does not mean more funding available. Application requirements, applications are due by March 31st, All of the requirements will be presented to the board in the March meeting. Board adopted an equity lens to ensure that all students are being considered. Application must be posted on the district website. The goal is to have it posted prior to the March meeting so that the public has an opportunity to view it prior to the board approval. Tim France is getting input from students and staff. The parent survey was sent out last week. Specifics will be discussed during the meeting this coming Monday as well as with the staff and community.

Superintendent Gallagher reassured the madam chair and the board that they are working on getting information out to the community. Reviewing all student data. 3rd grade readers, 9th grade on track, all 4 years on track, graduation rates etc. ELA scores are uptrending. HS empathy interviews were all positive regarding school, student and staff climate. 9th grade on track has declined over the past few years. Need to formalize grad requirements. 80.3% of students feel like they have someone here at the school that they can reach out to for support.

Intended outcomes: help students graduate, counseling services, CTE, professional development. On track graduation programs. Tiered budgeting. Allows for a back up plan so that the district can continue to move forward. It is the District's job to look at data in the five areas and create a growth plan. State testing is crucial for gathering data on how our students are doing and growth in student success rates. Risteen Follett asked about the additional data. If we don't continue to measure throughout the year then it could get lost. Is there a correlation between the empathy survey and how well students are doing in school? Aaron Miller went over the application questions and what ODE is looking for.

# 5. District Recognition: LaHO

- a) Employee Shirley Koetz, presented by Superintendent Gallagher. Although she was not directly a part of Learn at Home we wanted to honor her for all that she has done for both the building and online programs. She has been a tremendous support for many years.
- b) Students last month the focus was on Valor Bravery, strength of mind, courage!

KG - Rowan Russell and Ryer Albers

1st - Oska Aldridge and Madrid DeAnza

2nd - Jenason Williams and Bentley Mauer

3rd - Elliot Crow

4th - The Entire 4th Grade Class

5th - Macsen Young

6th - Tasha Van Noecker

7th - The Entire 7th Grade Class

8th - The Entire 8th Grade Class

Foundations - The Entire Class

### 6. Financials - LaRae Sullivan

## a. Monthly Accounts:

Actuals - referenced handouts, decrease in enrollment numbers in both the building and online program. This is the last year of the higher ADMW. The more experienced teachers the more money we receive. Last year was budgeted at 12m with the end being actually 11.9m. This year we are currently looking at 10m for an additional savings by doing the work that has been done with looking at contracts and unnecessary expenses. The transportation grant ratio dropped down to 80% for the last two years because of the student enrollment being less currently. Because of the loss of ADM we will be asking WLA to pay back to Alsea SD 10% for this current year as well as the previous years. We will be asking the same from Kings Valley. Superintendent Gallagher is working on a graph to better explain the expenses and student/SPED correlation. Ryan VanLueven had a question about the bus situation. Kings valley has not been billed yet. Purchase services and supplies have gone down considerably.

Revenues - showing the actuals per month as per the boards request last month Expenditures - reflected in the same way. Showing the expenditures from last year and how much the district has saved this year.

- c) Supplemental Budget announced in the newspaper. The purpose is we did not notify the public when we added a function. This will rectify that. Adding the function of 5000 because we obtained new buses. Clean up on the ASB funds. There are 3 items that are still in the red, forestry, annual yearbook, leadership / student council.
- d) Audit presentation as presented to the board in their packets.
- e) Budget Calendar carried over from last month. Needs to be approved by the board tonight.

7. Payment of bills for January 2023 - we paid out less in January that we even paid in December with the two weeks less of operating expenses. Debra Lindberg motioned to approve. Ryan VanLueven seconded. All in favor.

#### 8. Discussion

- a. First Reading of Policies: GAA GDPA-AR -
- b. Second Reading of Policies: DB FL-
- c. Suicide Prevention Plan Haylie Rose Policy JHH was included only as a reference. Required by board policy as well as a Division 22 and state requirement. Simply a list of... training for staff. Highlights: Adopted from the Forest Grove plan which has been named as a model plan. Safe Schools training, already provided. CPR training, LBLESD has a trainer available to train our teachers. Designated staff will receive assist training. A more intensive training. To provide a curriculum for K-12. Although health is currently only being taught to 7th 12th grades. What would that curriculum look like for the K-6th grades? Topic for discussion. In case of a suicide what is the schools response. Suicide risk assessment. Student coping plan. This is a draft plan that is being presented to the board tonight. Not the plan that will be put out to the community at this time. SG is asking the board to approve the plan as presented tonight to satisfy the obligation of board policy, Div 22 and state requirement.
- d. Communication Plan Sara Cash presenting what she has done and created thus far with some statistics. Communication with the community, school newsletter that was first published in December. It has been viewed all across the United States, Hawaii and the UK. Facebook has 78 followers. # shares etc. Increased coverage in the Alsea Valley Voice, statewide coverage by the OSBA, Future development: survey, hard copies at the cafe and John Boys as well as the community bulletin board. Ruralite and Eugene weekly. Community outreach. Alum interviews etc.
- e. Grant Application and MOU Sara Littlefield tabled as Sara Littlefield is home ill.
- f. GMP discussion anything to add or discuss from the earlier conversation
- 9. Patron Comments Sara Cash Joni Olsen
  - Joni Olsen financials, still trying to get an understanding of what has changed and why we upped the school funding. What was presented tonight did not match what was presented last month. Board questions 1. Who are the community partners? There have been no communication surveys sent out to the community. The only survey that has happened has been around 'your student'. 2. What is happening with the 'portion of state funding' that we may have to pay back? 3. Do you agree that the financials are accurate? Why did the ADMW go up or change? What does that mean? Who is involved in the financial data? Just the Superintendent and the Business Manager? Set up a meeting with Superintendent Gallagher, LaRae Sullivan and Joni Olsen to go over her concerns and answer her questions more in depth. 4. Why are public comments not allowed when there is a presentation when the board gets to comment?
  - Sara Cash refer to letter she emailed earlier. Regarding the budget crisis and our representation in Salem. Her plans detailing what she would like to do to increase support and funding for Alsea School and other 1A schools across the state. She would like to work with the current legislature to bring awareness to what smaller school districts are unfairly faced with regarding funding etc. She intends to create advocacy materials, leverage current connections with community members.

- 10. Board Comments Risteen Follett gave a general reminder of confidentiality. Executive sessions and Superintendent searches are not to leave the board room. Let experiences shape the votes
- 11. Action Items:
  - a. Approval of Policies GAA GDPA-AR this was added for approval Ryan VanLueven motioned to add policies GAA GDPA-AR to the approval of Policies, Deb Lindberg seconded. All in favor.
  - b. Approval of Policies DB FL Deb Lindberg made the motion to approve Policies DB FL, Linda Montanez seconded. All in favor
  - c. Approval of Suicide Prevention Plan Deb Lindberg motioned to approve the Suicide Prevention Plan, Ryan VanLueven seconded for discussion. Deb Lindberg recognized that Haylie Rose is in the beginning stages of creating/updating the plan and that the board is approving the plan with the understanding that work will continue until it is finished. Ryan VanLueven seconded with the additional comment to get the K-6 curriculum researched and placed before the board for approval. Risteen Follett feels that approving this at this time runs the risk of it being 'rubber stamped' and then forgotten with no further work done. Deb Lindberg amends that this will be checked on every month with the curriculum being placed before the board. Deb Lindberg motioned to approve with additional comments. Ryan VanLueven seconded. Soren Rounds and Linda Montanez yea, Risteen Follett is a nay.
  - d. Approve Budget Calendar Deb Lindberg motioned to approve, Ryan VanLueven seconded. All in favor.
  - e. Approve Budget Committee Members Deb Lindberg motioned to approve the budget committee members as presented. Risteen Follett would like to add Naomi Chadwick if an opening becomes available. Risteen Follett seconded. All in favor.
  - f. Approve Grant application and MOU for Family Liaison Program moved to March 9 meeting as Sara Littlefield was ill.
  - g. Approve Communications plan Ryan VanLueven moved to approve. Linda Montanez seconded. All in favor.
  - h. Approve GMPs Risteen Follett motioned to approve the GMPs as presented. Deb Lindberg seconded. All in favor
  - i. Approval of Resolution 23-06 Deb Lindberg motioned to approve. Risteen Follett seconded. All in favor.
- 12. Adjourn Regular Board meeting 2228
- 13. Moved to Executive Session at 2235
- 14. Adjourn Exec Session 2323
- 15. Return to Regular Session 2324
- 16. Adjourn 2324