

Alsea School Board Meeting
Alsea School Library
Thursday April 13, 2023
Executive Session 6:30 PM
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Regular Board meeting 7:30 PM



Alsea School District 7J
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MINUTES

1. Executive Session - 6:03 PM
To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent. (ORS 192.660(2)(a))
2. Executive Session - 7:00 PM
To consult with counsel concerning current or possible litigation. (ORS 192.660(2)(h))
3. Call to Order - 1935
4. Flag Salute
5. Approval of the Agenda - approved with modifications
6. Approval of Minutes - Deb Lindberg motioned to approve. Soren Rounds seconded. All in favor.
 - a. Board minutes for March 9, 2023
 - b. Board minutes for March 30, 2023
7. District Recognition:
 - a. Brick and Mortar - character trait of integrity
 - i. Employee - Tim Rozborski
 - ii. Student(s) - Elementary:
 - KG - Reese Pedder, Markus Follett
 - 1st - Arya Larson, River Spence
 - 2nd - Courtenay Larsen, Solomon Linford
 - 3rd - Maycee Richter, Ryan Hendrix
 - 4th - Kaylee Wilson, Parker Ferguson
 - 5th - Clove MacDonald, Maverick Manwarren
 - Middle School - Marianna Gembala, Lane Van Leuven
 - High School - Lacie Manley, Sebastian Franciosi
 - b. Learn at Home Oregon - character trait of Respect
 - i. Employee - Cheryl Doe
 - ii. Student(s)
 - KG - Ms Waverek's whole class, Ezra Chapman
 - 1st - June Taylor, Drake Cohen, Serenity Brazeal
 - 2nd - Ms Dapkus' whole class
 - 3rd - Kasey Rieder
 - 4th - Ms Naylor's whole class
 - 5th - Ms Bauer's whole class
 - 6th - Azallin Preuc
 - 7th - Giovanni Hamilton
 - 8th - Ben Bilka

8. Superintendent Report

a. Bond Project update - Chris Giggy presented

Highlights: the electrical and panel room projects construction has started and on schedule. Within two weeks concrete will be added. HVAC project, equipment has been put through submittal. VOC building current design is quite a bit over budget. In talking to staff it is a design that they do not really want. The plan is to get feedback from staff and create a new design that will work for the district needs. The goal is to have a design by next month so bids can be procured with completion being this summer as planned. The good news is that electrical upgrades, the switch that was going to cause delay until summer of 2024. A different vendor has been found that would move that date up to January/February. With the redesign of the VOC building this will also bring down the cost which may offer money to do other bond projects.

b. Student Improvement Plan update

c. Preschool Program update -Bart Rothenberger and Sean Gallagher met with the executive director of the preschool program. They had a really good discussion. They asked if there was a MOU in place between the district and the preschool program which is also supplied with grant money from the preschool promise grant. He eluded that there is but no one seems to be able to put a hand on it. We are going to reestablish that agreement. They provide all of the programming and staffing for the preschool. They take care of all operations, supplies and materials,internet and phone.

There have been some donations to the district from the preschool to help pay for different programs. For example they pay for the family liaison program. What the district pays for is electricity, transportation, food and the facility. The conversation was started about the possibility of the preschool paying rent. Paul Smith indicated that there was funding available to do that.

8. RIF Process update:

The budget will be balanced when it is brought to the budget committee. Alsea will be reducing staff by 40% across the board. Certified, classified and LaHO staff will all be affected. There will be an all staff meeting held this coming Monday. Mr Gallagher feels that the staff be kept up to date on the process and who will be affected before the public is notified. This notification will not include names of staff affected just the positions. Questions have been raised as to if staff continue to resign will that help to save another person's job and the answer is, it depends on the position resigned from. For instance teaching positions could help save other teaching positions depending on the need. And the same goes with classified positions. Depending on the position resigned from will depend on whether it will be filled or absorbed by remaining staff. More information to come at the next board meeting.

9. Financials

a. Monthly Accounts - LaRae Sullivan

Highlights: We are still at 3.75% interest on the LGIP account. The enrollments have gone down again since last month 18 from LaHO and 6 from the building leaving a total of 446 for the district.

The state school fund has increased, to give the district an anticipated \$11m which helps our ending balance. We are expecting \$55k from Kings Valley for Transportation.

The documents provided to you show the transfers to provide transparency. Looking at the transfers will show some of the history. We will be using \$136k for bus replacement, Capital Project will be \$0 as discussed, Food Service will use \$40k as some examples. This will all be laid out in the documents that will be presented to the Budget Committee.

b. ASB Account Balances - March 2023

Deb Lindberg had a few questions about a few of the bills. One of them was an item of \$1661 for licensure. LaRae explained that it was an agreed upon expenditure so that Mr Elbers could help with maintenance around the district. Deb expressed that she would like to have that looked into as she does not recall that coming before the board. She questioned charges for food service. It was explained that this is how it is handled when an adult staff or guest purchases a lunch, it is paid for then billed back to the district by Corvallis.

10. Discussion

a. Cash Flow / Financial Reports

b. Bond Project update

- c. Second Reading of Policies IA-LGA-AR(2) - Risteen stated that she worked with Mr. Gallagher regarding wording on Policy IGAI which is the Human Sexuality, AIDS/HIV, Sexually Transmitted Diseases Health Education, in the last paragraph an adjustment is requested to be all inclusive to all students. She also requests that an AR be written to further define how a teacher will present this information to students and inform parents. Deb Lindberg wants to also request the age appropriateness. Age appropriate is defined by ODE provided from research. Mr Gallagher will provide that document to the board at the next meeting. Regardless, the district is obligated to teach the subject. Also keep in mind that parents do have the option to opt their student out of this curriculum. Mr Gallagher recommended pulling this policy from the approval list until further action has been taken.

Soren Rounds had a question regarding policy KGBB - Firearms Prohibited. Specifically around 'No person on grounds of the schools controlled by the Board (including in school buildings), will possess any firearm, except when said firearm is possessed by a person who is not otherwise prohibited from possessing the firearm, and is unloaded and locked in a motor vehicle.' There are some things that can be done such as signage posted at the front of the school. Or, adopt a policy that permits persons who hold a concealed carry permit. Deb Lindberg thought that the previous administration made note that the district insurance policy prohibited the ability of any person with a concealed carry permit to be on district property. Mr. Gallagher said that insurance verbiage usually is around staff carrying a handgun. The board asked Mr Gallagher to look into what this policy actually means. This policy will also be moved to a later discussion. Policy KGC-GBK - Prohibited use, Possession, Distribution or Sale of Tobacco Products and Inhalant Delivery Systems. states that 'For the purpose of this policy, "inhalant delivery system" means a device that can be used to deliver nicotine or cannabinoids in the form of a vapor or aerosol to a person inhaling from the device; or a component of a device or a substance in any form sold for the purpose of being vaporized or aerosolized by a device, whether the component or substance is sold or not sold separately. This does not include USFDA-approved tobacco products or other therapy products marketed and sold solely for the approved purpose.' This policy will also be on hold until further questions are answered.

d. Outdoor School Grant application, Outdoor School April 24th - 28th

Due to COVID we have lost the ability to send our students to Outdoor School. Our Grant application was accepted covering the costs of sending our students to Outdoor School. The director of the Outdoor school did reiterate to Mr. Clendenin that first and foremost this is still school. Students and staff will conduct themselves accordingly. There was discussion around a number of topics and parent concerns. Mr Clendenin feels very comfortable with the amount of supervision that will keep our students safe. Sara Harris and Skip Lynch will be present during the week to add an extra level of supervision. Plans have been put into place in case a student is not comfortable or needs to be removed from the school. Deb Lindberg asked about the possibility of adding student leaders as well to help.

- e. 2023 - 24 Academic Calendar - 2nd reading presented. The calendar is presented with a different format of reading left to right instead of up and down. The board was reminded that school will start a week later due to issues with food service and their work calendar. Thanksgiving break will include Parent/Teacher conferences. Also noted was if a holiday landed on Monday of the week, school will be in session that Friday of the week.
- f. Capital Improvement Plan recommendation - this did not get completed in time. Mr Gallagher requested postponement until a later date.
- g. Resolution 23-08 as presented by LaRae Sullivan. As LaRae discussed earlier this was mainly to show where the money was moved around to balance accounts.

11. Resignations

- a. Brick and Mortar
 - i. Haylie Rose, HS Counselor
 - ii. Joy Jordan, teacher
 - iii. Joe Harris
- b. District
 - i. Cheryl Doe, Special Education Director
- c. Learn at Home Oregon
 - i. Jill Taglia, LaHO teacher

12. Patron Comments -

- a. Jaime Olsen, hearing the board with comments around the consideration of the policies discussed earlier in the meeting. She is requesting that an 'online library' be provided of the curriculum discussed. Extend the process to the books provided in the library as well. Maybe have teachers provide a syllabus to parents so that parents are well informed.
- b. Russ Ceperich, asked for further clarification regarding the Pre-school waiver and what that meant. Mr. Gallager said that was to eliminate the factor of economic status, this opens up the availability to parents. Housebill 2704 could influence the board's decision on concealed carry because if it passes it will require metal detectors be installed if the board decided to not to allow people with a concealed carry permit to be on campus. This could be very cost prohibitive. He is a big fan of Outdoor School. As for sex education and whatever gender teaching. He spoke of the difference in the maturity of his own children. He asked that the board not let the state dictate what is age appropriate. He requested that parents be allowed to determine if their student is ready. He also asked if it was possible to have one or two teachers that are trained to teach these lessons and not allow substitute teachers to be able to do that.

13. Board Comments - Deb Lindberg that finding things on the Alsea district website is very difficult. She would like to also comment that the lessons of sexuality be approached very carefully. She cautioned that she for one is a very modest parent and was not comfortable with information being put out there that is inappropriate or not age appropriate.

14. Action Items:

- a. Payment of Bills - March 2023 - Deb Lindberg motioned to approve the payment of bills minus the one bill that needs more information. Mr Gallagher explained that the bills have already been paid. Deb Lindberg withdrew her motion. Risteen Follett motioned to approve the bills as presented. Ryan VanLeuven seconded. Deb Lindberg voted against the payment of bills. All other board members yea.

- b. Second Reading of Policies IA-LGA-AR(2) Deb Lindberg motioned to approve with the removal of policies; KGGB, IGA1 and have an AR added. KGC-GBK be removed. Ryan Van Leuven seconded. All in favor yea.
- c. Resignations:
 - i. Halie Rose, HS Counselor
 - ii. Joy Jordan, building teacher
 - iii. Cheryl Doe, Special Education Director
 - iv. Jill Taglia, LaHO teacher
 - v. With the addition of Joe Harris, building teacherDeb Lindberg motioned to approve resignations. Ryan Van Leuven seconded. All in favor yea.
- d. Acceptance of Grant, Outdoor School Outdoor School Deb Lindberg motion to accept the Grant for outdoor school. Linda Montanez seconded. All in favor yea.
- e. Outdoor School at Camp Tadmor April 24-28, Deb Lindberg motioned to approve Outdoor School. Soren Rounds seconded. All in favor yea.
- f. 2023-24 Academic Calendar - Deb Lindberg motioned to approve the 2023-24 academic calendar. Linda Montanez seconded. All in favor yea.
- g.. Capital Improvement recommendation - removed from this action item.
- h. Approve training dates for July or August for new board members - Risteen Follett apologized for not getting this information to the board earlier. She presented four different date sets for tentative approval. They are as follows: 7/10 - 7/13, 7/17 - 7/19, 8/21 - 8/23 and 8/30 - 8/31. New Superintendent Krista Nieraeth was contacted and these dates work for her as well. This training will be conducted over two days. Risteen Follett motioned to select the options of 7/17 - 7/19 and 8/21 - 8/23. Deb Lindberg seconded. All in favor yea.
- i. Resolution 23-08 - transfer of funds. Deb Lindberg motioned to approve. Soren Rounds seconded. All in favor yea.

15. Adjournment - 2115


Key Dates and Calendar Updates

April 18 - Fireside Chat

April 24 - 28th - Outdoor School

May 8 - Alsea Dental Day

May 8 - 12 - Teacher Appreciation Week



Risteen Follett, School Board Chairperson



Sean Gallagher, Interim Superintendent