



Alsea School District 7J
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Alsea School Board Meeting
Alsea School Library
Thursday, November 16, 2023
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order – 7:00 PM

- 1.a. Flag Salute
- 1.b. Approval of Agenda

Approved with the addition of items 6.g. Resolution 24-05 and 6.h. Discuss Board meeting dates.

Move to Executive Session 7:01 PM

2. Executive Session

- To consult with counsel concerning the legal rights and duties of a public body with regard to current litigation or litigation likely to be filed. (ORS 192.660(2)(h))

Adjournment of Executive Session – 7:21 PM

Return to regular Board Meeting – 7:25 PM

3. Consent Agenda

- 3.a. Approval of Minutes - October 12, 2023
- 3.b. Approval of Minutes - October 18, 2023
- 3.c. Approve Hire - Melissa Yeo, LaHO Teacher
- 3.d. Approve Hire - Angela Jacobsen, Alsea Sub Bus Driver

Jamie Olsen motioned to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Deb Lindberg seconded. No discussion.

Motion carried 5-0

4. Patron Comments:

The Alsea School Board of Directors values the opinions and input of students, staff, parents, and community members. Although board meetings are held in public, they are not meetings of the public. Please keep your comments to 3 minutes or less. If you intend to speak to the board this evening, you will need to fill out one of the blue comment cards and hand it to the Board Secretary, Lora Nickle. Public comments may also be made via Zoom. If you intend to speak via Zoom, please put your name in the comments so that the board chair can call on you. Before you begin your comments, please state your name and if you are speaking for an organization, please state that organization. For more information about public comments at a board meeting, please see Alsea School District Policy BDDH.

5. Reports

5.a. Superintendent Report - Ms. Nieraeth

- i. Superintendent Goals 23-24 – available on the Alsea SD website.
- ii. Superintendent November Report - Title Budget Narrative is now done. Currently it is for a targeted number of students we are changing it to be schoolwide to be able to serve all students. SIA Annual Report will be presented to you later in this meeting. The Integrated Guidance: ODE responded requesting clarification. Ms. Nieraeth is working with LBLES and other resources to provide that information. Temporary fencing is being installed around the area for the CTE building. Synergy: we are continuing to work to implement. As we learn more about our options, we will work to make them more specific to us.
- iii. October Attendance – Percentages are up as we learn more about honing our reports. As the year progresses percentages will naturally rise. Key staff are working together to encourage positive attendance. Risteen Follett asked that these reports to the board be presented in a ‘running’ style to see months where there are greater problems with attendance.
- iv. Alsea SD State Report Card – Data based on the 2022-23 SY. This data is used to find ways to improve. On time graduation and the five-year completion data is from 2 years ago.

5.b. K-6 Brick and Mortar Principal Report - Ms. Nieraeth

Staff and students were able to go on field trips. K-3 went to Davis Family Farm as well as 4-6 went to Clemens Park where they hiked all day and learned about salmon. We have started ‘Student of the Month’, students are presented with a certificate and gift card to Dairy Queen. Finally, I-Ready diagnostic tests were given to K-12 for

reading and math at the beginning of the year. This gives vital information to the MS/HS teachers as to skills that need to be taught. K-6 will help with MTSS/RTI to help with interventions.

5.c. LaHO K-5 Principal Report - Ms. Shunk

This month's character trait is Ownership. Teachers are working to engage 'Learning Coaches' with their student's education. They are looking at their data to improve instruction and build lessons. Attendance, they are also looking at ways to improve by increasing communication with parents/guardians.

5.d. 7-12 Brick and Mortar Principal Report - Mr. Rothenberger

Gave highlights from the teachers. Mr. Lynch's graph design class was asked by the Clemens Foundation to create a new logo. The CNC machine in Mr. Stevens' class has been repaired. Samples of the shop class were presented. Fall sports season has ended as well as winter sports have begun. Progress reports have been sent home; Kayla Wilson has been working with students to look at these reports with students. Having conversations on how to stay on track to graduate.

5.e. Financial Report - Mr. Staehely

An overview of the financials was presented. Property taxes will be reflected in the budget next month. The state will send out projections for funding in January. ESD services were reviewed in October. Adjustments to services were made resulting in savings of funds. Bart Rothenberger and Erick Taylor were able to obtain a Grant for equipment to be used for 'Breakfast After the Bell'. Currently the Asbestos abatement is in the works with testing being set up for every 6 months for the next 3 years.

5.f. Enrollment - Ms. Nickle

Enrollment is holding steady with Brick and Mortar's current enrollment at 203. Learn at Home Oregon is 90 as of November 1.

5.g. Safety - Ms. Nickle

The Safety Committee has been holding monthly meetings. The first quarterly walk-through has been completed with no major concerns. Our first Earthquake/Fire Drill was done in September and ran smoothly. Monthly minutes are posted on the Staff Bulletin Board.

5.h. Bond Update - Chris and Nancy Giggy

No major updates. RFPs will be put out in December for construction on the CTE building. Bids will come out in January with construction to start in February. The plans presented to you tonight will be posted in the front office of the school as well as on Facebook and the District website. We are also looking into obtaining a 3D virtual tour.

6. New Business

6.a. GASB 87 and GASB 96 – Oversight of financial accounting and standards to ensure that districts are following the same rules. These are a yearly requirement for board approval or opting out. Most small districts are opting out because the cost of gathering the information is greater than the benefit. Soren Rounds motioned to opt out of GASB 87 and GASB 96 for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. Deb Lindberg seconded. The board discussed. Motion carried 5-0.

6.b. OSBA Bylaw Amendments – Language was updated for the Bylaw passed in 2018. The updated language adds a rural school board member caucus. Jamie Olsen motioned to approve the OSBA resolution to update the current bylaw. Soren Rounds seconded. The board discussed. Motion carried 4-1.

6.c. OSBA Rural Caucus Resolution – This resolution opens funding options for rural school boards with populations of less than 200 people per square mile. Jamie Olsen motioned to approve. Soren Rounds seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

6.d. English Novel Surplus – Books will be offered to students and staff. Damaged or very poor condition novels will be destroyed. The remainder of the surplus may be donated. Soren Rounds offered to check with the local library. Deb Lindberg motioned to approve the removal of surplus novels. Soren Rounds seconded. The board discussed. Motion carried 5-0.

6.e. SIA Grant Annual Report – Informational – no action needed from the board. This is for last year's SIA. Reviewing the narratives: Changes in behaviors, actions, practices as observed. We are continuing to implement MTSS processes and procedures. Aligning to State Standards through curriculum adoption. Continuing to utilize electronic communication tools. Continue to develop a set curriculum with offering Professional Development.

6.f. OSBA Conference Report – The board members expressed appreciation for the opportunity to attend the Fall Conference in Portland. Risteen Follett mentioned with so many different interests in the various areas would the board like to begin adding a brief work session prior to School Board meetings to debrief on any business that needs to be discussed.

6.g. Resolution 24-05 – Deb Lindberg motioned to accept Resolution 24-05. Jamie Olsen seconded. No discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

6.h. Discuss Board meeting dates – January 11 and February 8, 2024 conflict with sporting events. Suggestion for moving these meetings to Wednesdays. January 10 and February 7, 2024 at 7:00 PM. Jamie Olsen motioned to move the January and February meeting dates. Deb Lindberg seconded. No discussion. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Old Business - None

8. 1st Reading *(Shaded words are new/strikethroughs are deleted)

9. Second Reading – Russ Ceperich is not feeling well. Excused himself from the remainder of the board meeting.

9.a. BD/BDA - Board Meetings – Soren Rounds motioned to approve. Jamie Olsen seconded. Board discussed. Motion carried 4-0.

9.b. EFA - Local Wellness – Deb Lindberg motioned to approve with the clean up of brackets. Soren Rounds seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

9.c. EFAA-AR - Reimbursable Meals and Milk Programs – Deb Lindberg motioned to approve. Soren Rounds seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

9.d. GCBDA/GDBDA - Family Medical Leave – Jamie Olsen motioned to approve. Deb Lindberg seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

9.e. GCBDA/GDBDA-AR - Family Leave – Deb Lindberg motioned to approve. Jamie Olsen seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

9.f. GCBDF/GDBDF - Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance – Jamie Olsen motioned to approve. Deb Lindberg seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

9.g. GCBDF/GDBDF-AR - Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance - Jamie Olsen motioned to approve. Deb Lindberg seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

9.h. LBEA - Resident Student Denial for Virtual Public Charter Attendance – Deb Lindberg motioned to approve. Soren Rounds seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

10. Board Comments – Risteen Follett took a moment to thank Superintendent Nieraeth for all of the hard work she has been doing for Alsea School.

11. Future Agenda Items – None noted.

12. Key Dates

- November 20 & 21 - Parent Teacher Conferences
- November 20-24 Thanksgiving Break, No school
- November 29 - Hearing Screening - Rescreen
- November 29 - OSU K-8 Field Trip
- December 5 - School Board Self-Assessment, Work Session
- December 14 - School Board Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 PM