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Regular Session Meeting Minutes December 14, 2016

Chairperson, Jen Clark, opened the meeting at 6:32pm. A quorum was established with the following members present: Jennifer Clark, Eric Brandon, David Young, Patty Laskey, Tamara Szalewski, Shelley Swift, and Sandra Donnelly. Staff in attendance were: Traci Marshall, Beckie Lupton, Vince Swagerty, Dan Forbess, Guy Marchione and Jess Dailey. Audience members are listed on the sign in sheet.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was considered. Tamara Szalewski moved, Sandra Donnelly seconded. The motion passed with a 7-0 vote. A revised change to the agenda was considered. Sandra Donnelly moved, Shelley Swift seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

The Board recognized Shelby Case for his thorough and timely coverage of Reedsport school community events and his volunteer work with student reporters at Highland Elementary School.

There were no community comments.

Reports

ASB is planning for the winter assembly. They are currently selling hot cocoa for \$1. The sports teams are doing well so far.

Vince Swagerty handed out the RCCS newspaper to the Board. Laree Thornton put this out in publishing class. Laree Thornton is getting the students out with cameras and taking team photos and covering all aspects of the school. An RCCS student is now on the City Council.

Beckie Lupton shared the first HES newspaper with the Board. She gave an overview of the happenings at the school, which include: Leader in Me training being rescheduled for April 21st, students making homemade craft to take home, and the music program. The Board requested copies of the newspapers via email.

Parma Roe was not present, however, she did include a report. There was discussion regarding non-violent crisis intervention, OIS training that is currently through South Coast ESD, and having a staff member trained to provide this training to staff.

Dan Forbess noted that HES was awarded a \$750,000, 5 year school improvement grant. He also shared that there is another grant for \$100,000 that we are applying for that can be used for K-12.

Laura Shivers was not present. Dan Forbess presented on her behalf. He shared that finances are still in good shape, the enrollment numbers are fluctuating but still above the forecast for the year.

Vince Swagerty provided an overview of the last Charter Advisory Council. He noted that the Council now has all seats filled with the newly official parents, Julee Noel and Amber Corcoran.

Guy Machione represented the Certified Staff and shared about donations to the music program and shop class. Tom Hull, retired Shop teacher from Marshfield High School, will be coming to mentor Guy and help teach the students. He shared that Paula Plotz and Jennifer Wright have been teaching about invasive species and digging up scotch broom, Laurice Hedges class letters to Santa should be receiving replies any day now, and that a teachers at RCCS are working on creative Puritan items for Christmas, i.e. stringing popcorn and cranberries, and making candles.

Jess Dailey represented the Classified Staff and shared about the Christmas party with Ornament Exchange on the 13th, the children's excitement with the newspaper, and the great Music Program put on by Colin Hurowitz and the children.

Vince noted that the RCCS Assembly is tomorrow at 2:10pm. Beckie noted that one of the new swing sets opened up and HES will be offering a "7 Habits" parenting class to families with childcare and dinner provided.

Consent Agenda

A list of coaches, paid/volunteer that was requested in the October Board Meeting, was provided to the Board. Suggestion was made to have all Volunteer names brought before the Board to be voted on and formally approved. The list is not complete and needs to be cleaned up and listed by sport, season, and Varsity/JV clarified.

Sandra Donnelly moved, Eric Brandon seconded. Motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

Discussion

Student Wellness

Dan provided Student Wellness survey results from last year and noted that this data should be used to improve climate and culture in the schools, as well as for both Highland Elementary School and Reedsport Community Charter School to use the data to form strategies for improvement. The collected data should be used to start conversations, and when the survey is repeated in the Spring and results are collected in the Fall, we can start forming those strategies and implementing changes.

RCCS Native American Name & Image Committee

The Committee has met a couple of times and looked at a couple of possible images, including a compass rose and shield. These were presented to the students and were met with a lukewarm reception. The discussion led to the general consensus that the process should be student driven within parameters set with adult guidance and leadership.

RCCS Breathalyzer

A parent came in to discuss the use of a breathalyzer at extracurricular activities.

While there is no official policy on the use of a breathalyzer at extracurricular activities at this time, the RCCS Student Handbook does include the use of said breathalyzer at extracurricular activities. The Board states that they have showed their support by adopting the Reedsport Community Charter School handbook at the beginning of the school year and they firmly support the practice.

OSAA Classification

Every two years OSAA reviews classifications. The possibilities in this go round are to remain with 6 classifications or move down to a 5 classifications. If it stays the same, then our league would change slightly but we would remain at the 2A level. If it moves down, then Reedsport Community Charter School would then move up to 3A. Overall, the Board would like to hear more from the Athletic Director, Principal and coaches of RCCS on a consistent basis. The consensus of the board is to stay with the 6 classifications.

Elliot Forest

Dan wrote a letter related to the selling, leasing or improved management of the Elliot State Forest. Revenues from this State asset are dedicated to the Common School Fund. The Board feels like this is a good idea, and would be a manageable resource for the school funding. That it should not be privatized, but should be well managed.

Action

A. Policy Revision, 2nd Reading/Adoption

1. BDGB-AR: Personnel

The Board would like clearly defined qualifications for each position. Dan requested that a Board Member help to clearly to define this. Patty Laskey volunteered to do so. Patty Laskey moved for this policy to be tabled for another reading. Tamara Szalewski seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

2. IGDF w AR: Fundraising

Sandra Donnelly moved, Eric Brandon seconded. There was discussion for clarification. Any contract must be approved by the Superintendent. Contracts with joint partners also needs to be approved by the Superintendent. Motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

B. Policy Revision, 1st Readings

1. GBA-Equal Employment Opportunity

2. GBA-AR: Veteran's Preference

This means that a point schedule should be developed that gives preference, but does not mean they are automatically hired.

There were no community comments.


Board Member Comments

Eric Brandon thanked Joe Zelinski for his diplomatic oversight on social media and with the Native American Name & Image Committee. Jen Clark wants to add Eric to the accolade team. Sandy Donnelly wants to look into a district wide calendar that incorporates all events from the schools to avoid multiple events at the same time. Tamara Szalewski has an idea for a website for Reedsport as a community with a page for each school, events, etc. Jen Clark also noted that Communication is one of the Board Goals.

Future Agenda

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2017, at 6:30pm.

Chairperson Jen Clark adjourned the meeting at 8:31pm.


Jennifer Clark, Chairperson Date


Dan Forbess, Superintendent Date