

Meeting Called to Order at 6:01 P.M. by Chair Riley Holman.

Members attending: Riley Holman, Sherrie Deaton, Sarah Wadsack, Chris Irwin, Sarah Fay, Superintendent Bill Crowson, and Secretary Christine Manley.

Also present: Employees Hilary Irwin, Armando Martinez, Kelsey Greydanus, Steve Martinson, Mary Palmer, Kim Geil, Beau Sisneros, Taylor Woosley, Peyton Connery; patrons Carrie Holman, and Laura Sinkbeil.

Budget Hearing: Chair Riley called for public input on the proposed 2023-24 budget. There was no public comment at this time. It was explained that upon preparation of the budget documents an error was discovered: Failure to publish within the time periods required by law (ORS 294.451, renumbered from 294.425). This is a correctable error. The corrective action taken: Publish Notice of Budget Hearing outside of the required time period, disclose error to governing body at the first regularly scheduled meeting, and written notification of the error given to the governing body. This correction has been made.

Minutes: The minutes of the May 8, 2023 Board meeting were reviewed. Sarah Wadsack moved to approve the minutes as presented. Second: Sarah Fay. Motion carried 5/0. The minutes of the May 9, 2023 Budget Committee meeting were reviewed. Sarah Fay moved to approve as presented. Second: Chris Irwin. Motion carried 5/0.

Consent Agenda: There were no changes to the agenda. The bills list and financial reports were reviewed and discussed. The District Office has contacted CoEnergy to negotiate paying for propane on a yearly basis. CoEnergy advised the office to call back in August for a firm price. The letters of resignation from Taylor Woosley, Kerri Hicks, and Richard Fielder were reviewed. All will be missed. The new hires for summer positions were reviewed. Extra-curricular contracts for 2023-24 were also reviewed. The OSEA Chapter #83 Wages & Benefits Reopener was discussed. The thank you letter from Christopher Bates was read. No election results have been received yet. Sherrie Deaton moved to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Second: Sarah Wadsack. Motion carried 5/0.

Recognition of Board Members: Riley Holman was presented with a five-year service pin. Sherrie Deaton was presented with a service recognition plaque. Thank you both for your service.

Meet the Teachers: High School teacher Mary Palmer introduced herself to the Board. She has worked in the district 11 years, but will be going half-time next year. She explained that she and her students have started a garden in raised garden beds. They have started their own seedlings in the classroom, and planted them along with donated plants from Sharing Gardens. A wide variety of students have worked on the project. There will be a student "garden intern" caring for the garden over the summer. This project was funded by the Measure 98 grant.

Kim Geil introduced herself as the grade school Counselor/Success Coach. This is her eleventh year and she is happy to be here. Board members thanked the teachers for taking their time to come to the meeting, it is truly appreciated.

Construction Update: Mr. Crowson reported that Columbia started today on the HVAC. The play structure project has started. The “left over” roofing material was assessed. It is good for a storage shed, but the quality is not suitable for a classroom. He is waiting on final reports for the high school projects.

Enrollment was reported as 388 grades K-12. Past enrollment numbers, classroom sizes, and possible future enrollment was discussed.

Administrative Update: Mr. Crowson reported that graduation went well, and 8th grade promotion went well. He invited the board members to the end of year lunch and golf day tomorrow at 11:30 at Diamond Woods Golf Course.

Beau Sisneros reported that the summer work crew was busy dismantling the library today for carpet installation on Monday. The new student database Synergy will start with the new school year. He’s interviewed for another Science teacher, and still have the PE position open.

The Board held the second reading of proposed changes to policy, administrative regulations and forms. There were no further changes since the first reading. Sherrie Deaton moved to approve the changes as presented. Second: Chris Irwin. Motion carried 5/0.

The Board discussed the position description changes created by the new policy GDA, Instructional Assistants. After position descriptions were reviewed and edited, Chris Irwin moved to approve as amended. Second: Sherrie Deaton. Motion carried 5/0.

The 2023-24 District Organization, Bank Accounts, and Annual Procedural Business: After discussion, the list was amended to read “Newspaper of Record: Corvallis Gazette Times and/or Eugene Register Guard” rather than Tri-County Tribune. It was noted that there will not be a regular board meeting in July, although special board meetings can still be scheduled. The board will meet on the third Monday in June 2024 to accommodate 8th Grade Promotion on the second Monday. Sarah Fay moved to approve as amended. Second: Sherrie Deaton. Motion carried 5/0.

Chair Riley called for final input on the proposed budget from the public audience members. There was no public comment.

Resolutions: After review, Sarah Fay moved to approve Resolution 2324-001 Adopting the Budget & Making Appropriations. Second: Sarah Wadsack. Motion carried 5/0.

After review, Sherrie Deaton moved to approve Resolution 2324-002 Imposing & Categorizing Tax. Second: Chris Irwin. Motion carried 5/0.

Public Comment: Chair Riley reminded the audience that during this public comment section of the meeting, no student names are to be used.

Laura Sinkbeil introduced herself as a patron, mother of children enrolled at the grade school, nurse and former EMT. Last October, through her daughter's friendship with another girl, Mrs. Sinkbeil discovered a possible child abuse situation. She called DHS. She also called a grade school staff member who told Ms. Sinkbeil that they would report it. Last February, Mrs. Sinkbeil followed up with DHS who could not find a report regarding the child in question. She again contacted the staff member and was told by the staff member that they could not remember the case. Later, the girl in question reported the incident(s) herself to DHS. The step-father was subsequently arrested today. The State is currently looking to see where the "ball was dropped" concerning this situation. Mrs. Sinkbeil told the Board that she is sickened to think that the girl was not kept safe, and extremely angry with the staff member. Mrs. Sinkbeil has forwarded email chains to Chair Holman and Superintendent Crowson.

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 P.M.

Riley Holman, Board Chair

Christine Manley, Board Secretary