

JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 509-J
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2017

1. CALL TO ORDER. Board Chair Tom Norton, Jr. called the regular meeting of the School Board to order at 2:00 p.m. at the Futures Center Room at Madras High School. Board members Stan Sullivan, and Laurie Danzuka were also in attendance. Board members Courtney Snead and Lyle Rehwinkel could not attend. Also present were Superintendent Rick Molitor, Director of Operations and HR Darryl Smith, Principal Mark Neffendorf, Assistant Principal H D Weddel, and Futures Center Coordinator Kathy Sisk. MHS students invited to make a presentation and classroom visits were Darrin Shaw, Liz Serrano, Omar Dominguez, Vanessa Aguirre, and Eric Sullivan. Ervanna Little Eagle and Gina Bluebird arrived just prior to the Personnel agenda topic. Cindy Stanfield recorded minutes.
2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA. Superintendent Molitor added a letter from the CTWS Education Committee under item #5 - Correspondence. **Stan Sullivan moved that the Board adopt the agenda as amended. Motion carried. (3-0)** Lyle Rehwinkel and Courtney Snead - absent.
3. INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION BY MADRAS HIGH SCHOOL STAFF. Assistant Principal H D Weddel introduced five MHS students (3 seniors and 2 juniors) and asked each one to tell the Board about their interests and aspirations for the future. Each aspired to attend college or a career technical school to meet their occupational goals. In answer to the question by Board member Stan Sullivan, "How can MHS be better?" Darren responded, "by boosting school spirit and more community attendance at school events." Laurie Danzuka hoped conversations happen related to the Strategic Plan ideals to overcome the negative associations of attending Madras High School. Tom Norton applauded the MHS Pep Band and choir participation and enthusiasm at the games this year. Superintendent Molitor has appreciated the challenge of being a student mentor since last fall.
 - a. CLASSROOM VISIT: "One period in the life of an MHS student."
At 2:15 p.m. Board members were paired with a student to attend one or more 7th period classes then returned to the Futures Center to continue the meeting.
 - b. OTHER MHS HIGHLIGHTS. Assistant Principal Mr. Weddel described the change in student attitudes since he arrived in the fall of 2016. More students are on track and the new Bridges Career and Technical High School has potential as a model school where students aim to graduate. Many former ROOTS students now attend Bridges HS in Madras to catch up on credits. Discipline issues have diminished at Madras High School and instructional methods are motivating students to learn with personal incentive. Heart of Oregon's last graduation cohort was more successful than ever.
 - c. PRESENTATION ABOUT THE FUTURES CENTER PROGRAM. Futures Center Coordinator Kathy Sisk has found the effort to create a welcoming atmosphere in the new Futures Center Room has drawn many students to explore their options for careers and college. The Center has resources for scholarship and loan applications, testing dates and requirements, and information about colleges and career paths. Most appreciated by the students is the mentor program which has paired 74 students with community members from various occupations. Postcards were sent to students in the fall of their junior year advising families of the scholarship deadlines. Help to complete applications is available to students and parents at the Center.

4:08 p.m. BOARD BUSINESS SESSION RESUMED

4. SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD HIGHLIGHTS. Stan Sullivan liked exposing 4th graders to hearing the Central Oregon Symphony perform "Peter and the Wolf." Darryl Smith announced that the Bend Opera will perform "La Boheme" in March. Laurie Danzuka was impressed with the active

participation by high school students that attended and asked questions of Senator Ron Wyden at a Town Hall at the PAC. Students asked questions on a wide variety of important subjects such as sovereignty, gender bias, Oregon Promise, and health care issues. One student so impressed Senator Wyden that he was offered a job working for the Senator. Superintendent Molitor added that the High Desert Theater Guild will perform at the PAC this year. The Oregon Ways and Means Committee will hold their next meeting at the PAC on Saturday.

5. CORRESPONDENCE. A letter was received addressed to the 509-J Jefferson County School Board from the Warm Springs Education Committee, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Board members had an opportunity to view the letter in their packet today.
6. HEARING OF CITIZENS / DELEGATIONS. There were no comments.
7. CONSENT AGENDA. **Stan Sullivan moved that the Board approve the Board meeting minutes of January 13, 2017, and accept bills as presented. Motion carried. (3-0)** Lyle Rehwinkel and Courtney Snead - absent.
8. POLICY UPDATE. The Board received a copy of the following policies and rules for a first reading.
 - a. GBA and GBA-AR: Veterans' Hiring Preference
 - b. EFAA: Nutrition and Food Services; and EFAA-AR: Reimbursable Meals and Milk Programs
 - c. GCL/GDL and GCL-AR: Staff Development
 - d. IKI: Academic Integrity
 - e. ING and ING-AR: Animals in District Facilities
 - f. JEC: Admissions
 - g. JECBD and JECBD-AR: Homeless Students
 - h. JOC: Legal Name of Students
9. PERSONNEL. Long-time elementary teacher, Kathleen White, has submitted a letter announcing her intent to resign at the end of her contract in June, 2017. **Laurie Danzuka moved that the Board accept the resignation of Kathleen White. Motion carried. (3-0)** Lyle Rehwinkel and Courtney Snead - absent.

Darryl Smith announced the opening of the Madras High Health Center scheduled for March 31st with a breakfast and ribbon cutting ceremony. The District repaired the roof and replaced molding on the modular building. ADA parking and a sidewalk will be added by the District along the fire access near the MHS tennis courts.

10. ADJOURNMENT. The JCSD budget committee workshop planned for today at 4:30 p.m. was cancelled because the new member was unable to attend. The next regular meeting of the School Board will be held March 13th. There will be a special Board meeting March 2nd for an executive session related to the process of selecting a superintendent. Chair Norton declared the meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. Ervanna Little Eagle asked if the Board had a response to the letter sent by the Education Committee. Superintendent Molitor advised her that the Board had received the letter today and a response was yet to be seen.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Stanfield, Executive Assistant

Draft to be presented at the March 13, 2017, meeting.

Tom Norton, Jr., Board Chairman

Rick Molitor, Superintendent