



Reedsport School District 105

MONTHLY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

APRIL 10, 2024 @ 5:30 PM

I. CALL REGULAR SESSION TO ORDER @ 5:29 PM

II. ESTABLISH A QUORUM

A. Carey Jones, Carrie Oldright, Jack Dailey, Jon Zwemke, Lisa Russell, Korrinne Ross, Josh Cook, Rachel Amos (virtual) and Sharmen Tipton

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

V. ACCOLADES

A. Superintendent Award Presentations

1. Robbie Hammond 2nd Grade / Lisa Dailey, 2nd Grade Teacher
2. Adalynn Rush, 4th Grade / Sydney Shell, 4th Grade Teacher
3. Kailynn Logo, 7th Grade / Kaylie Laskey, English Teacher
4. Gabe Van Doren, 9th Grade / Patricia Prenger, English & Theater Teacher

VI. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Individuals may address the Board on agenda items. Please let the Board Chair know which item you wish to address. You are limited to no more than three (3) minutes. You may address the Board on a topic not on the agenda if it does not pertain to a complaint against a staff member. However, the Board reserves the right to refer the matter to the administration.

Anyone wishing to provide public comment or testimony may submit their comment/testimony in written form or email to the Board Secretary. Comments and testimony received by 3:00 PM on the day of the meeting will be included in the meeting. Any comment/testimony received after 3:00 PM will be saved for the next regularly scheduled board meeting. Submit Comments to: Reedsport School District email: stipton@reedsport.k12.or.us or mail to: 100 Ranch Road Reedsport, OR 97467

VII. REPORTS

A. Assistant Business Manager – Josh Cook (in-person) & Rachel Amos (virtual)

1. Projected ending fund balance changed in March following updates to the state school fund estimates and the projected funds are lower than estimated. This adjustment or “pay back” to the state has depleted our projected ending fund balance.
2. State School Funds are based on Average Daily Membership (ADM) also known as the number of students enrolled, the level of teacher experience in the district, and local homeowner revenue.
3. We will need to take some corrective action to make it through this school year and be funded enough to start the 24/25 SY.
4. We will need to implement eight furlough days for all staff and work to reduce our budget for next year. Furlough days means students are not in school, staff do not work, and staff will be unpaid for those days. This decreases our payroll as well as our operating expenses for those days.
5. The board discussed what the State School Fund is, how it is determined, and how the Covid years put some of those calculations on hold. In addition to the enrollment numbers, the average years of experience of our teachers has been reduced as we have had people with experience retire and have replaced them with new teachers, which affected the state calculations.
6. Many considerations have gone into choosing the furlough days including sports calendars, end of year programs and graduation. The most likely days for furlough will be May 20 – 23 and June 10 – 13. Many of our staff will have financial difficulty losing this much income but at this time it will save jobs for the remainder of this school year. Concerns for the community during these furlough days include feeding students who would normally eat at school as well as childcare concerns for parents.
7. The district is looking into any grants that may help fortify the budget for next school year. However, grants are extremely specific about what you can spend them on. There is reporting specific to the grants, if we do not use the money as intended, we could be required to pay the money back to the grant. Some grants are matching grants where they will match the amount that the district can spend but if we do not have the matching funds, we are unable to take advantage of those opportunities. Some grants have requirements our district is unable to meet. We will continue to seek out grants that we are eligible for and that are beneficial to the students in our district.
8. There will be additional cuts in the program budget as well as potential future layoffs. The Budget Committee will be meeting in May to develop the 24/25 SY budget and that will determine what future cuts will need to be made.

B. Superintendent Report – Jon Zwemke

1. Jon has asked Mr. Uhling to review the athletic handbook and look into our drug testing procedures for athletes. Suggested changes will come to the board in the May or June board meeting.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

Actions that are routine or usually call for no discussion, such as approving minutes of previous meetings, acceptance of donations and similar actions, are often handled together in one vote by the Board.

A. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from March 13, 2024

B. Donations

1. Debbie Lamb donated an Armstrong Flute, with a value of \$100, to our district music program.

C. Carrie Oldright made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda including the March board minutes and the donations. Jack Dailey seconded. Vote: Yes 3, No 0. Approved.

IX. ACTION

A. Approve to accept the Early Literacy Success Grant awarded to Reedsport School District.

B. Carrie Oldright made a motion to accept the Early Literacy Success Grant awarded to Reedsport School District. Jack Dailey seconded. Vote: Yes 3, No 0. Approved.

X. DISCUSSION

A. Statement of Economic Interest filing closes April 15th

XI. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Reference statement in section VI for procedure and rules to share community comments.

Joe: Will we face legal action from union for changes to the contract via required furlough days?

The contract doesn't have the power over calendar. We need to do our best to notify

Tom Wright: I take it that this means that the science department will not be able to adopt a new curriculum this year.

A. Will we face legal action from the union because the contracted workdays are being adjusted by the furlough days?

1. The union contract does not hold authority over the calendar so there are no restrictions regarding furlough days under the contract.

B. Does the budget crisis mean we will be unable to purchase a new science curriculum?

1. Curriculum purchasing is part of the annual budget, and we build those costs in. While the new budget may reduce the amount available for the new curriculum, we will continue to purchase the new curriculum as old material is phased out.

XII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- A. Carey Jones said that although this is difficult news, the board will continue to support Jon, the staff, and the students because that is what they are here for; the betterment of our community's young people. However, there are school board elections every three years and if anyone thinks they want to do the volunteer job of being on the school board, he encourages you to run during the next election. Mr. Jones also encouraged people to join us for our monthly board meetings and request to give a community comment so you can bring your concerns before the board. The board believes in our superintendent, we believe in our administrators, and we believe in every one of our teachers.

XIII. FUTURE AGENDAS

- A. April 19, 2024 - COSA Children and Youth Behavioral Health Summit – Eugene
2. CANCELLED due to budget cutbacks
- B. May 8, 2024 @ 4:00 PM - Budget Committee Meeting #1
- C. May 29, 2024 @ 4:00 PM – Budget Committee Meeting #2
- D. June 20-22, 2024 – COSA 50th Anniversary Seaside Conference
1. Jon Zwemke will be attending

II. ADJOURNMENT @ 6:47 PM

Next School Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 @ 5:30 PM

Submitted by Sharmen Tipton, Reedsport School District Executive Assistant / Board Secretary

<u>CAREY D. JONES</u>	<u>5/8/24</u>	<u></u>	<u>5-8-24</u>
Carey Jones, Board Chair	Date	Jon Zwemke, Superintendent	Date