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School Board Meeting Minutes For December 11, 2019

Call to Order – Chairman Eric Brandon called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

A quorum was established with the following board members in attendance: Chairman Eric Brandon, Vice Chairman Carey Jones, Director Greg Carter. Director Chuck Ostmeyer was absent.

The following Reedsport School District Staff members in attendance: Superintendent Jon Zwemke, Business Manager Rachel Amos, Special Education Coordinator Parma Roe, Principal Jerry Uhling, Principal Amanda O'Brien, Board Secretary Donna Shaw, Teachers Guy Marchione, Ron Frakes, Molly Goossens, Paige Allen, Jessica Zaita, Connie Coffman. Also in attendance Media Specialist Karen Plagmann, and Custodian Ron Short.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Changes to the Agenda- A revised agenda was looked over and Director Greg Carter motioned to accept the revised agenda, Director Carey Jones seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0.

Superintendent Awards-Letters were read by the teachers to the students: for November, Jaden Austin by Teacher Paige Allen, Zac Barnes by Teacher Jessica Zaita for Teacher Jeff Foster, Myles Morgan by Principal Jerry Uhling for Teacher Bill Shaw, for December, Elijah Zaita by Teacher Connie Coffman, Thomas Morgan by Teacher Molly Goossens, and Grady Sevits by Teacher Guy Marchione.

Community Comments-None

RCCS Principal, Jerry Uhling's report was on hand for review and had nothing further to add.

HES Principal, Amanda O'Brien's report was on hand for review and added Kudos for the staff at Highland and the teachers going above and beyond.

SPED Director, Parma Roe's report was on hand and had nothing to add.

Superintendent Jon Zwemke informed the Board that Parma would be doing a Special Education Handbook presentation at the February meeting.

Leadership spokesperson Nikki Cooper told the board of the events happening at the High School, Winter Assembly will take place on Thursday December 19th. Brendon Harrison talked about upcoming games and informed the board on how the basketball teams as well as the wrestlers have been doing.

Business Manager Rachel Amos report was on hand for review, and added she went to the Fall conference and a topic that was talked about was criminal defrauding of the districts. She explained to the board about the SSA funding structure moving monies and corporate tax. Business Manager Rachel Amos wants the board to be aware and stay tuned for the money has not been disbursed as of yet. Director Carey Jones had no questions for Business manager Rachel Amos.

Shop Teacher Guy Marchione asked to speak and told the board that he has been remodeling the shop and they should come take a look, He is waiting for a call from Workforce of Oregon and his cell phone is open for calls on Students to work.

Superintendent Jon Zwemke told the board that the Tech Committee will make a final decision on what School Information System to go with. We will be training in the Spring and be ready for full use by July 1st, 2020.

Evaluation process going smooth with both Unions communicating and everyone in compliance for March deadline.

Health counseling push to hire, Toolkit for SIA due April 16th. Need to survey and Assess approach requiring proof we went through the process. Tours at Highland with a yellow ribbon cutting, open house for community to see the changes and upgrades at Highland Elementary School. Director Carey Jones asked if the Lions club and Rotary would be good groups for survey. Also Chelsea Duncan with Douglas ESD helping with Facebook communication.

During the Flood day, Teachers Bettencourt and Zaita were quick to act and take care of the crisis at hand., Superintendent added that staff responded well with mopping and clean up. April third Job fairs, think about Incentives to attract new hires. Jon asks the board for guidance on this with pros and cons. Director Carey Jones mentioned using SIA funds.

Director Carey Jones motioned to approve the consent agenda, Director Greg Carter seconded the motion and the motion carried 3-0.

Director Greg Carter motioned to accept the KL-4 Policy being recommended by Superintendent Jon Zwemke, Director Carey Jones seconded the motion, and the motion carried 3-0.

Director Greg Cater motioned to remove the Policy DLC, Director Carey Jones seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

Director Greg Cater motioned to accept the policy DLC-AR as modified and recommended by Superintendent Jon Zwemke, Carey Jones seconded the motion after a question was raised if this would be something we need to address with the CBA, answer is no. The motion passed 3-0

Repeal as recommended by the ODE as of January 1 2020 due to PERS changes Policy GCPC is no longer. Business manager Rachel will research last years and will hopefully have something for the board at the January meeting when she knows more about changes. Greg Carter motion to repeal the policy GCPC,” Retirement of Licensed Staff” and Director Carey Jones seconded the motion and the motion passed 3-0.

The board interviewed two candidates for Board of Director seat. Liza Wenzel and Savanna Wright. Both were asked questions by Chairman Eric Brandon. The board voted to accept Savanna Wright as the new member of the Board and it was unanimous. 3-0 Chairman Eric Brandon then had Savannah Wright read the Oath of Office and then she sat down with the Board.

Action Item C, Director Greg Carter made a motion to Vote for Fred Brick OSBA Legislative Policy Committee member and the motion failed for lack of second.

Action Item D-The board discussed and asked Business Manager Rachel Amos to have the auditors present the audit findings at the January Board meeting in person. The audit is due to the State by December 31st. Carey Jones asked what would happen if it was late and we do not approve an explanation was given and that monies are not dispersed to the schools until the audit is in. Business manager Rachel Amos stated that the auditor was late in getting us this audit, however it looks great everything matched. We can RFP next year again for a new Auditor company.

Greg motioned to accept the audit 18-19 as presented and Carey Jones seconded the motion and the motion carried 4-0.

Discussion items:

Chairman Eric Brandon discussed more on promoting trade schools as an alternative for some of our students. Principal Jerry Uhling mentioned that The Workforce comes in just to talk to students, they were proctoring 16 students on Tuesday.

Director Carey Jones asked if we still have Abbey’s Closet and yes we do.

Superintendent Jon Zwemke mentioned we are purchasing MakerBot’s which are 3-D printers where kids can make and create.

Promise Grant Scholarship committee will be made up of RCCS Principal Jerry Uhling, RCCS Counselor Karin Smith, Director Savannah Wright and Director Carey Jones. They will give us some feedback at the January 8th board meeting.

Discussion ensued.

No community Comments.

Board Member Comments:

Director Greg Carter talked about OSBA Conference and the workshop he went to on CTE. Director Eric Brandon talked on the smaller committees and the hearings workshop he went to. Director Carey Jones commented that the conference on certain issues had too much outdated materials.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm

Respectfully submitted by Donna Shaw.

Eric Brandon, Chairman Date

Jon Zwemke, Superintendent Date