

**Gervais School District #1
School Board Regular & Executive Session
Meeting Minutes Thursday, March 16, 2023**

REGULAR SESSION

Director Bustamante called the School Board of Gervais School District #1, Marion County, into a Regular Session on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Board members present included: Henry Bustamante, Maria Caballero, Ana Contreras, Maria Contreras, and Angie Toran. Others present included Dandy Stevens and Sandra Segura.

Visitor Guest Book:

Andrew Aman, Tucker Brack, Lenthal Kaup, Mark Chase, Creighton Helms, and Dusty Price.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Director Bustamante called the School Board Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recognition of Athletics

Ms. Stevens announced that several of our high school athletes are here tonight to get recognized for their outstanding athletic performance.

The Board recognized the girls' basketball team and wrestler Sariah Zepeda for winning their state championship titles.

2.1 Public Forum Sign-Up:

No one signed up to speak.

Public Forum Sign-Up Included:

Director Bustamante reminded the public that if they signed up to speak, to make sure that comments were kept brief and concise and within the time limit of three minutes.

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Director Bustamante asked the board members if they had any corrections to the board minutes from the Regular & Executive Session on February 16.

Motion:

There was a motion made by Director A. Contreras and seconded by Director Toran that the Gervais School District Board of Directors approve the minutes from the Regular & Executive Session on February 16, 2023. The motion passed 5-0.

4.0 PUBLIC FORUM:

Mark Chase.

Director Bustamante read aloud the public forum process written on the agenda when the public speaks.

Chief Chase said that the D.A.R.E program graduated some students and will be starting the program with 6th graders. The D.A.R.E program will be offered to middle school age for the first time. Chief Chase expressed that the district is doing an outstanding job with attendance and praised the staff. He stated that research indicates juvenile cases increase if kids are not in school. He said that attendance plays a significant role for kids attending. Districts are looking at the processes that Gervais School District is following and considering how important it is to build relationships with local police departments to work in partnership to have kids attend school. Chief Chase said the goal is not to cite parents but to have kids at school.

REPORTS

Student Council:

No student was present to report.

**Administrators Report:
Gervais High School**

Mr. Aman reported the following about the high school.

- They are pushing students in interventions to get them ready for I-Ready. There will be two rounds. There are challenges in having students attend interventions due to sports, working, or being reluctant to participate. Two teachers were hired to support students after school. Students have been emailed, mailed a letter, and the parents are reminded during parent-teacher conferences.
- It was discussed that the district received a seven-year GEAR UP grant and was able to hire a coordinator to assist our students in college and career options. Previously the district hired two individuals to help students with college/career readiness. However, the positions were cut due to funding. That specific role was then picked up by one of the counselors at the high school. The GEAR UP coordinator will work with Aloha Yoshinaga (middle school counselor) to support students. The coordinator will have several responsibilities, such as gathering college and career prep materials for students and scheduling guests to come to the schools.
- Two high school teachers have been nominated as teachers of the year.
- Students have started practicing for the Mr. and Ms. Gervais Pageant and are working hard to perform well. The pageant coordinator for this year is Ms. Aman. In addition, it was announced that Ms. Holum is taken a year off.

Mr. Brack reported the following highlights for athletics.

- Accomplishments for wrestling and basketball season were phenomenal and very touching. Coaches, students, and other support staff were praised for their commitment to making the season a success.
- Track season has started, and this year the district will offer a unified track. The track coach is doing a great job at including the unified team players.
- An update was given regarding putting turf on the football field. Finding a sponsor to do the excavating portion of the project has been a challenge to move along in the process. The district will save money if a sponsor is found to excavate. After the sponsor is found, excavating can start in May while the ground is soft and easier to work with.

There was a brief discussion about the benefits/opportunities that the district will have once the turf field is done and about proper cleats that would have to be worn on the turf field to prevent damage.

Director Bustamante asked if track will be limited for the unified team or if meets have been scheduled.

Mr. Brack said that meets have yet to be scheduled at the moment.

Gervais Elementary School

Mr. Price reported the following information/activities for the elementary.

- The elementary is focused on building relationships and being kind to each other. Mr. Price shared the different activities kids do at the elementary to create a culture of kindness, equity, and grace for each other.
- The elementary received a grant which has allowed for several family activity nights.
- Students participated in wildlife by raising trout eggs and releasing them at the St. Louis ponds.
- A magician was invited as a guest to speak to students about kindness and was able to stay after school to teach kids some magic tricks.
- Had about 95% turnout for parent/teacher conferences.
- Has a STEAM family night with coding, watercolors, and building a lettercard house.

Financial Report

Ms. Davis reported that the budget is as expected and expanded on several areas in her financial report. She reminded the Board that the Budget 101 meeting is scheduled for May 21 and would be similar to what she presented last year. She informed the board members that the first Budget Meeting was changed from May 4 to May 2, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Davis asked if there were any further questions.

The Board did not have further questions.

Ms. Stevens said most items would be discussed during action items. She indicated that she could schedule the Board on the Gervais City Council agenda for April 6. Ms. Stevens stated that she attended the Datavision board meeting, and they were very responsive regarding the bond. She said that she would provide more information later in the agenda.

6.0 BOARD FOCUS/MEMBER TOPICS:

Director A. Contreras said that she had Ms. Segura print copies of what she has written up to present at the City Council meeting and would like board members to review the documents and provide input. Director A. Contreras said her daughter would also

attend to give a student's perspective.

Ms. Stevens said that other board members could attend the meeting as viewers.

There was a brief discussion about the Board's role in passing the bond and changing May's board meeting from May 18 to May 17 because Director M. Contreras has another commitment.

The board members agreed to change May's regular session to May 17.

7.0 CONSENT ITEMS:

7.1 Approve New Hire / Temporary/Rehire:

Extra Duty:

Daniel Knauf, GHS Boys Basketball Assistant Coach

Kate LaFollette, GHS After School Teacher

Ryan Figura, GHS After School Teacher

7.2 Approve Contract Change / Renewal: Sophia Ferreira, from Temporary Instructional Assistant to GEAR-UP Coordinator

Recall:

7.3 Approve Resignation/Retire/Termination/Non-Renewal:

Decline:

Reduction in Force:

7.4 Approve

Baseball Co-op

Gervais District#1 Board of Directors approves baseball Co-op with North Marion for spring 2023, as shown on agenda items 03-23-7.4.

7.5 Approve Out-of-State Travel

Gervais District#1 Board of Directors approves out-of-state travel for Andrew Aman to attend the "Learning of the Brain" Spring Conference in New York, April 21-23, as shown on agenda items 03-23-7.5.

7.6 Approve Out-Of-State Travel

Gervais District#1 Board of Directors approves out-of-state travel for Andrea Oropeza and migrant students to attend a conference in Washington D. C. on May 28-June 2, 2023, as shown on agenda items 03-23-7.6.

Motion:

There was a motion made by Director A. Contreras and seconded by Director Caballero that the Gervais School District Board of Directors approve the consent items as listed en masse on the agenda. The motion passed 5-0.

8.0 ACTION ITEMS

8.1 School Calendar 2023-2024

Motion:

There was a motion made by Director A. Contreras and seconded by Director Bustamante that the Gervais School District #1 approve the school calendar for 2023-2024 as shown on agenda item 03-23-8.1. The motion passed 5-0.

8.2 Selecting ESCO for Future Projects

Ms. Stevens said that ESCO would be the one helping with the HVAC installation and that, unfortunately, the district did not receive the Renew American Energy grant. She said that only one school in Oregon received the grant and that there were over 1000 applications that were submitted.

Director Bustamante stated that this shows how much in need other school districts are for funding.

Motion:

There was a motion made by Director A. Contreras and seconded by Director Caballero that the Gervais School District #1 approve ESCO for future projects, as shown in action item 2-23-8.2. The motion passed 5-0.

8.3 Superintendent's Contract Renewal

Motion:

There was a motion made by Director A. Contreras and seconded by Director M. Caballero that the Gervais School District #1 approve renewing the Superintendent's contract for a three-year term to begin the 2023-2024 school year. The motion passed 5-0.

8.4 Integrated Plan for ODE

Ms. Stevens presented the integrated plan to the board members. The presentation consisted of data/details covering several areas funded by the state and that are required to be presented to school boards.

Motion:

There was a motion made by Director A. Contreras and seconded by Director M. Caballero that the Gervais School District #1 approves the Integrated Plan for ODE as presented by Superintendent Stevens. The motion passed 5-0.

8.5 Gervais Station Letter of Support

Ms. Stevens said the district received this request to support more funding for a Gervais Fire Station.

The Board asked Ms. Stevens to write a letter of support to the Gervais Fire Station on their behalf.

Motion:

There was a motion made by Director A. Contreras and seconded by Director M. Caballero that the Gervais School District #1 approves the letter of support for the Gervais Fire Station as presented by Superintendent Stevens. The motion passed 5-0.

9.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

9.1 Bond Update

Ms. Stevens said she would set bond information tables up at parent-teacher conferences tomorrow. The tables will have bond information and a sign-up sheet to form a PAC committee. She said that the district needs about twelve people that will commit to helping with the bond. She said the advertisement work is underway. The PAC group and advertising will push the bond messages.

There was a brief discussion that signs will be made.

9.2 April 4th Working Session

Ms. Stevens said the plan for the working session on April 4 will be to work on the project with Kristen Miles and review ELD data. She said that they would also talk about the turf fields. Following the working session will be an executive session.

Director Bustamante adjourned the Regular Session at 7:30 p.m.

10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Director Bustamante called an Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. under ORS 192.660 (2) (d) "Labor Negotiator Consultation" and ORS 192.660 (2)(h) "Legal Counsel."

Director Bustamante adjourned the Executive Session at 7:56 p.m. and reconvened the Regular Session.

11.0 ADJOURN

11.1 Adjourn Regular Session

Director Bustamante adjourned the Regular Session at 7:57 p.m.

APPROVED

Board Chairperson


Board Secretary

