



BANKS SCHOOL DISTRICT

12950 NW Main St. Banks OR 97106

Administration Building

Minutes November 9, 2020

REGULAR SESSION

Meeting held via Zoom

In attendance:

Norie Dimeo-Ediger, Chair

Ron Frame, Vice-Chairman

Dan Streblow

Will Moore

Ron Frame

Jeff Leo, Superintendent

Administrators, Staff, Patrons

CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

Norie Dimeo-Ediger called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. She said if anyone in the audience had any comments/questions to email Mr. Leo and he would respond later this week.

PUBLIC WELCOME/RECOGNITION

There was no public recognition.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dan Streblow moved to approve the agenda as presented. Ron Frame seconded. Discussion: There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

There were no presentations.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no audience comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Minutes: October 12, 2020

Routine Personnel Matters

Ron Frame moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Dan Streblow seconded. Discussion: There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

COVID 19 Update

Mr. Leo included current metrics for Washington County. The number of cases are rising. The district has begun limited in-person instruction. Hybrid plans for K-3 are still a long way off. Limited In Person Instruction began October 26, 2 hours per day 3 days per week. It is mainly for students having difficulty with connectivity. Mr. Leo said a survey will be sent to parents concerning the easing of the metrics and whether returning to school is an option they would consider under state guidelines. Mr. Leo said there is intervention and support being offered for students and families at all 3 schools.

Dan Streblow expressed concern that 1/3 of high school students are failing one or more classes. He asked if the issue has been identified – attendance, equity, etc. Ron Frame asked if other districts are seeing the same thing. He said it shows how difficult distance learning is. He said he knew the problems with video/audio makes it difficult for students. Will Moore said the survey to parents should ask specific

questions. He said the district needs to determine if the problems students are having are a combination of numerous problems. Mr. Leo said the survey is next.

Darla Waite-Larkin said the district has really great teachers doing really great things. Parents and administrators are all working to help students. She said teachers are calling home, reaching out to students, and trouble-shooting connectivity issues. Groups are meeting weekly to look at attendance, and support students. With the limited in-person system it is hard to get kids in. The TOSA position is calling parents and checks in with certain students every day. Teachers have increased their work time to support kids. Parents are feeling overwhelmed. Mr. Streblov asked how many students are failing one class or more. Mrs. Waite Larkin said 1/3, which is twice the normal number.

Marjorie Salter said K-2 do not have letter grades. She said the school is a guest in family's homes. There is much out of the school's control. Overall attendance is good, and the teachers continue to reach out to families. She invited the board to attend zoom meetings at the elementary. She said parents are exhausted. All students that wanted one have been given a hot spot. Janine Smith is the elementary TOSA and has been trouble shooting connectivity problems and helping students at school. Darla Waite-Larkin said parents see the classes as pick and choose. Marjorie Salter said work submission is tough, and students are not attending intervention groups.

Jacob Pence reported that poor connection does frustrate kids. This is a new format of teaching and learning. The new schedule is 4 classes per day every day. Homework is every day. The teachers are trying to cover what is necessary but not to overload. Some students have no internet or cell service which contributes to the lack of communication. He said instant feedback and the human connection is missing. The first of the quarter was the honeymoon period, now it is a grind. This Friday is the end of the first 9 week grading period. He feels the best help will be more communication between students and teachers. The high school has developed packets for students with internet problems. Packets have been sent home but few have been returned. The high school is hoping next grading period will be better. The high school has to do a better job on student attendance. Mr. Streblov thanked Mr. Pence for the transparency. He asked if students failing classes is across the board. Mr. Pence said it is an even mix of students and classes. No specific scenario. Mr. Streblov asked if calling or emails work best for communicating with parents. He said phone calls are best, often having to leave voice mails. Some parents are frustrated. Mr. Pence the high school assures parents they are willing to help. This is not just a Banks problem, other districts are dealing with the same issues. Mr. Pence said Banks is actually fairing better. Mr. Streblov asked if there were other ways to get students more time together.

Mr. Leo said the district was preparing to amp up in-person learning, but that has been put on hold.

Darla Waite-Larkin said the middle school is working in social emotional groups. More study sessions, zoom groups will help to capture missing pieces. Will Moore said he was sending Mr. Leo a few ideas. Norie Dimeo-Ediger encouraged all board members to send any ideas to Mr. Leo. Mr. Pence said NHS students were thinking of starting evening student groups. He said perhaps high school students could read to elementary students in the evening. Mr. Streblov said he thought that was a great idea.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of OSBA Elections

OSBA Board of Directors Regional Position 15

Leann Larson

Resolution 1: Adopts the proposed 2021-22 OSBA Legislative Priorities and Principles

Raymond Mott moved to approve the OSBA Board of Directors Regional Position 15 and Resolution 1 as presented. Dan Streblov seconded. Discussion: There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Division 22 Assurances/State of the District

Mr. Leo said that every year the district has to report to the community on the district's compliance or non-compliance to the Division 22 standards. Mr. Leo reported to the board and community that the district is in compliance of all Division 22 standards. Minutes of the board meeting will be sent to ODE by November 12.

District Policies and Administrative Regulations

ACB – All Students Belong

ACB-AR - Bias Incident Complaint Procedure

Mr. Leo reported that ODE added this policy to protect some of school's most marginal students as well as staff and others.

Mr. Mott commented the AR was not required to be adopted by the board. Will Moore moved to approve policy ACB as presented. Ron Frame seconded. Discussion: Mr. Moore asked if a person had a tattoo that was biased if they could be asked to leave. Mr. Leo said yes. Motion passed unanimously.

BOARD COMMUNICATION

Superintendent Comments

Mr. Leo reported the OSBA virtual convention is Nov. 14. Mr. Leo asked board members to let the district know if they plan to attend. Mr. Leo included a report on expenditure so far this year due to the COVID19 outbreak. He said this is a full legislative session this year.

Board Member Comments

Ron Frame said if the next year is flat funded that would result in decreased funding. He said it is discouraging. He thanked the administrators and teachers for all their hard work.

Dan Streblow echoed Mr. Frame's comments. He thanked the district for their transparency. He said the survey should also ask if community members are willing to help.

Raymond Mott said he knows all staff is going above and beyond to help students. He thanked them for all their hard work. He said there needs to be more parental involvement.

Will Moore said he appreciated the conversations tonight. He said everyone is burned out, frustrated and having no fun. He thanked everyone for all their work.

Norie Dimeo-Ediger echoed the appreciation of the staff.

She said she attended the OSBA virtual conference this summer and it was very easy to attend virtually. She encouraged all board members to attend the fall conference.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.