

## **OSD BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

A work session was held at 5:30 prior to the regular meeting.

The meeting began at 6:05 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following directors were present: Steve Sanders, Mary Robbins, Cindy Porter, and Hannah Smith,  
Staff present included: Sherry Cowbrough, Gretchen Cruden and Chris Petterson.

**Additions/ Changes to the Agenda:** None

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**Consent Agenda:** Cindy moved to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of March Board meeting minutes, March payroll in the total amount of \$85,553.29, Direct Deposit (9000000251 through 9000000264) totaling \$43,203.87, March GF in the total amount of \$45,068.90 (Check #s 18791 and 18799 through 18821) and the Budget Status Report. Steve seconded; Motion carried 4 for 0 against.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

**2022-23 School Year Calendar- Amended:** The district had applied for, and was awarded five waiver days from the required 180 day annual year for professional development and staff training for three consecutive years. The 2022-23 school year is included. Part of the application process is to have those school year calendars presented and approved through OSPI. It has been encouraged since its approval, that we include 'snow days' for incimate weather conditions or any other unexpected need for closure. This amended calendar includes four days. Cindy moved to approve the amended calendar as presented. Mary seconded; Motion carried unanimously.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**WSSDA:** Directors discussed the annual WSSDA conference which will be held in Spokane this year. Sherry informed directors that the district Would help them with registration and accommodations should they wish to attend. It was encouraged that they consider attending as many of the directors are new to their positions. The conference is always held in November and we will watch for details.

**Letter Sent to Orient School Families- COVID-19 vaccine not required for students:** It was recently announced that the State would not require students To be vaccinated for COVID-19 to attend public school. This Information was well received.

**School Report:** Sherry informed directors that a new custodian, Robyn McNitt has been hired and will begin on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> following Spring Break. We will be having the school professionally cleaned over the break. We did not have the Fresh Fruit & Vegetable grant this year but do hope to be able to have it this next year. There was some discussion on where the community is on the water system and the continued boil water mandate. It has been a burden to haul water for culinary purposes from Colville. A traditional 'Books for Bikes' campaign was discussed. Gabe Kerr had called the school and offered to purchase a gift certificate for the annual 'Books for Bikes' campaign. Cindy and Hannah offered to sponsor two additional gift certificates. The school has been busy with year end assessments both State SB and district iReady testing. Parent-Teacher conferences went well. Books purchased through a grant to emphasis and invite interest in English Language Learning were displayed in the entry of the school during conferences. The School Improvement Plan surveys will go out to each family next week. A draft will be presented to the Board after team review and then presented as an action item for the next school year. The AmeriCorps program has been such an asset to our school. Nick Porter has been the regional director for the past several years but will be finishing out in August. The program will be dissolved on a local basis but might remain on a Federal and State level. Nick has accepted a new position with the Curlew Job Corps. He still volunteers with the school and hopes to be able to continue being involved in the future. We will be doing a search for a Para-pro position for next year. High School Orientation will be coming up on May 18<sup>th</sup> for Curlew and May 24<sup>th</sup> for Kettle Falls. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will 'shadow' a high school student for the day. College Bound is a program that helps pay for books and tuition if students have no trouble with the law, qualify for Free & Reduced meals, and keep a 2.5 grade average through high school. We have a new phone system, 'Robotalker' that will be set up for automated messages to student families. All directors will be included on the call list.

Gretchen shared the Highly Capable field trip coming up. Those students will travel to Spokane to visit the MAC for a Dreamworks presentation of "Kung-Fu Panda" and then have an early dinner at Panda Express. The year is winding down with 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation being at 6:00p.m. in the school gym on June 9<sup>th</sup>. The Board president will be asked to sign and help present graduation certificates if available. There are four graduates this year. We have backpacks in the office if anyone wants to contribute gifts, they can be added to each backpack. The annual 'sneak' is being planned and will be presented for approval at the May Board meeting.

**Good of the Order:** It was discussed that we consider having our first field trip for next year to the Ferry County Fair. Due to COVID, we haven't been able to go for A couple of years.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.  
Signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

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Attachments:: Amended 2022-23 School Year Calendar; Letter to Orient School Families - COVID-19 vaccine not required for students.