

FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #57
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

October 21, 2019

Art Houghtaling, Superintendent

503-787-3521

The Falls City School Board will meet Monday, October 21, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the High School. The public is welcome to attend the open portion of any meeting as posted.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Young opened at 6:33 pm.

Board Members in attendance:

Bob Young, Board Chair
Larry Sickles, Director

Brett Davis, Vice Chair
Shanda Yother, Director

Staff Members in Attendance:

Art Houghtaling, Superintendent
Donna Creekmore, Admin Assistant
John Gilbert, Facilities Manager
Dennis Sickles, Athletic Director

Micke Kidd, High School Principal
Amy Houghtaling, FACES Coordinator
Lynn Bailey, Teacher & Special Programs Director
Alea Littleton, K-12 School Counselor

Flag Salute

Recognition of, and comments from, audience members/citizens

Amy Houghtaling spoke as a citizen, to inform the Board that ballots were in the mail for the levy, it is the only thing on the ballot this time. There are both business cards and lawn signs if anyone would like them.

REPORTS

- Superintendent/Principal: SIA – Student Investment Act, is coming. It will be approximately \$194,000. CIP – Continuous Improvement Plan, is driving the bus. These funds will be dedicated, not tax based, have specified spending, and no carry over. It will require a community focus group for discussing how the dollars are spent. We are hosting our first meeting Nov. 7, 2019
Director Yother Asked about our staffing needs. Ideas included a Student Teacher, Volunteer, would it be possible for a parent to come in and offer additional support? Discussed the importance of Preschool and how it sets our students up for success as they enter Kindergarten. There will be a request for an EA to offer supports.
- High School Principal: Homecoming went well. EDM – Every Day Matters, tailgater party at the game was a success. Britton Castor won a Science Teacher Award. There are pictures in your packets that were taken by drones. Burgett is doing fun things with drones, excited to see where this goes. PCYS – Polk County Youth Services, comes 3 days a week, visiting 8, 9, 11 grades. Please put McEwen on the November Board Agenda, to discuss the Don't Give Up Movement.
- Business Manager: See Report

- Facilities Manager: Classroom room numbers are completed. This is important for safety/identifying purposes. The ladder to the crows nest has been installed. Burnell is finishing the safety cage. Installed speakers. This is will make it so we don't have to put them up and take them down. There are 2 more yet to be installed. Going to Asbestos training next month.
- Athletic Director – Fall sports is wrapping up. Nice old/classic cars at Homecoming. Basketball season is getting ramped up. Schedule is already set. Next football game with either be at Oakridge or here against Yoncalla.
- FACES Coordinator: We received the \$50,000, Spirit Mountain Grant. This will help cover HS FACES Youth Employees, Workforce, Summer Workers, and Field Trips. It is a one year grant.
- Reset Room Director: See Report.
- Food Services: No Report.
- Teacher Updates: Lynn Bailey highlighted SIA – Student Investment Act. Lots of parents are signed up for EDM. Career Day. Two FAFSA nights, one completed, one to go.
Alea Littleton attended a conference on SEL – Social Emotional Learning. She's excited to see the high school working the program.
- Falls City Teachers Association: No Report.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ONLY

1. Gym: Discussed where we are for spending on the Enclosed Play Structure. We have about \$322, 000 left to spend. Chairman Young discussed where we want to go with this project right now. Discussed the possibility of framing the walls and plumbing one restroom when the floors are installed. The concern is students tripping over exposed pipes. Heating and electrical still need to be installed. Volunteers could be a solution to keep costs down. Discussed various lighting options, as well as the lighting at another recently completed gym. TS Gray is currently about two months behind. Board would like to see as much completed as possible.
2. SIA – Student Investment Act: Measure 98 dollars went up. The Nutrition Initiative is being expanded, so that all kids can eat for free. There will be a lot being done on this before March. Your input counts, where do we want FCSD to be in 3-4 years?
3. OSBA Position 13: Informed the Board of the opening. No interest noted.
4. Waste Water: Superintendent Houghtaling met with Mayor Jeremy and William. They will be bringing us better information on this. If we donate the easement, the city can count it as a matching/in-kind donation for their grant. Donating an easement is different than donating land.
Also discussed the possibility of partnering with the city to create an ADA accessible trail from the Elementary School to the High School. Lynn Bailey mentioned that Safe Schools is working towards ADA accessible trails to the falls as well as lighting.

PRESENTATION

CIP and CIP at a Glance: CIP is our Continuous Improvement Plan. It includes goals and initiatives. We have graded ourselves using ORIS. Discussed reviewing and incorporating shareholders input. ESSA – Every Student Succeeds Act, will be pushing us to work on these pieces as well as identifying and removing barriers to success. Discussion on why social emotional learning is so important. HS Success is focusing on Freshman Success. Attendance is a huge barrier to scholastic success. Last year the state started a Chronic Absenteeism push, which is now Every Day Matters. State average improvement was 2%, our district saw a 4.9% improvement in absences from the previous year. Discussion on students who disappear, we end up with their records and they count against us as dropouts. This includes the Youth Authority students. HS Principal Kidd is going to look into this further. HS Principal Kidd also brought up the need for a math tutor. We currently have one for 6 hours a week. Ideally we would have someone for 20 hours a week with a math endorsement for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve Consent Agenda

- September 16, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- September 2019 Disbursements

Motion made by Director Sickles, seconded by Vice Chair Davis. Vote: all ayes. Director Kidd, absent.
Approved as presented.

2. Approve Administration Contracts

Motion made by Director Sickles, seconded by Director Yother. Vote: all ayes. Director Kidd, absent.

3. Increasing FACES Coordinator hours from 5 hours a week to 10 hours a week

Motion made by Director Sickles, seconded by Vice Chair Davis. Vote: all ayes. Director Kidd, absent.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Fire Dept visit coming up.
- Levy, help spread the word.
- 35 CERT kids taking the class, will be running through a mock emergency.
- 100th year of HS graduations? John Gilbert will look into to verify.
- Title 1 dollars. Consider creating a Parent Liaison position to create, and coordinate opportunities for parent engagement.
- Revisit the possibility of new lighting at the football field.
- Fire Dept received a \$98,000 grant for new air packs. Recognizing and celebrating that Falls City has been receiving lots of big grants lately.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, November 18, 2019.

Regular Session at 6:30 pm.

Chairman Young adjourned at 8:14 pm.