

FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #57
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

June 15, 2020

Art Houghtaling, Superintendent

503-787-3521

The Falls City School Board will meet Monday, June 15, 2020 at 6:30 pm virtually on Zoom. The public is welcome to attend the open portion of any meeting as posted. A link to the Zoom meeting is available on the district website at fallscityschools.org.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Young opened at 5:25 pm

Board Members in attendance:

Bob Young, Chairman
Jami Kidd, Director

Bret Davis, Vice Chair
Shanda Yother, Director

Staff Members in Attendance:

Art Houghtaling, Superintendent
Donna Creekmore, Admin Assistant
Dennis Sickles, Athletic Director

Micke Kidd, High School Principal
John Gilbert, Facilities Manager

Audience Members in attendance:

Jackie Olson, CFO WESD

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ADDITIONS AND AMENDMENTS

- Add Resolution 19-20 021 – Supplemental Budget

REPORTS

- SUPERINTENDENT/ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL – No Report. Planning for next year, Initial Guidance, Number of Students per Classroom. Covid Outbreak team has been built from both buildings. Plans are being created for the possibility of delayed opening, by looking at other school plans to see what others are doing. We are receiving guidance every 2 weeks.
- High School – No Report. Been pretty busy with students trying to get credits sorted. There are lots of errors. Both Principal Kidd and Natascha are working hard to sort everything out for the students, including sending out letters to parents listing incompletes. Principal Kidd has been in contact with Perrydale SD to get an idea of how they are dealing with everything, which includes multiple approaches. Graduation is scheduled for July 17th. We've ordered 250 chairs to be set up outside with Social Distance Guidelines addressed. Dean Munkers may be able to video tape the graduation, drones

might be used. High School teachers are diligently working on the High School Guidance. Teachers ratified their contract.

- Business Manager – No big changes. Updated Economic Forecast. Ending Fund Balance is over a million dollars, still need to see the insurance pool. End of year expenditures have reduced adding more money to the pool. We are currently implementing 4 furlough day to offset costs, we will discuss adding them back in the future.
- Facilities Manager – See Report. Deep clean of schools are done, gym is done, library is done. Every other week we are working on projects we wouldn't be able to do ordinarily. The ticket booth will be done next week. Football Field aerated. Seed for the field has been gifted to us. We will fertilize over the summer. We opened the Summer work crew up to include 8th graders. We are interviewing 2 of them this Thursday. Discussed sending a Thank You to the seed company that donated the seed for the Football Field. Right now we are getting ready to set up for graduation and measuring classrooms to determine the number of students allowed per room. So far we are averaging 19-20 people per classroom.
- Athletic Director – No Report. Wanted to discuss the possibility of purchasing our own aerator. Right now it costs about \$2,000 twice a year to have it done. It would cost about \$2,000 to purchase an aerator for ourselves. We would still need to pay someone to use it. Question of where we would store it. Discussed the possibility of storing it between the 2 storage sheds on the Football Field. It would potentially bring the cost down to \$150 twice a year for someone to aerate the field, if we purchased the equipment. With the understanding that it would be labor intensive. Athletic Director attended OSSA webinars. They are currently encouraging us to follow state recommendation. They instituted a shut down through July 31st. PACE will not pay for any Covid related sickness. Phase II offers more options for summer. Kids will need to sign waivers. Kids can share equipment. Need permission from both Administration as well as our Insurance Co. OSAA is currently a go for Fall Sports, without any clarity of how it will look. Everything will depend on State Infection Rates. Received an email from Mt. West, concerning our Middle School sports. They are asking us not to participate with them next year. Travel time is just too great for the younger students. Will be looking at what our options are. Our Co-op with Kings Valley has expired. We will need to re-up. Kings Valley will need to do the paperwork and then the Board would need to approve it. Money may be a factor for Kings Valley. The Football team received a \$250 donation.
- FACES Coordinator – No Report.
- Reset Room – See Report. Continuing with student and staff meetings.
- Teacher Updates – Discussed contracts.
- FCTA – No Report

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ONLY

1. 2020-2021 School District Calendar – We are very close for the number of student contact hours. Any snow days will need to be made up. Looking into waivers if there is an outbreak. We instituted 4 furlough days; 2 instructional, 1 conference, 1 Inservice. We will be prioritizing days to add back if possible, to put contact/instruction days back first. Our hours are very close. If we do end up putting days back, will that come before the Board, yes it would.
2. Enclosed Play Structure Update – Moving right along, going over the punch list. Don't have word on dirt delivery yet. Met with electricians, have a fixture list. \$200-250K should be enough to finish the building, plus some leftover. Do we put it back in towards the principal or the roof... Should be done by the time school starts. Right now, power is holding us back. Different pieces will need to go out for bid. Does

anyone have a problem with Chairman Young doing the framing work? Discussed the “appearance” if Chairman Young does the work.

3. Adopt 20-21 Budget – Resolution 19-20 019
4. Approve Teacher Contract – Insurance Cap increased by 2.5% to \$1,416. 2% COLA and Step increase. Thank you Vice Chair Davis, Director Sickles and staff for working on what seems a fair contract, all things considered.
5. Accept Bambino’s Donation \$600 – We received these monies for the purchase of Bouncy Balls. The intention was to ensure each student was able to receive their very own bouncy ball, as well as sidewalk chalk and instructions on how to play Foursquare, which was a playground favorite this year. Discussed the possibility of putting a Foursquare outline in the new enclosed play structure floor. Have Donna send a thank you.
6. Graduation – July 17th is plan A, Plan B depends of the Phase we are in at the time.
7. Resolution No. 19-20 019 and 19-20 020 – Capital Improvement. Additional Monies. Makes them spendable.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve Consent Agenda

- May 18, 2020 – Board Meeting Minutes
- May 2020 Disbursements
 - Accounts Payable: Check numbers 5076-5126 in the amount of \$141,105.80.
 - Payroll Expenses: Checks and Direct Deposits in the amount of \$234,945.45.

Motion made by Director Kidd. Seconded by Vice Chair Davis

Vote: all ayes. Director Sickles absent

2. Approve 2020-21 School District Calendar

Motion made by Director Kidd. Seconded by Director Yother

Vote: all ayes. Director Sickles absent

3. Adopt 2020-2021 Budget – Resolution 19-20 019

Motion made by Vice Chair Davis, seconded by Director Yother

Vote: all ayes. Director Sickles absent.

4. Approve Teacher Contracts – 1 year

Motion made by Director Kidd. Seconded by Vice Chair Davis

Vote: all ayes. Director Sickles absent

5. Accept Bambino’s Donation of \$600

Motion made by Director Yother. Seconded by Vice Chair Davis

Vote: all ayes. Director Sickles absent

6. Resolution 19-20 020 & 19-20 021

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

7. Approve Potential Co-op with Kings Valley

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

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Director Yother asked about the City easement proposed at the last board meeting. Needs further discussion. Still have concerns about what will be left behind, how much clean up the school will be responsible with after all is said and done. The City wasn't terribly helpful with the Enclosed Play Structure project. Clear documentation will have to be kept to make sure fidelity is ensured. Can lawyers draw up something that says that the City is responsible for removing the underground equipment at the Football field if that becomes necessary in the future.
- Academic Achievement Case is installed in the HS hallway. Still needs lights and glass, but looks nice.
- Falls City City Manager Mac Corthell has offered the school a 99 year lease on the upper park ball field, in case we have an interest in using it for gym/sports. It would take a lot of work to make it usable and is not plumbed for watering.
- Discussed how Board Meetings will be moving forward. At this time, a combined in-person and virtual meeting is best, till be can move to an all in-person meeting.
- Cap each grade class size depending on the square footage of each class size. Cafeteria space is a concern, we will keep the conversation open and keep the board upraised of any and all developments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, July 20, 2020.

Regular Session at 6:30 pm.

Chairman Young adjourned at 7:35 pm.