

FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #57
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

November 18, 2019

Art Houghtaling, Superintendent

503-787-3521

The Falls City School Board will meet Monday, November 18, 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

Vice Chair Davis opened at 5:38 pm
Went into executive session at 5:39 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD MEETING - CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

(ORS 192.660(2)(b): "To consider the dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or agent, unless he or she requests an open meeting.")

Discussion

Vice Chair Davis closed executive session at 6:31 pm

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Chair Young opened regular meeting at 6:35 pm

Board Members in attendance:

Bret Davis, Vice Chair	Larry Sickles, Director
Jami Kidd, Director	Shanda Yother, Director

Staff Members in Attendance:

Art Houghtaling, Superintendent	Micke Kidd, High School Principal
Donna Creekmore, Admin Assistant	Amy Houghtaling, FACES Coordinator
Dennis Sickles, Athletic Director	Lynn Bailey, Teacher & Special Programs Director
Alea Littleton, K-12 School Counselor	Janell Davis, Fourth Grade Teacher
Stephanie McEwen, HS Special Education Director, Teacher, 504 Coordinator, History Teacher	

Audience Members in attendance:

Jackie Olsen, CFO LBLED	Jeremy Gordon, FC Mayor
William Sullivan, City of Falls City	Jessica Howard, President/CEO Chemeketa
Betty Earls, Chemeketa Board Member	

FLAG SALUTE

ADDITIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

- Add the Strategic Plan to Information & Discussion.
- Move Chemeketa Presentation to before reports.
- Move City's Proposal to after Chemeketa's Presentation.

PRESENTATION

1. Chemeketa Board Members

Reviewed hand out they gave to the board that included statics on Falls City student participation, graduates, Chemeketa Scholars, with break downs by age, and race/ethnicity. Discussed what it means to serve outlier locations with classes like CTE. What barriers keep students from attending. Transportation. Would like to brainstorm ways of overcoming those barriers so students have access to a campus experience.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ONLY

1. City's Proposal for Safe Routes to Schools Pathway:

Safe Routes to Schools Program is a 2-year infrastructure. Creating pathways between schools with greater lighting, sidewalks or paved paths, and high visibility/direct line of sight. The plan is to connect both ends of Boundry St with a paved, lighted path that would be ADA accessible. This would follow the right-of-way, so the school property would not be an issue.

There is discussion of a possible traffic island at Mitchel and N. Main as well as more sidewalks.

William is only requesting a letter of recommendation at this time. This letter would help with the grant application process.

REPORTS

- Superintendent/Principal: See Report. Would like to see board members at the Staff Meeting on Nov. 27th. The check for the purchase of the suburban has been cut, we will be picking it up in the morning.
- High School Principal: No Report
- Business Manager: See Report. Not much has changed. The new hires wages will be encumbered by next month. When the audit is completed, the ending fund balance will roll over. Discussed SB 1049 and the changes it will create. Some changes take effect in January, others are still being worked out and we wont have the details till July of 2020. Discussed how to make large purchase smoother. Any purchase over \$10,000 requires 3 bids/quotes before purchasing. If we don't go with the lowest price, we need to document why. Doesn't have to be on the original budget, the budget can be changed up until June before the end of the fiscal year. When considering building acquisitions, the funds will need to be pulled from somewhere, just not the contingency fund. It is recommended that we do not touch the contingency funds. Leave them for emergencies only.

The LBL contract will be sent out this week. Will be in before the next board meeting for review.

- Facilities Manager: See Report. Principal Kidd recommended trail cams for the football field. Superintendent Houghtaling said they would discuss it with the safety officer to insure they bought compatible devices.
- Athletic Director – Not much to report. Basketball schedules are included in the packet. High School girls have about 15-18 participating. High School boys have 11. There will be a JV option as long as the numbers don't go below 10.
- FACES Coordinator: No Report. Noticed less participation on weeks without a field trip than those with. High School students have started teaching classes. FACES is offering classes like art, cooking, and science. The sound system needs replaced. Found out it's not the speakers, but the amp. The levy passed, which is great news for the program.
- Reset Room Director: See Report. Staff went to a training on parenting non-neurotypical kids. This will allow them more insight when working with parents. Also looking at possibly offering parenting classes in the future.
- Food Services: No Report.

- Teacher Updates: Mrs. Bailey handed out a sheet showing the difference in “regular attenders” rates this year compared to last. There is about a 5% gain from last year.

YouthTruth survey results are in.

Mrs. McEwen shared that the High School students are participating in student lead conferences, using PowerPoint presentations.

- Falls City Teachers Association: No Report.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ONLY

2. Policy Updates:

This is a first reading. Please review and bring back next month with any changes or questions you may have.

3. Middle School Model:

The only thing holding the school back from moving to a Middle School Model is endorsements. How do we go about implementation? How do we support staff acquiring their endorsements? What would the financial impact be? The goal is to move to a 6, 7, 8 grade Middle School.

4. Enclosed Play Structure:

RA Gray says the building is scheduled to be delivered Friday, November 22.

5. Strategic Plan:

Discussed handout outlining goals. Add to the working document for next month.

PRESENTATION

2. Don't Give Up Movement and Correlation Legislation

Why is it important to have a Suicide Prevention Model? SB-52 (Addy's Act) requires school districts to adopt policy requiring comprehensive district plan on student suicide prevention. How do we make our students feel connected? Mrs. McEwen shared her own families story, to help show how kids can look ok on the outside and not be ok on the inside. Mrs. McEwen went on to share about Amy Wolfe, the originator of the Don't Give Up Movement, how it got started, why it's important, and her own experiences with it. Don't Give UP has yard signs, car stickers, bracelets, regular stickers, etc. Can be purchased at <https://www.dontgiveupsigns.com/>. Mrs. McEwen shared that her involvement with the movement has created opportunities of hope. She asked permission to post signs in front of the school. What are we doing now? QPR and Social Emotional training for staff as well as students.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve Consent Agenda

- October 21, 2019 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- October 2019 Disbursements

Motion made by Director Sickles, seconded by Director Yother. Vote: all ayes. Chairman Young, absent. Approved as presented.

2. FACES Coordinator hours increase approved last month to be effective as of September 16, 2019.

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

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Superintendent Houghtaling– OSBA Conference was good. Great speakers
- Amy Houghtaling – Kudos to the board who had 4/5 board members, the Superintendent, as well as the Board Secretary attend conference this year.
- Jackie Olsen – Thank you for having me. She enjoys small town meetings.
- Mayor Gordon – Thank you. Congrats on the Levy passing. This is his first School Board Mtg, and he will try to make it to more.
- William Sullivan – Thank you for having him and our support. He is looking forward to working with us.
- Athletic Director Sickles – Please recruit more boys for the High School team.
- Janell Davis – Thanks. Good job.
- Lynn Bailey – Mr. Munkers created a Holiday Wish, so that every student will get a gift. The Boondocks did a fundraiser and raised \$600, along with other donations, they are only \$400 away from making sure every High School student will receive a gift. They will have a party the last day of school before Winter Break, gifts will be handed out then.
- Stephanie McEwen – Thank you for all the support through the last several years.
- Director Yother – Great conference.
- Director Sickles – Exciting to see the number of people at tonight's meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, December 16, 2019.

Regular Session at 6:30 pm.

Vice Chair Davis adjourned at 8:05 pm.