

**FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #57**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**May 18, 2020**

**Art Houghtaling, Superintendent**

**503-787-3521**

The Falls City School Board will meet Monday, May 18, 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](http://fallscityschools.org).

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Chairman Young opened at 6:45 pm

**Board Members in attendance:**

Bret Davis, Vice Chair  
Shanda Yother

Larry Sickles, Director

**Staff Members in Attendance:**

Art Houghtaling, Superintendent  
Donna Creekmore, Admin Assistant  
Corrine Symolon, Reset Room Director  
Amy Houghtaling, FACES Program Director

Micke Kidd, High School Principal  
Lynn Bailey, English Teacher  
John Gilbert, Facilities Manager

**Audience Members in attendance:**

Jackie Olson, CFO WESD  
Jeremy Gordon, Falls City Mayor

Mac Corthell, Falls City City Manager

**FLAG SALUTE**

**ADDITIONS AND AMENDMENTS**

**REPORTS**

- SUPERINTENDENT/ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL – Not much new to report. Continuing to have staff meetings in order to keep everyone informed. Working on next years calendar. It will need a few adjustments, but needs start and end dates. Reviewed how Social Distance Learning was going.
- High School – Teachers are starting to figure stuff out. Grades are going in. Staff are recognizing that some students are struggling with not having good learning environments. Senior signs and shirts were created and delivered. We still had 3 students that need to finish work to graduate, but we are confident in those students pulling it together. Still no news on graduation at this time. Staff are working hard through their frustrations to serve our students. Oregon Department of Education granted wavier to maintain this style of food delivery throughout the summer. PEBT is Federal dollars allocating for addressing food insecurities for families who's students qualify for free or reduced

lunches. Since we are Community Eligibility Provision School, all of our students will qualify for these monies.

- Business Manager – See Report. Revenue Forecast isn't out yet, but we aren't expecting it to be good. Lots of lost revenue from Lottery dollars. We expect multiple hits to funding to occur. We may be able to utilize leftover monies from this year to help with next year's funding.
- Facilities Manager – Deep Clean of all 4 buildings has been completed using additional staff. Grounds work will start soon as we enter into Spring. It looks like Senate Bill 1149 will be enough to cover the Elementary School. The girls locker room has been pressure washed to remove all the old paint that coved the tile, showing a different color entirely.
- Athletic Director – Principal Kidd has a meeting with Athletic Director Sickles soon to get an update on sports.
- FACES Coordinator – No Report. Continuing to find jobs for FACES employees to do. Bethany Cornutt is posting Virtual Field Trips to the Facebook page every Friday. Making efforts to reach out and connect with families and partners.
- Reset Room – See Report. Reviewed what's been happening. Created Staff Support Check-ins. Parent Support Website, producing and posting videos to the website. Providing 1 on 1 support for specific students. Superintendent Houghtaling, HS Principal Kidd, and Reset Room Director Symolon have been meeting regular to ensure support is set up and ready to go for the fall.
- Teacher Updates – Teachers and Staff are working on sending out care packages to kiddos every couple of weeks. Received a grant for \$600 to purchase playground style balls for every student. Students had really gotten into playing 4-square and this will give them an opportunity to play it at home.
- FCTA – No Report

#### **INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ONLY**

1. 2020-2021 School District Calendar – Tabled for next month. Need beginning and ending dates confirmed. Discussed rearranging some of the June school days to Fridays. Due to attendance drops on Fridays, it's not a good option.
2. Enclosed Play Structure Update – Punch list off to RA Gray. Still need to weld handrails. Superintendent Houghtaling will be calling Bob Gray to see about wrapping everything up.
3. Enclosed Play Structure Loan – Discussed how much of a loan was budgeted for the add-on's, \$200,000. Discussed giving ourselves a little buffer by going for \$250,000, with the understanding we can always pay back what we don't use. Discussed if we could use the extra for other district repairs. Decided against that, that Play Structure dollars would stay specific to the Play Structure.
4. Distance Learning for All – Teachers are exhausted and already worried about next year.
5. City Waste Water – Whether it is decided to make it a purchase or donation, the City will have legal documentation drawn up. All questions will be answered before anything is signed/approved. The school is leaning towards donation at this time, with the stipulation that legal documentation stating who is responsible for the clean-up after the construction is done. Board discussed leaving it Superintendent Houghtaling and HS Principal Kidd's hands from here on out.
6. Seismic Grant – Reviewed Seismic Grant bids. All bids were comparable. Facilities Manager Gilbert recommended ZCS as they have a stellar reputation. As well as they will assist with further grant endeavors.
7. Safe Schools letter of support – When the time come we will create community flyers.
8. Graduation – This is a place holder as a reminder to maintain discussions for an eventual real graduation. At this time, we are looking at August 5<sup>th</sup> as a potential date.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. Approve Consent Agenda**

- April 13, 2020 – Board Meeting Minutes
- April 2020 Disbursements

Motion made by Director Sickles. Seconded by Director Yother

Vote: all ayes. Chairman Young and Director Kidd absent

### **2. Approve 2020-21 School District Calendar**

Tabled

### **3. Resolution No 1920-018 – In the amount of \$250,000, all monies earmarked for the Enclosed Play Structure use only.**

Motion made by Director Sickles, seconded by Director Yother

Vote: all ayes. Chairman Young and Director Kidd absent.

### **4. Seismic Grant Awarded to ZCS per their Proposal**

Motion made by Director Sickles, seconded by Director Yother.

Vote: all ayes. Chairman Young and Director Kidd absent.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- Director Yother informed the board of the July OSBA Summer Conferences Cancellation. Mentioned the guest speaker who was going to speak on Implicit Biased and what a loss it was not to go. Be mindful everyone.
- Get a link to Reset Room Director Symolon's webpage out to the High School.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, June 15, 2020.

Regular Session at 6:30 pm.

Vice Chairman Davis adjourned at 7:41 pm.