

FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #57
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

March 17, 2020

Art Houghtaling, Superintendent

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The Falls City School Board will meet Tuesday, March 17, 2020 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 5:33 pm
Went into executive session at 5:34 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

Chairman Young closed executive session at 5:39 pm

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Young opened regular meeting at 5:40 pm

Board Members in attendance:

Bob Young, Chairman
Larry Sickles, Director
Shanda Yother, Director

Bret Davis, Vice Chair
Jami Kidd, Director

Staff Members in Attendance:

Art Houghtaling, Superintendent
Donna Creekmore, Admin Assistant
John Gilbert, Facilities Manager
Sammy Steinhauer, Teacher
Bethany Cornutt, FACES/Pre-School/EA

Micke Kidd, High School Principal
Dennis Sickles, Athletic Director
Amy Houghtaling, FACES Program Director
Janell Davis, Teacher
Amara Houghtaling, FACES Staff

Audience Members in attendance:

Kevin Cornutt

Amber Houghtaling

FLAG SALUTE

Recognition of, and comments from, audience members/citizens

Amy Houghtaling wish to thank everyone for their efforts through these concerning times.

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ONLY

1. District Wide Covid-19 Response – Discussed the latest information. Extended School Closure till 4/28/20. Requirements to maintain funding are: Supplemental Education, meals for students, Supplemental Services (which could include daycare, a survey has already gone out), Development of plans for return, the continuation of payroll for all employees. Tomorrow there will be a Superintendents meeting with Colt Gill to discuss where we go from here. Will Instructional Minutes need to be made up, substandard, or will a waver be given? What does Supplemental Education look like for us? We are still figuring that out. We will need to be flexible. The wording was intentionally vague, to allow each district to work out what makes sense for their students. We will need to provide multiple options: packets, 3rd party engagement, online options, virtual classrooms. A major area of concern is for our seniors. Communication with them, graduation requirements (will these change?), graduation ceremony. Discussed how the Board would be making decisions as well as communication with each other and the district. Where will work packets be assembled since we are cleaning and sealing the building? How are we communicating with parents, particularly about food? Can we create a phone tree? Brainstormed ideas include: All staff emails, phone calls/facetime, staff need to be connecting with their students, if the district does not have the answer to a question let people know that we will look into it and get back, High School Advisors contact their classes. Things to consider: Data for Chromebooks, outdoor WiFi options, Virtual School, Spectrum is offering free WiFi for houses with K-12 and College students, needs to be new service, create a team, daily Go-To/Zoom meetings with staff. The expectation is that we are connecting with our students and parents regularly. What all will staff zoom meetings include, i.e. brainstorming ideas, provide information, vent space. Teachers will be working on communicating with parents that we care, can we set up office/available hours for students to reach parents, implementing trauma informed practices, delegating, teachers keep a contact log, making sure staff travel in teams of 2, Board Report once a week to report what all is being done so the Board is well informed when speaking to the community. It was decided to meet every Tuesday at 5:30 pm. The Staff/Board Green Day has been canceled. Report any potential obstacles to the Board, so they can help brainstorm solutions. What all does the “childcare” piece look like?
2. SIA Application – Discussed what the deadline is. Director Kidd asked for someone to walk her through the application. What all can and can't be done with it? The Board would like to be a part of the discussion moving forward. Any changes would need to include artifacts (back-up).

ACTION ITEMS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, April 13, 2020.

Regular Session at 6:30 pm.

Chairman Young adjourned at 7:14 pm.