

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #15
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 9th, 2023

The Board of Directors of Douglas County School District #15 convened for a regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Monday October 9th, 2023 in Room 215 at Days Creek Charter School.

The following individuals were present:

District Board Members: Clint Thompson, Valerie Anderson, Laura Stufflebeam, Rebekah Sawyer, Todd Vaughn, and Charlie Pritchard.

Staff/Patrons: JoAnne Gordon, Diane Swingley, Rachel Matchett, Matt Giles, Stephanie Angle, Curtis Angle, Tanner Angle, Jennifer Lander, Ryan Lander, James Ellis, Kerri Fain, Kathey Linn, Randy Hask, Calvin Linn, Teresa Reed, Matthew Thomas, Arielle Angle and Leonel Bruno-Estrada.

Superintendent: Joe La Fountaine

Assistant Business Manager: Leah Giles

Board Secretary: Dawna Connor

1) Call to Order and Welcome: Valerie Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

2) Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3) Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: Todd Vaughn moved to approve the agenda.

Second: Laura Stufflebeam seconded the motion.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Voting in Favor: Clint Thompson, Valerie Anderson, Laura Stufflebeam, Rebekah Sawyer, Todd Vaughn, and Charlie Pritchard.

4) Charter Board Meeting Report: Diane Swingley, Charter Board President.

- a) October 4, 2023 - Diane started off by mentioning there was no quorum due to recent resignations on the charter board. They are looking for new members, anyone who is interested can apply via the applications that she passed around. They currently have 4 open positions. Members include staff, teachers, admin and 5 parent patrons. The charter can have out of district members on the board. Diane read the charter board rules. She explained how Joe La Fountaine walked them through curriculum mapping, and target development. Joe explained the curriculum mapping and noted they are hoping to have science done by Christmas and the rest done by the end of the year. He is pleased to report they are making good progress.

5) Public Input

There was no public input.

6) Student of the Month Awards

Joe La Fountaine introduced the new student of the month process. He explained that the faculty nominates students out of 3 groups; K-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Their votes are sent to admin where they are reviewed to determine who will receive the award by greatest merit. Board Chair, Valerie Anderson, presented plaques to the students receiving the awards. Valerie started with Leonel Bruno-Estrada, Leo was recognized by Teresa

Reed, his 5th grade teacher, who read her nomination letter. The next award was presented to Arielle Angle by Matt Giles, he read his letter as well. The high school award went to Matthew Thomas, who was nominated by Rachel Matchett; she also read her letter.

[Leonel Bruno-Estrada nomination](#)

[Arielle Angle nomination](#)

[Matthew Thomas nomination](#)

7) Discussion Items:

a) Student Report on Homecoming

Kaleigh Loiodici gave the following report; homecoming week went pretty good. The bonfire was approved at the last minute and she was allowed to light it. The dress up days were really fun with good participation.

b) Review 2023-24 [Board Goals Document](#)

Board goals were reviewed, there was no discussion.

c) Rod Cotton Training Date determination;

They would like Rod to return for training in a work session before an upcoming board meeting, they decided on November 13th at 5:00 p.m.

d) [OSBA Policy Update](#)

The policy update summary was presented by Joe La Fountaine, Valerie Anderson gave a summary on the different types of updates. The board will review the updates, the first read will be in November, at that time they will discuss the updates. The chosen policies/updates will be adopted in December.

e) Policy Review: [IIABB](#) - Use of Feature Films/Videos

The board reviewed IIABB policy. Joe notes the industry standards have since changed. He wants the board to decide if these are still the standards that we want to uphold. Rebekah Sawyer asked what is the procedure for enforcement, do teachers submit requests? Yes, states Joe, a document is submitted a few days before, with an explanation as to why they would like to show the movie or clip. Joe requires them to include IMDB information (IMDB identifies rating) Joe then determines if it is appropriate for the class and aligned with the curriculum. Parent permission is also required. He notes that too much has been permitted in the past, and Joe wants movies to align with our standards and not waste class time. Todd Vaughn believes Joe's standards are high enough. Laura Stufflebeam states that if it passes Joe's requirements and parent permission is obtained, it should be ok. Rebekah Sawyer and Laura Stufflebeam mentioned that they do not believe R rated movies should ever be shown. Rebekah asked what the policy is if just a clip of a movie is shown? Joe states that has not been reviewed, but it is a good question. Clips will be included in the updated policy. Clint Thompson suggests admin approval written into the policy. Joe is requiring written permission for every film even G rated. Todd states they should write that into the policy. Diane Swingley asked if this is a law? Joe notes this current policy was adopted in 2015. Valerie Anderson suggests they add to the policy that all motion pictures need to be approved by the super unless it has a G rating.

Motion: Rebekah Sawyer moved to add this to the action items.

Second: Laura Stufflebeam seconded the motion.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Voting in Favor: Clint Thompson, Valerie Anderson, Laura Stufflebeam, Rebekah Sawyer, Todd Vaughn, and Charlie Pritchard.

f) [HB 732](#) - District Equity Committees

Todd Vaughn says we could combine with other schools on this if needed. Joe says yes, but we would need to make sure that those schools' values align with ours. Todd asked when is the first official timeline to implement this? Joe notes the deadline is in 2025, he just wanted to make sure the board is aware of it. Todd notes we will need to increase community participation. Clint states we can try our best to fill the seats in order to check the boxes.

8) Interim Superintendent Report:

a) September 22 - Staff In-Service Day Review

Joe La Fountaine notes that the staff in-service day was last friday. Joe divided the teachers into groups and provided the information they needed for successful curriculum mapping. Joe states they are making really good progress.

b) Staff Recognition Awards

This is something that he would like to start doing as well. He has seen a number of different ways to do this, he would like a volunteer to help plan this out for the staff. This will be a once a year award. Possibly with a banquet and media involvement. Laura volunteered to help with this. Joe notes they would like to work with the charter sub committee for awards.

c) Preliminary Student Achievement Data from 22-23

Joe received some data from 22-23, he showed the board reading and math rates back to 2015-16, the chart shows a dramatic drop during Covid. The rates go back up after 2 years. The trajectories are good and climbing. Diane Swingley asked if state testing is encouraged, to reduce opt out rates. Yes, Joe says, we always encourage testing.

d) Water Supply Update

Joe says they recently measured the tanks, and learned that they hold approximately 10,800 gallons each. They created a magnetic way to measure water depth inside the tank. The tanks have been over half full all year. The leak that was discovered in August was fixed and there have been no issues since. Joe noted we just had a water assessment done and it came back with clean results.

e) Softball Field Power Update

We now have power out to the softball field. A data line was damaged in the process but has already been fixed. A second line was laid, but left empty in case more work is needed in the future. James Ellis added that a water line for drinking water was also installed.

9) Consent Agenda Items:

a) Approval of minutes

i) [Regular Board Meeting](#) -September 11, 2023

Motion: Laura moved to approve the minutes.

Second: Rebekah Sawyer seconded the motion.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Voting in Favor: Clint Thompson, Valerie Anderson, Laura Stufflebeam, Rebekah Sawyer, Todd Vaughn, and Charlie Pritchard.

b) Approval of Contracts

- i) Extra Duty Contract - Matt Giles - Water Treatment Support**
- ii) Extra Duty Contract - Curtis Angle - MS Asst. Football Coach**
- iii) Asst. Cook- Chauntauna Saylor**

c) Approval of the following designations for the 2023-24 school year

- i) There are no changes this month.**

d) Employment of licensed, classified, or coaching personnel

i) Accept Resignation of Paul Dancer

ii) Accept resignation of Chris Dubie

e) District Surplus Designation

There was no surplus to discuss.

Motion: Rebekah Sawyer moved to approve items b and d.

Second: Charlie Pritchard Seconded the motion.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Voting in Favor: Clint Thompson, Valerie Anderson, Laura Stufflebeam, Rebekah Sawyer, Todd Vaughn, and Charlie Pritchard.

10) Monthly [Financial Summary Report](#); [Revenue-Expenditure](#); [Voucher Report](#):

a) Leah Giles, Assistant Business Manager

i) [Student Activity Accounts](#)

Leah Giles reviewed the financial summary report, she mentions that board stipends, up to \$500 a month per board member, passed a few months ago. The ethics committee is reviewing it before it can be voted on. Leah gave some calculations; if each board member accepts a stipend of \$500.00 a month, it will be a cost of \$42,000.00 per year to the district. If each board member were to take a stipend of \$250.00 per month it would cost the district \$21,000.00 per year. After an amount is chosen and voted on each board member can accept the stipend or opt out.

Classified employees were given the option to opt out of medical insurance this year. If they choose to opt out, a \$300.00 a month stipend will be added to payroll.

Leah took a class through OASBO and was given an assignment to go through all the business policies. She found that if the student activity fund is handled correctly, the student activity fund account management, and any new clubs that are chosen should be voted on by the board. Leah presented a PDF of student body accounts to review. There are 3 new clubs to review. Joanne asked if the club accounts are public information, and should be provided upon request? Yes. Joe La Fountaine notes the policy being addressed empowers the board to have the authority to add and remove clubs. Todd Vaughn asked who makes the decisions in the clubs? Leah explained, they have a meeting, student minutes are presented and approved by the teacher in that class. This policy discussion will be an action item at next month's board meeting.

Paychex is the company that does our payroll. It does great with recording time and attendance, but the last 2 months their system crashed during payroll. They are working on fixing it again this month, and the company has charged us no fees for their malfunctions. Her and Claire Cotton are discussing the idea of looking to see if there is another company that may work better with our accounting system.

The CRDC report is a report that happens every other year, it is a federal report that includes everything about students, demographics, and everything else. It takes up to 40 hours to complete if you have experience with this report. It is very intensive, and due this year for 2021-22. They contacted the ESD for help with the report for just this year. The cost will be \$1,000.00 and will include training for Dawna Connor and Leah Giles so it can be done in house in the future.

Leah reviewed the revenue and expenditure report, she notes that we have spent less this year than we did by this time last year. There were no questions.

Laura Stufflebeam had a couple questions about the voucher report. She asked what page 5 was about, Leah responded that it was for the journalism program. She asked about page 18 of the voucher report, and why we needed a new projector in the gym? James Ellis responded that it was old and glitchy and we needed a new one.

Todd Vaughn asked where Brian Agee is getting funding for the welding equipment? Joe responded that he is looking into grants and it will be on next year's budget.

11) Information Items

a) Fence Line Quotes

Joe states we have 3 companies that we are getting quotes from for a 8 ft high privacy fence behind the old superintendent's house. There are no quotes available yet. Laura Stufflebeam mentioned they want to be sure it is higher than 6 feet, and privacy fencing is put up, no cyclone fencing on the side closest to the neighbors.

b) Asbestos Quotes

Joe said the asbestos management quote of \$3,000.00 is a great price and a contract has been signed. Clint Thompson asked why asbestos is suddenly a problem in our shop? Joe states it is checked every 3 years, this year it was designated a risk.

12) Action Items

a) [2023-24 Board Goals](#)

Motion: Rebekah Sawyer moved to approve board goals.

Second: Laura Stufflebeam Seconded the motion.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Voting in Favor: Clint Thompson, Valerie Anderson, Laura Stufflebeam, Rebekah Sawyer, Todd Vaughn, and Charlie Pritchard.

b) IIAB policy

The board decided to remove any movies that are rated R. Joe has to approve all movies unless they are G rated, IMB needs to be sent home with the permission slip.

Joe will bring this back for a vote next month. Verbiage to include clips, social media.

Motion: Laura Stufflebeam moved to table this item.

Second: Rebekah Sawyer Seconded the motion.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Voting in Favor: Clint Thompson, Valerie Anderson, Laura Stufflebeam, Rebekah Sawyer, Todd Vaughn, and Charlie Pritchard.

13) Director Reports

There were no director reports.

14) Announcements

- a) October 17, VB District Playoffs
- b) October 19 Great Oregon Shakeout
- c) October 19, End of the first Quarter
- d) October 20, No Students- Teacher grading day
- e) October 26, OSBA dinner
- f) November 9, Parent Teacher Conferences
- g) Bake sale on Senior night football
- h) Gene Forman memorial 1:00

15) Public Input

There was no public input.

16) Adjournment

Motion: Laura Stufflebeam moved to adjourn the meeting.

Second: Clint Thompson seconded the motion.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Voting in Favor: Clint Thompson, Valerie Anderson, Laura Stufflebeam, Rebekah Sawyer, Todd Vaughn, and Charlie Pritchard.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

Dated this October 9, 2023

Respectfully Submitted by:

Dawna Connor, Board Secretary

The next regular monthly board meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2023