

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #15
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 8, 2021

The Board of Directors of Douglas County School District #15 convened in regular session in Room 215 at Days Creek Charter School at 6:00 p.m. on November 8, 2021.

The following individuals were present:

District Board Members: Rex Fuller, Clint Thompson, Rebekah Sawyer, Valerie Anderson and Charlie Sawyer

Staff/Patrons: Holly Hill, Joanne Gordon, Terri Woods, Diane Swingley and James Ellis

Superintendent: Steve Woods

Business Manager.: Claire Cotton

Board Secretary: Lisa Hemphill

1) Call to Order and Welcome: R. Fuller called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

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

3) Approval of the Agenda:

Motion: V. Anderson moved to approve the agenda with the following corrections:

- removal of the Executive Session
- Additions to Line 8) Information Items
 - Links to sub item c) General Obligation Bond Levy Rate Analysis, Version two, Schematic, OSCIM Ranking
 - sub item d) DCCS (Douglas county Coalition of Schools) Update
- Additions to Line 10) Announcements
 - November 19 - Turkey Trot
 - December 9 - Christmas Program.

Second: Charlie Sawyer

Discussion: There was no discussion.

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4) Charter Board Meeting Report: Diane Swingley, Charter Board President, gave the report from the special meeting for the capstone on October 25, 2021 and the regular meeting on November 3, 2021.

5) Public Input: There was no public input.

**** John Boling arrived at 6:10 pm ****

6) Consent Agenda Items

- a) Approval of minutes
 - i) Regular Board Meeting - October 11, 2021
- b) Termination of employment of licensed, classified, or coaching personnel
 - i) Jill Bong- Math Tutor
- c) Employment of licensed, classified, or coaching personnel
 - i) Carrie Jenkins- Food Service and SPED EA general support
 - ii) Brian Jenks - Math Tutor and Long-Term Substitute

- d) Approve CO-OP with Riddle for wrestling

Motion: V. Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda items as listed above.

Second: CT

Discussion: There was some discussion regarding exceptions for the COVID vaccine, ineligibility for employment, correspondence regarding a course of action regarding Jill Bong, Oregon Department of Education Fair Dismissal Appeals Board, mandate regarding COVID 19, fines for not following the mandates, multiple meetings and attempts to try to retain employment, 3 students interested in wrestling and district's responsibility with the co-op.

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- 7) Monthly Financial Summary Report and Voucher Report:** Claire Cotton, Business Manager, gave the report with the following highlights: state school fund is at a higher level than budgeted, enrollment updated to 205 students, expenditures are estimated and conservative, district will spend approximately \$430,099 less than budgeted due to grant dollars and the district is still spending some grant money from previous years. There was also some discussion regarding the voucher report. The following items were discussed: property tax payment, purchase of alarm clocks and Fitbits, the water system still leaking, very low flow at spring and in the holding tank, cost of drilling a well versus chance of it being a dry well, significant water leaks on campus scheduled to be repaired and the Rainwater donation.

8) Information Items

- a) Enrollment Update: The current enrollment is 209 students.

- b) COVID Update

i) ODE Guidance - Ready Schools, Safe Learners Resiliency Framework

ii) Response to October 18 mandate

S. Woods gave the COVID update and it included the following highlights: angst on both sides of the vaccine mandate, the process to make the vaccine mandated is fairly lengthy, possibility of the federal government having a mandate, a handful of districts who are stating students have to be vaccinated and Steve's stance and his encouragement to the board is to stay neutral and give information if asked.

- c) General Obligation Bond Levy Rate Analysis, Version two, Schematic, OSCIM Ranking

S. Woods stated that all conversation with faculty, parents and previous board members have revolved around three major tenants: a place for students to go during inclement weather that will alleviate the conflict of having recess inside and scheduled PE classes, an area for sports practice for Middle School athletes and a larger and updated cafeteria that the community can also use. S. Woods then turned the floor over to Claire Cotton. Claire went over the Bond Levy Rate Assessment by Piper Sandler and pointed out that interest rates are at an all time low. There was some discussion regarding assessed value, which we are taxed on and market value and the growth of the assessed and market value not matching, the estimated scenarios presented were conservatively done, a possible board resolution to allow the public to use the facility at no cost, farm and ranch areas taxed differently, ranking at #35 for the OSCIM grant, probability of qualifying for the grant, December 15 deadline to apply for the grant and we would know by December 31, 2021, apply for the grant and see if we are approved and then to start campaigning, other entities may give funds towards a community center, proposed schematic of new building, possibility of a second floor for classrooms, priority ranking and the approximate cost of 5.9 - 6.8 million to build the proposed facility.

- d) DCCS (Douglas County Coalition of Schools) Update:

S. Woods reported that several months ago when Governor Brown tried to power grab with mandating, the Douglas County school districts met and shared a desire to maintain local control and to have a voice in Salem. He stated that conversations are taking place and paperwork is in the process for this to happen.

9) Action Items

- a) Next steps on future long-term planning
 - i) Establish Bond Facility Committee - DC rated 35 of 197
 - ii) Apply for OSCIM grant December 15 - informed around 12-31-2021 reapply if needed
 - (1) Know dollar amount of request (up to \$4M)
 - (2) Description of project (Straightline)

Motion: C. Thompson moved to apply for the OSCIM grant before the December 15, 2021 deadline in the amount of 4,000,000 dollars.

Second: R. Sawyer

Discussion: There was some discussion regarding no cost to apply, the amount to ask for in the grant and matching funds.

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10) Announcements

- a) November 10 - Teacher-Family conferences, 2-8 PM
- b) November 11 - Veterans Day, no school
- c) November 19 - Turkey Trot at Days Creek
- d) November 24-25 - Thanksgiving Break, no school
- e) December 9 - Christmas Program

11) Public Input: There was no public input.

12) Adjournment:

Motion: V. Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm

Second: J. Boling

Discussion: There was no discussion.

VOTING IN FAVOR: *R. Fuller, L. C. Thompson, R. Sawyer, V. Anderson, J. Boling and C. Sawyer*

Dated this November 29, 2021
Respectfully Submitted by:
Lisa Hemphill, BoardSecretary

The next regular monthly board meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2021