

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16, COUNTY OF HARNEY,
MET AT FRENCHGLEN SCHOOL IN SAID DISTRICT, ON THE 18th day of February,
2025 at 5:00 P.M.**

Board Present: Corbin Hammond, Rene Villagrana (by phone), Debbie Webb and Mary Murphy. Nevada Miller was absent.

Others Present: Earlyna Hammond, Clerk, Carolyn Whitney, teacher; Shannon Criss, Harney ESD.

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 P.M. Corbin motioned to approve the Agenda and January minutes as presented and Mary seconded. AIF.

VISITORS

Shannon arrived at 5:30. She will bring copies of the Local Service Plan for next year.

COSA discussion- schools must be a member of COSA to be OSSA member or vice versa? She has concerns about the OSSA membership. Where's the advocacy? A group started getting together and formed Oregon Education Collaborative (OEC). Dues are \$1000.00- for at least the start up, then they could change. What do we get for the dues? This group gives local voice. Several schools have asked if the dues for small schools could be less? Could all the seven schools be considered one membership? Shannon stated that they are in start up mode and would like all schools to be individual members and pay their own dues initially, and then could possibly be addressed as a group in the future?

Some small schools are waiting to see how it goes before becoming members. Earlyna asked where we would pay for it from the budgets this year since it wasn't budgeted? Shannon will ask Cori. It was also stated that some areas on the West side of the state are allowed additional board members- what does this mean? She will ask on the additional board members and let us know the reasoning and to clarify.

OSBA dues are going up astronomically next year, and then for several years after. There was discussion regarding whether or not schools were required to be OSBA members? Earlyna will check in with

Ellen at PACE. After discussion, the board tabled the decision as to whether or not to join OEC until more information is available.

Shannon reminded the board that there are two trainings for board members that are required: Child Abuse on Safe Schools and Public Meeting Laws through OSBA- this is a one and half hour training available online. Katie at the ESD is creating a form for verification for the board members. Shannon said that she can give the public meetings law training in a shorter period of time if the board would like and they agreed this would be helpful.

Shannon thanked Carolyn for her help and involvement in REN and all she is doing for the science challenge this year. The board thanked Shannon for coming!

PENDING/PAID BILLS

There was discussion regarding Century Link phone being out of service for the past month. Debbie recently reported the issue. Duane is the new service tech and has an extremely large region to cover. The board discussed whether or not the school needs to have a landline? They could get a cell phone? No decision was made. Mary motioned to approve the bills as presented and Corbin seconded. AIF.

CUSTODIAN REPORT/YARD MAINTENANCE

Carolyn reported that everything is good.

INTERNAL CONTROL

Mary opened the bank statement and performed Internal Control. Checks were signed. A year-to-date financial report was also presented.

POLICY UPDATES

Mary reviewed the medications policies and there aren't many changes at all from what the current policies are. The major changes are that all language about staff avoidance of liability, etc was removed.

It may not hold up in court? This ties back to legal ordinances for timelines. After discussion, Corbin motioned to accept the new updated policies on Medications and Rene seconded. AIF.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

Carolyn is not able to get ahold of Austin and she will keep trying. Ms. K needs a new laptop. Corbin motioned to find out how much it will cost and try and fit it in this year's budget. Mary seconded. AIF. This can be discussed at the March meeting.

TEACHER REPORT

The students have been doing leatherwork; Lego clocks (three D printer) etc. The ESD (SIA) survey has been completed and all have given input, including the signage for the school/community.

There was an Integrated Guidance meeting today after school: the data doesn't mesh with the questions to answer so will need to be worked through.

Carolyn is still trying to get the sample statements for McKenny Vento for foster care. She finished the building reports and still needs to do the Civil Rights report.

There is still some money in the SELCO grant (\$300).

There is a training in Portland in April and now a Reading league in Chicago (paid for by Early Literacy grant) Sunday 20th- through Friday. Sheri will be the sub. This Friday Karla Beaubien will sub.

There was a half day January 10th that really counted for a full day instead. There have been some late starts and one snow day due to weather.

Carolyn will attend an Inservice at EOU about the Holocaust (Saturday).

This Friday is theme day on Presidents. April 11th is the Harney Tech Conference but is also a school day. Sheri could sub or school could be canceled. Corbin asked if we could trade it for another Friday? Carolyn will check on this. This is tabled until the March meeting.

Randy Felds Fire Marshal- defensible space discussion. Can the school make an appointment for an assessment? Rene says go ahead and schedule if it doesn't cost anything. Carolyn says there's no charge. What is he going to be doing? Is it confidential? Carolyn will ask and report back in March.

The students are working on Science projects; Anthony Lakes field study is coming up: BOB and the Missoula Children's Theatre are also coming up.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Things are good. Carolyn is signing up for IPM this summer.

NEW BUSINESS

The next board meeting will be March 11th at 5:00 P.M.

Shannon emailed Earlyna Carolyn's Evaluation and it was forwarded to all board members.

Carolyn checked the teacherage during the cold weather- thank you!!

Short-term rental agreement of the doublewide teacher was discussed. The Murphy's would like to rent it: they will pay for Clint to do the yard work, electricity- and the timeframe is from 3/1-3/1. Corbin motioned to rent the teacherage for the upcoming dates as discussed. Rene seconded. AIF. Mary abstained.

OLD BUSINESS

Corbin spoke with Ryan Curtis and got a bid for the metal roof screws, of \$600.00. Carolyn asked if he could also put a piece of metal flashing where it used to leak? Corbin can ask him to add this. Mary motioned accept the bid and Rene seconded. AIF. The sooner the better.

State Parks Land Update: Corbin was told that an April commission meeting should be happening and the land transfer should

be slated for a vote-then the state will get paperwork filed. Corbin will contact Lad again prior to April to remind him.

ACORN- nothing new.

New Trees discussion: outside fence option? Consider defensible space? Reach out to Matt Witzel? Carolyn can reach out to Matt and ask him for suggestions/recommendations? Are Poplars best- they have three dropping seasons so not sure? Rene asked about cottonwood trees instead? A final decision was tabled until more information.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mary and Debbie were given board candidate filing forms to complete and turn into the County Clerk.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Earlyna Hammond, Clerk