**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16, COUNTY OF HARNEY, MET AT FRENCHGLEN SCHOOL IN SAID DISTRICT, ON THE 14th day of October, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.**

**Board Present:** Nevada Miller, Corbin Hammond, Debbie Webb, Rene Villagrana and Mary Murphy.

**Others Present**: Earlyna Hammond, Clerk, Carolyn Whitney, teacher, Shannon Criss, Crystal Hussey and Eric Anderson from Harney ESD.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 P.M. Corbin motioned to approve the Agenda and September minutes as presented and Rene seconded. AIF.

**VISITORS**

Crystal was present to discuss the consortium with SIA and Early Literacy monies. Districts can apply on their own or with a hardship letter can sign back up for the consortia with the ESD for 25-27. It’s about $87k/per year. Intent to apply opened up today and will go through 12/2. Districts need to decide today and they need to submit a hardship letter. Can let Crystal know before 1:00 tomorrow. The ESD is support the rurals and their board said they will be that consortia support if needed.

Carolyn: in regard to the health and safety piece: is there still money for health and safety? Shannon- student investment account more community input/flexible and one of the buckets is health safety ($32k/yr) and the Early Literacy fund is very structured.

Carolyn- currently, we submit a proposal and they will approve or not. In the future, Shannon said that now the MOU have teeth, and they need an advisory committee. Crystal said that we always had to have a MOU, but now they have thrown in additional requirements such as: outcome strategies outlined. Designate lead agency; fiscal agent, etc.

For districts that are joining, each district is needing to sign the MOU as well as the teacher too. Advisory committee will be made up of one teacher from each school. Schools could still submit a proposal, yes.

What are the districts unmet needs? What could be done that isn’t being done?

Carolyn- at the August training, it was said that a hardship was placed on ESD staff per Shannon. How is this different now and how do we help with that? Shannon said they are adding staff such as Eric, etc. Advisory committee will meet quarterly and that will be helpful. There are some unknowns and ODE is changing personnel, etc. The ESD is the fiscal agent so they will be the ones making final decisions etc.

Carolyn thanked the ESD for their help and support. Shannon supports the rural schools- thank you. OSBA isn’t advocating for rurals right now and so they are looking for more positive ways to advocate for the little schools.

Corbin asked follow up question regarding parents receiving updates on students and how they are doing with Cheyenne? Shannon did ask her and she can’t remember what was said. Cheyenne always includes parents and teachers and summary updates whether good or bad. Shannon did ask her but can’t remember. The board would like follow up on how parents can support their students?

Discussion: the board agreed that monies should benefit all rurals and all students. Carolyn is in agreement with consortium. It will be more efficient, etc. Corbin motioned to write and send Crystal a hardship letter and ask to be included in the consortia and Rene seconded. AIF. Carolyn will send them a hardship letter. The board thanked the ESD representatives for attending the meeting and for all of their information.

**PENDING/PAID BILLS**

Bills were discussed and an invoice was added for Whit Worx for $1125.00. Clint had forgotten to charge for mowing the doublewide teacherage lawn. Mary is happy to pay it all and it was suggested to split it with the district this time? Yes that works. Mary said the rent is super reasonable so they are happy to pay etc. The district and Mary will each pay Whit Worx $387.50. Rene motioned to accept the bills as discussed and Corbin seconded. AIF.

**CUSTODIAN/YARD MAINTENANCE**

Carolyn reported that one weed eater needs serviced and one needs new parts. Zach can take them to Bend on Wednesday and Carolyn will contact him. Get an estimate to Clint on new parts and Nevada can pick it up next week.

**INTERNAL CONTROL**

No bank statement arrived. Checks were signed.

**POLICY UPDATES-**Tabled.

**TECHNOLOGY UPDATE**

Austin still needs info to load new computer for library.

**TEACHERS REPORT**

Heaters are now remote controlled and Joe Baker finished this. Cameras with motion lights are now up and Carolyn will get them working. When she requested the cameras through the SIA, they need an invoice, and Joe Baker will send the ESD their portion of the invoice to them and ours to us.

Carolyn realized that there has not been a discussion about paying Conlan for the music instruction this year. SIA can be used for this. Maybe even reimbursed for last year? The school paid $18/hr last year. Carolyn will let Earlyna know about last year if SIA needs to be invoiced. Corbin motioned to pay Conlan $18/hr and Rene seconded. AIF.

The enrollment is down to two students. There is a 4th or 5th grader that may be coming?

A Jump Starter grandparent has asked if there is anything we need for donations? Carolyn will provide them with some crafting projects.

Carolyn submitted a $2,000 grant for SELCO to refurbish our kitchen. Did lunch for Fields last week and it was great! Should hear back on the grant sometime in November.

LSP meeting at 10:00 today and Carolyn missed it- so she is going to request that they don’t have them during the school day in the future. There is the annual OSBA meeting tomorrow night in Burns. Carolyn will be going. No one else is planning on going.

Friday theme days are going well- students get excited for them.

Wednesday, they are going to Roaring Springs for a field study. See email from Ms. K. (regenerative crops, etc).

IGNITE tutoring has been going for about a month; the Speech pathologist from the ESD is coming out and the kids like him; Alpine Alarm came out and updated extinguishers etc; Harney Health came out and did hearing, etc. They had Picture day and Jennifer came out again and did another leather project.

On 9/20 there was a CPI restraint training and then Carolyn was in Vale for a REN meeting- Focus on Science. The next day, she met with rural collaborative group working on math fluency. Will get rural collaborative students together on a ZOOM session the end of October and will continue this in groups.

This Friday Carolyn is leading writing/scoring at the ESD. This will end up in the student’s folder. Rick Steber will be here next Monday evening and Tuesday. Next Friday is the end of the first quarter.

Carolyn is still working on EXIT signs.

DIVISION 22 Update: The only thing that I need to do to bring ourselves up to compliance is complete the lead in water testing. this falls under 581-022-2223 Healthy and Safe Schools. My plan is to complete the water testing by December 1st and update the information on the website as soon as the results have been returned to us. Attached you will find a copy of the report.

**SAFETY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Door locks still need done; pole broken on fence-Rene will get to it this winter.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Nov mtg- second Tuesday the 12th is fine at 5:30 P.M. Ellen from PACE will be present.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Trunk or treat will be done October 29th. State land update- Corbin stated that he was told that the district would probably not see any paperwork on the property transfer until the New Year.

ACORN update: Nevada texted Cassandra today and explained that grades need to be sent to Ms. K and a note. $500 will be added for the quarter if 3.0 grade point average- this grade point was reached.

The outdoor Frenchglen Sign is still on Hayden’s to do list and he will get us a draft and estimate and Corbin and Levi will install.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Carolyn handed out the current REN newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Earlyna Hammond, Clerk