

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 16, COUNTY OF HARNEY, MET AT FRENCHGLEN SCHOOL IN SAID DISTRICT, ON THE 9th day of April, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.**

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

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. Rene motioned to approve the Agenda. Corbin seconded and AIF. Minutes: Corbin motioned to approve as presented and Rene seconded. AIF.

**VISITORS**

Shannon from the ESD was present to discuss the Early Literacy Success Initiative. Good intent- about all students reading by third grade using evidence- based neuroscience. This grant agreement was sent out late so it will carry over into next year. Shannon is presenting this information to all rural schools and asked for Nevada to sign the document. Carolyn asked about how this would work for a preschool? This pot of funding is just K-12. Nevada signed the document and the board thanked her for coming. There was discussion regarding reading techniques and the importance of instruction of reading, phonics, etc.

The board went into Executive Session at 6:22 pursuant to ORS 192.660(2)(a). The board came back into Regular Session at 7:21. Corbin motioned to give a 4% salary increase to Ms. K for the 2024-25 school year and Debbie seconded. AIF.

**PENDING BILLS/PAID BILLS**

There was discussion and Earlyna will contact the ESD regarding asbestos invoice. Rene motioned to approve the bills as discussed and Debbie seconded. AIF.

**CUSTODIAN REPORT/YARD UPDATE**

Carolyn reported that everything is going well.

**INTERNAL CONTROL**

There was no bank statement received yet. Checks were signed.

**SITE COUNCIL REPORT**

None.

**POLICY UPDATES**

The board will hold a working session for policies on May 7 at 6:00 P.M.

## **TECHNOLOGY UPDATE**

Carolyn hasn't had time to get with Austin yet for the AutoLibrarian. Everything is going well.

## **TEACHER REPORT**

Carolyn reported that the Anthony Lakes Ski trip was wonderful!

The Science Fair held at Frenchglen was really good and the activities were great. Students did really well. The students were told to really study and practice this information ahead of time.

The Harney Tech conference is this Friday. The REN Mentoring newsletter was handed out. Ms. K finished up 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr conferences yesterday.

Carolyn sent photos of the gym heaters to Joe Baker but hasn't heard back.

This Thursday is a concert. April 18<sup>th</sup> in Fields with Ms. Caitlin. The Artist in Residence Fiddler will be the week of the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The 26<sup>th</sup> is the finale at the Elks.

Things coming up in May include the Battle of the Books; May Play Day at Crane and the Astoria field study.

Carolyn asked permission for the students to attend a half day Ag Field Study at the Experiment Station on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Corbin motioned to approve and Rene seconded. AIF.

Corbin asked for reminding on the Ms. Caitlin days? How often they are, location etc. Ms. K stated that Fields hasn't traveled here lately because of Denio students wanting to participate and they won't come to Frenchglen. Diamond School has Ms. Caitlin for only two hours each time at Diamond. There was discussion about Ms. Caitlin coming here but there aren't as many students and it's nice to have more to play with each other. Corbin would like to see more class time here at school. Carolyn stated she will work on this and see what other options there are for combining with Diamond, Fields or staying in Frenchglen. Nevada suggested going to Diamond one month, go to Fields another month and let Fields come here one month (this event happens once a month).

Ms. K traveled to Ontario last Thursday and Friday for training. She said the AI class was interesting. Sheri subbed on Thursday.

The ESD is having a design contest for the students for the TShirts for the upcoming Astoria trip.

Two students are participating in LaCrosse in Burns and the cost is \$60/per player. Can the board reimburse this? Corbin abstained. Rene motioned to reimburse \$120 and Debbie seconded. AIF.

Carolyn found a big box to put all supplies in (Narcan, etc), emergency etc. The outside Frenchglen Sign is peeling and needs redone or replaced. Nevada will check with Hayden Wester on metal sign and get a bid. Earlyna will get Carolyn ESSER III balance. There was discussion about a possible sign outside for community info/school info (digital).

Ms. K presented the draft 24-25 school calendar. There are 148 days/925 hours. Corbin asked how Carolyn feels about in class time vs field study times? There was discussion about adding more school time back in, more class time. Rene would like to see more time in class-maybe adding some of the Fridays back into the calendar. Nevada and Debbie agreed – have school every other Friday. Friday school could be cancelled if students are going to be absent. Earlyna asked about Fair week- is this still needed or are there many students involved any

more. Carolyn said this was still needed. The calendar was tabled until the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting and will be finalized then.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Playground Update: Corbin will ask Ryan Custis look at the screws in the roof. Everyone agreed the ground is too soft right now to work on the playground and will schedule it around Ryan's work schedule for as soon as the ground is better.

State Land update: Nevada got a copy of the community agreement for the maintenance of the corrals from Leon. Corbin will forward it to Judge Hart and State Parks. Corbin has talked to Ladd from the state and it seems there's a bit of confusion in communication. Ladd is looking at it now. The state mentioned having an educational aspect on ranching.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Earlyna Hammond, Clerk