



## **BANKS SCHOOL DISTRICT**

12950 NW Main St. Banks OR 97106

Administration Building

**Minutes December 14, 2020**

### **REGULAR SESSION**

#### **Meeting held via Zoom**

##### **In attendance:**

Norie Dimeo-Ediger, Chair

Ron Frame, Vice-Chairman

Dan Streblov

Will Moore

Ron Frame

Jeff Leo, Superintendent

Administrators, Staff, Patrons

### **CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE**

Norie Dimeo-Ediger called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. She said if anyone in the audience had any comments/questions to email Mr. Leo and he would respond later this week.

### **PUBLIC WELCOME/RECOGNITION**

There was no public recognition.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Ron Frame moved to approve the agenda as presented. Dan Streblov seconded. Discussion: There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS**

#### **2019-20 Audit Presentation**

Tara Kamp of Pauly, Rogers reported on the 2019-20 audit. The result of the audit is an unqualified opinion, which is a "clean" opinion with no reservations. There were no exceptions or issues concerning the state minimum standards, and there was no separate management letter issued. There were no difficulties in performing and completing the audit.

### **AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

There were no audience comments.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Board Minutes: November 9, 2020

Routine Personnel Matters

Will Moore moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Raymond Mott seconded. Discussion: There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **COVID 19 Update**

Mr. Leo said the goal of education continues to help kids succeed. The recent survey shows 80% of parents want children back in school; the staff survey was 50-50 to return to in person learning. CDL has been active now for 7 months, children continue to struggle and have challenges. Calling families to discuss the learning situation is not as effective as visiting in person. Mr. Leo said that although parents are fairly happy with what accomplishments have happened in the CDL model, they still want students back in the classrooms. Mr. Leo reported that when the holiday break ends LIPI can continue; athletics have been pushed out to February. District will follow metric guidance unless the governor changes the criteria. January will be the planning month with staff on site starting Jan. 11 with LIPI resuming. The

middle school will follow the high school with any athletics outside, no inside athletics at this time. The week of January 18-25 protocols will be put in practice for classrooms, lunchrooms, bathrooms, and entry and exit of buildings for staff and students. Proper training and safety protocols will be critical to be able to bring more students on site, with the potential to head to a hybrid setting. Mr. Leo reported there has been only a handful of students on site, with the plan to expand the numbers after break. Mr. Leo said the district will continue to allow latitude where possible for staff concerned about in-person learning.

Mr. Frame asked about students failing classes. Ms. Waite-Larkin said twice as many students have one or more failing grades over normal years. Mr. Moore asked if it seemed like students were improving or deteriorating. Ms. Waite-Larkin said the last couple of weeks have been very difficult. Mr. Pence said that mid quarter there are 120 students failing one or more classes at the high school. He said by the end of the quarter the number dropped in half. He said the reduction was due to staff interaction with students, the redo of assessments and help with technical difficulties. He said 4 weeks into the second quarter failing grades are up again, and he said he is confident they will get better. He said there are a majority of A's and F's but not many grades in the middle. Mr. Pence said families are needing social and emotional help. Mr. Frame asked if through outreach to parents, administrators have determined some of the causes of the problems. Mr. Pence said more students are working, students are procrastinating on handing in work; the school does not have cell phone numbers of most students and parents. He said OSBA has said this is a common problem statewide, and he gave kudos to the staff for continuing to reach out. Mr. Moore said his comments were not a reflection on staff efforts, he said he knew staff members are working very hard to reach out and help students. Mr. Streblow asked about the freshman and he said from the data reported they seem to be having ongoing problems. Mr. Pence said each Friday there will be a virtual meeting and greet to allow time for staff and students to get to know each other and build connections. Ms. Salter said elementary students are making progress and that the school is trying to offer more social/emotional support to students and families. The elementary is holding virtual student of the month assemblies. She said there is lots of solid learning going on.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **District Policies and Administrative Regulations**

Raymond Mott moved to approve policies as presented. Ron Frame seconded. Discussion: There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

## **BOARD COMMUNICATION**

### **Superintendent Comments**

Mr. Leo reported the Washington County Education Summit will be virtual on January 14. He said this is a full legislative session this year and preliminary budget includes 9.1 billion for the state school fund, and full funding of the Student Investment Account. He said to maintain current levels schools will need 9.5 to 9.6 billion, with some estimates as high as 10.2 billion. The special legislative session has provided liability relief to schools for COVID 19 lawsuits. More information will be provided later.

### **Board Member Comments**

Ron Frame said he hopes to see support for the 2021 graduates similar to that offered for the 2020 seniors. He said it is very important to keep safety in the forefront, and hopes to see kids back in school as soon as possible.

Raymond Mott thanked Jeff for his hard work to get students back in school.

Dan Streblow asked the staff to hang in there.

Will Moore echoed Mr. Mott and Mr. Streblow. He thanked everyone for all their work.

Norie Dimeo-Ediger echoed the appreciation of the staff.

## **ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.