

Central Curry School District 1
School Board Meeting Summary

December 16, 2020

The Central Curry School District 1 Board of Directors met on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, for its regular monthly meeting. The meeting was held via Zoom. 23 people attended the meeting.

The Board heard a presentation from Carol Samuels, Managing Director of Piper, Sandler and Company. Her presentation, "Bonds 101", provided the Board with information regarding the bond process as the Board plans for possible future considerations. The current bond with the community will be paid off in June 2023. The Board will be moving forward with conversations at a future work session.

Business Manager Kristal Carpenter provided the Board with financial reports, including an accounts payable review, budget/actuals report and general ledger cash balance. Principal Tom Denning provided updates for Riley Creek Elementary School. He shared that Advantage Dental had been on campus to provide dental services to students. The staff is preparing for a possible return to CDL by taking the HIVE concept and moving it to the school if necessary, since HIVE will be phasing out in January. Mr. Denning concluded his remarks by stating that he has submitted his letter of resignation for the purposes of retirement in June 2021. He has been the principal at Riley Creek for 22 years. Gold Beach High School principal Josh Metzger provided his update. Students have enjoyed the return to school in the hybrid model. He emphasized the point that having students in the building improves the overall academic and mental health of the students. He informed the Board that the OSAA has revised the athletic season model in reaction to the pandemic. Traditional fall sports will begin February 22; traditional spring sports will start on April 5 and traditional winter sports will begin on May 10.

Superintendent Tim Wilson reported current enrollment numbers: 440 district-wide, down 7 students from November's report; For Riley Creek – 249 in CDL and 50 in Online for a total of 299; For Gold Beach High School – 116 in CDL and 25 in Online for a total of 141. He announced the resignation of custodian Eric Gibbs and the hiring of custodian Justin Cole and route bus driver Eric Echeverria. He stated that Todd Lensing was awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Curry County Cultural Coalition for art supplies. Red Sky Roofing has been awarded the bid to replace the Riley Creek covered play area roof.

In Old Business, Mr. Wilson provided the Board with an update on the new COVID-19 metrics and the impact on the instructional model. New guidance provided today by the Oregon Department of Education allows the district to continue in the hybrid model in January even though the most recent metric is red or CDL. New criteria relate to the number of cases within a school or community as a consideration as opposed to the metric for the entire county. The Board recognized the challenge of meeting academic and social needs for students being on-campus but also dealing with the increasing amount of COVID cases in the county. The District is in constant communication with the Curry County Public Health Department for guidance as it relates to the metrics. The metrics are announced each Monday for the two-week look back. A letter will be mailed on December 18 to all parents explaining this decision.

Steve Kelley from the Oregon School Boards Association provided the Board with the results of the Qualities and Qualifications survey as an initial phase of the new superintendent search. Mr. Kelley then facilitated a conversation with the Board regarding the next steps in the selection process. The

Board took action and selected the Oregon School Boards Association as the search agent. The Board declared that the superintendent position will be vacant on July 1, 2021 and approved the search process calendar. The Board approved the desired qualities and qualifications for the new superintendent. The Board will be accepting applications through January 15 from the community and staff to serve on the application screening committee. During their January 20 meeting, the Board will appoint the screening committee who will have an active role in the selection process. It is the Board's goal to interview candidates in February and select the new superintendent prior to spring break in March.

In other action items, the Board approved the second reading of new board policies related to FMLA/OFLA Leave, COVID Leave, school counseling program, graduation exercises, equal educational opportunity and threats of violence. A new policy revision related to the reporting of sexual harassment had its first reading and will be voted on at the January 20 meeting. The Board approved the request of an unpaid leave for a District employee.

The meeting was recorded and will be available through Curry County Voices as soon as possible. Questions about the meeting can be sent to Superintendent Wilson at twilson@ccsd.k12.or.us or at (541) 247-2003, x. 224.