

Central Curry School District 1
School Board Meeting Summary

November 18, 2020

The Central Curry School District 1 Board of Directors met on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, for its regular monthly meeting. 12 people attended the meeting.

The Board recognized HIVE (Hybrid In-Person Virtual Experience) for their partnership and service to Central Curry School District students and families. ASCEND Director Karlie Wright and Brianna Wallace represented the dedicated staff to receive accolades from the Board and administration. HIVE, at its capacity, served 47 students by providing childcare, internet service and academic support. HIVE plans to continue through the end of the first semester in January.

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. After having K-5 students return on campus for two weeks under the Limited In Person Instruction model, he and his staff welcomed back all K-8 students in a hybrid model on November 16. He reviewed the AM/PM schedule and shared how exciting it has been to have students back in the building. Gold Beach High School principal Josh Metzger provided his update. Like at Riley Creek, limited numbers of students are coming on campus for academic assistance and guided instruction. He reported that the first three days of having students return in the hybrid model has gone fairly well. Students have adjusted well to the mask requirements and physical distancing requirements.

Superintendent Tim Wilson reported current enrollment numbers: 447 district wide, down 3 students from September's report; For Riley Creek – 254 in CDL and 50 in Online for a total of 304; For Gold Beach High School – 119 in CDL and 24 in Online for a total of 143. In addition, he shared that the District has been selected to be a participant in a professional development and student support program in Trauma-Informed School Systems (TISS) with the University of Oregon. He announced the resignation of high school custodian Tim Ferguson. Mr. Wilson and Ms. Carpenter have invited Carol Samuels from Piper Sandler to present information to the Board at its December meeting regarding future school bond considerations. In conclusion, Mr. Wilson submitted his letter of resignation for purposes of retirement effective June 30, 2021. Mr. Wilson has been a professional educator for forty years, the past five with Central Curry as high school principal and superintendent. With his early announcement, the Board can begin the replacement process with the goal of having a new superintendent selected in early spring.

In Old Business, Mr. Wilson provided the Board with an update on the new COVID-19 metrics that were announced on October 30 and the status for Curry County. The new metrics allowed the District to open both its schools. Rules such as allowable square footage per person in a classroom continue to be active. The decision was made to open in the hybrid model on November 16. Since then, the positivity rate in Curry County continues to rise which may impact the ability to stay in the hybrid model. The District is in constant communication with the Curry County Public Health Department for guidance as it relates to the metrics. These metrics will continue to be monitored through the Thanksgiving and winter breaks for possible changes in the instructional model.

In action items, the Board approved the second reading of new board policy ACB and ACB-AR (All Students Belong and Bias Incident Complaint Procedure). They had the first reading of the following revised policies in regard to FMLA/OFLA Leave, COVID Leave, school counseling program, graduation exercises, equal educational opportunity and threats of violence. After a second reading in December, the Board will vote to approve these policy revisions. The Board voted to support a resolution authored by OSBA on its legislative agenda for the upcoming session and support the nomination of Jackie Crook as South Coast Director for the Oregon School Boards Association. Finally, the Board agreed to begin the new superintendent search process by contracting with the Oregon School Boards Association for some preliminary work.

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.