

Central Curry School District 1
School Board Meeting Summary

September 23, 2020

The Central Curry School District 1 Board of Directors met on Wednesday, September 23, 2020, for its regular monthly meeting. For the first time since March, the Board was able to meet in-person at the Gold Beach High School Library. 18 people attended the meeting.

The Board recognized the recent donation of \$20,000 from the Southwestern Oregon Children's Foundation for the purpose of purchasing student devices. In addition, new licensed staff was introduced to the Board: Bob Cronnelly (Spanish), David Fonken (Counselor) and Darby Miller (2nd Grade).

Business Manager Kristal Carpenter provided the Board with financial reports, including an accounts payable review, budget/actuals report and general ledger cash balance. She also provided updates regarding student food service. Based on federal action on August 30, the summer meals program was extended through December 31, 2020. This means that all children ages 1-18 within the school district is eligible for free meals. The District is currently delivering meals to nearly 400 children twice a week. The administration also recommended to the Board that there will be a suspension of collecting student fees such as ASB and athletic participation for this school year.

Principal Tom Denning provided updates for Riley Creek Elementary School. Staff has connected with students at a 90% success rate. A total of 179 devices have been loaned to Riley Creek students. He complimented the work of his staff with special kudos to his office staff for their efforts on the front line of registration, technology troubleshooting and coordinating food service. His immediate goals include that every student who needs a device will get a device; Keep staff and students safe; Get students back in the building. Limited In-Person Instruction began this week with about 20 students receiving support on campus on up to two-hour blocks.

Gold Beach High School principal Josh Metzger provided an update on the beginning of the new school year. His goals for this year include: a. Social and Emotional Health: Distance learning is a challenge for both teachers and students. Working on plans for continuing connection with students. Looking for teacher morale boosters; b. Community: New staff assigned to new roles. Mrs. McGinnis returns to Student Council, Ms. Pepin takes over as Cheer coach. Looking to utilize both for community and morale boosts during CDL; c. Communication and Accountability: Increasing digital outreach via website and social media with weekly videos and updates for families and the community regarding work at GBHS.

Superintendent Tim Wilson reported current enrollment numbers: 442 district wide, down about 30 from last year; For Riley Creek – 233 in CDL and 65 in Online for a total of 308; For Gold Beach High School – 110 in CDL and 34 in Online for a total of 144. In addition, he shared about staff professional development activities, personnel actions, recent technology purchases and community partnerships with the Curry Public Library (HIVE) and Nesika Water District (internet access).

In Old Business, the Board discussed potential options for the return of students to on campus learning. Mr. Wilson reviewed the COVID-19 metrics data and the various allowances based on the data. This data is updated weekly and available to the public on the District and school websites. The principals are currently working on plans to have students return to on site learning as early as November 2, based on the metrics at the time. The Board will hear a full report at the October 21, 2020, board meeting which is two weeks prior to the possible return.

In action items, the Board had its first reading of proposed policies GBEB and JHCC regarding communicable diseases. They approved a proclamation designating October 2020 as Bullying Prevention Month. They approved a leave of absence request and adopted Edgenuity as the online learning platform for this school year. Finally, the Board approved the proposed superintendent performance goals and operating agreement between the Board and the superintendent. During individual comments, each Board member expressed their thanks for the diligent and dedicated work of the school and district staffs. The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, at 6:00 p.m.

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.