

ADEL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 11, 2024 6PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Hiatt
Terry Cahill
Jason Jaeger

STAFF PRESENT

Lane Stratton, Superintendent
Tonya Stratton, Adel Clerk
Stacey Martin, School Teacher
Gail Woolery, Preschool Teacher

PUBLIC PRESENT

None

OPENING

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by board vice chair Jason Jaeger at the Adel School in Adel, Oregon.

AGENDA

Jim Hiatt made a motion to approve the agenda with the following changes, under discussion add 7.6 May budget/board meeting date change and under action items add 8.5 approve budget/board meeting date change. Terry Cahill seconded and the motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Jim Hiatt made a motion to approve March 2024 minutes. Terry Cahill seconded and the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS

TEACHER REPORT-STACEY MARTIN

6.1 Teacher Report – Stacey Martin

- Mrs. Martin reported that our 6th grade student is collaborating in writing with a 6th student from Imnaha and it is a little awkward but it has also started off well. Both schools are using the same writing program. The intent is to open this up for whole school collaborating with both districts. State & district testing will be happening in a couple of weeks. I have got the chrome books updated and the secure browsers ready for the testing. The chicks will be going home soon. It has been a very good learning experience for our students. They are keeping a daily journal while observing chicks. Mrs. Stacey is taking the 8th graders in to town to a motivational speaker at the high school on Monday. Tonya will be taking the 8th graders on two college field trips May 3rd (COCC) and May 10th (KCC). Graduation will take place May 22nd. During. At the recent

spring professional development (writing & math collaboration) paid for by EOREN Stacey attended Thursday-Saturday. Mrs. Shine attended the evening sessions via Zoom. Robin and Stacey have been working with Yolanda the writing coach for 3 years and Yolanda is going to work with the teachers on aligning their curriculum (wit and wisdom) writing pieces. She loves our program and wants to help the teachers enrich their program. Stacey sends her the students writing samples and she helps the teachers get more out of the students. Yolanda gave kudos to the teachers regarding the structure and quality of the students writing. When Mrs. Stacey attended this training she reached out to her small eastern Oregon teachers regarding library software. We are looking for a way to track our inventory with all the older and newer books we have just received. Stacey reported that any library software is going to be really expensive. Amy Fortune came out this week and helped with fluency and phonics. The teachers collaborated with her on tips to get ready for state testing so kids are prepared. Stacey reported that the field trip is coming together and they have two chaperones lined up. They will be going to Bend/Pendleton/Umatilla/Hermiston/Walla Walla. The end of the school year BBQ is coming up.

□ **6.1 Teacher Report –Gail Woolery**

Mrs. Woolery reported that the preschoolers are enjoying their new bikes and playing outside. The themes this month will be spring where they will be going on a field trip to Bloomers to learn how to plant flowers. Then they will have a community service week and the sheriff's department will be coming out and teaching the students about their jobs and how they keep the community safe. The kids will tour the Adel ambulance and the K-9 dog will be coming out to the school and the kids will learn how the dog helps the sheriff's department. The students will wrap up with farm week and will be going to the wild horse facility. April 29th Mrs. Gail is planning to have all incoming preschoolers for the Fall attend preschool. There will be no preschool on May 8th and that will be the day of preschool graduation. Bailey Guido from Take Root will be putting on a community dinner in Adel on April 24th @ 6pm.

6.2 Maintenance Report

- Travis reported that he is going to complete the tiles in the library this weekend. He is going to break ground next week on the sprinkler system at the preschool. The clerk coordinated to bring the trencher out and will call and get a locate. Travis attended IPM training last month and learned a lot. He also repaired some lights and a toilet at the teacher house.

6.3 Principal Report (Lane Stratton)

- Mr. Stratton reported that he is waiting for the bid for the stem room still. The contractor would like to discuss some cost saving stuff in the drawings with Mr. Stratton. The Smart Lab gave us an extension for the 50% down until the end of the month. Mr. Stratton explained to them that we wouldn't be buying the curriculum if we weren't going to be building the room. Superintendent Stratton has been in contact with the High Desert ESD Stem Hub folks to help us financially with the Stem room or additional places to apply for grants.
- The statement of economic interest is due Monday.
- Discussion was had regarding the heating system at the preschool. The clerk is going to get bids from Ed Staub for a new monitor and call High Desert Electric on a heating system.

- Mr. Stratton reported that if we go five days a week we will be the only school in the county going 5 days per week.

6.4 Clerk Report (Tonya Stratton)

- The clerk reported that the 8th graders could go visit the high school at any time. We just need to let Brandi know. The clerk sent the sketch of the hall septic to Gary McCleese and hasn't heard back from him or Adam Albertson. The reason why the new tank isn't in at the elementary school is because Gary and Pardue Construction communicated and decided it would be best to wait until the dirt work is completed for the new building.

6.5 Board Reports

Jason Jaeger stated the box that was sent home from Take Root was not age appropriate. Tax dollars are not being spent wisely.

6.6 Financial Report

Mr. Stratton added that Adel's cash carry over is approximately \$360,000 which is roughly 65% of the budget with \$275,000 in the construction fund and \$80,000 in ESSER. We are funded \$11,492 ADMw. Also mentioned during discussion is that when the Stem Room is completed we could offer Stem camps in the summer time to make some revenue.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 24-25 Calendar Discussion

Mr. Stratton reviewed both calendar options. The traditional calendar and a four-day calendar. The four-day calendar would go an additional 15 minutes per day. The clerk pointed out that at the bottom of each calendar is how many school days and total hours would be for each calendar. Board chair asked if we could add a Friday to the four-day calendar for the end of the year field trip. Jim asked if an extra 15 minutes would be equivalent to all the Friday's not having school. Mr. Stratton replied that is would not equivalent. Terry Cahill asked what brought this four-day calendar up because he had missed the last meeting. Mr. Stratton replied that board chair had requested us to create a four-day calendar for an option. Mrs. Martin stated that this has been a tough year with sickness so if the kids were attending four days a week this year this would be tough. She also said she is a staff member who enjoys teaching five days a week.

7.2 Policy GCPC/GDPC Retirement of Staff

Mr. Stratton stated that we have missed this policy and we need to adopt it. Superintendent Stratton recommendation is to have a policy but allow them to retire and go with the simple version that they are also able to have their job and renewal. Their retirement does not remove their status as an employee from the district.

7.3 Transportation

We get reimbursed 90% from the State. Lane presented a diagram of where we pick up and drop off and the pros and cons of running one bus route or two bus route. The reason for the discussion is we potentially may be driving high school kids to town. Mr. Stratton shared the numbers with the board members of how much we pay families to drive to town and what the expenses would be to have a driver take them to town.

7.4 24-25 Budget Discussion

This was covered in the financial report.

7.5 Admitting Non-District Students

Mr. Stratton stated per policy we need to set a student limit for next year. Mr. Stratton has been contacted by two families who do not live in our district that would like to go to our school next year. In our policy by March 15th we should have decided how many students we would accept. Mr. Stratton said we would get that on our agenda each March from here on out. If a district refuses to release a student from their district and the student still wanted to go to our school, the options would be a tuition payment or allow them to come to school here and let ODE figure it out. Superintendent Stratton had examples of what District 7, St. Patrick's, and the Baptist church charge. He explained that we get paid for 40 students and why. The other concern of getting students who aren't released is State testing and getting the results. Discussion was had about parents/students asking permission from their home district.

7.6 May Budget/Board Meeting Date Change

May 1st was the set meeting time. There is a conflict with a conference that Mr. Stratton and board members are attending and the budget is not going to be ready. It has to be flown for so long in the paper due to AR's.

ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Approve Bills

Terry Cahill made a motion to approve the March 2024 bills. Jim Hiatt seconded and the motion carried.

8.2 Approve of Science Curriculum Adoption

Terry Cahill made a motion to approve the science curriculum discovery education of roughly \$1500.00. Jim Hiatt seconded and the motion carried.

8.3 Policy GCPC/GDPC Retirement of Staff

Jim Hiatt made a motion to approve policy GCPC/GDPC as presented. Terry Cahill seconded and the motion carried.

8.4 Approve Calendar

Jim Hiatt made a motion to approve the Five Day a week calendar for the 24-25 school year. Terry Cahill seconded and the motion carried.

8.5 Board Meeting Date Change

Jim Hiatt made a motion to change the May board/budget meeting to the 21st at 5pm. Terry Cahill seconded and the motion carried.

Adjournment

Jim Hiatt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Terry Cahill seconded and the motion carried.

Aja O'Keefe, Board Chair

Lane Stratton, Principal
