

1.0 CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

On March 8, 2021 Chairman Durringer called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the Central Linn High School's cafeteria and via Zoom.

Members Present: Jennifer Durringer, Rebekah Schneiter, Brian Tenbusch, Parker Leigh, Randy Smith, David Karo, Tony Isom

Others Present: Candace Pelt, Celeste Van Cleave, Dena Crowell, Heidi Hermansen, Joni Wixom, Kyle and Wendy Kivett, Tia Parrish, Makenna Fitzmorris, Sue Harte, Lauri Archer, Stuart Koehnen, Wendy Cortright, Shannon Edwards, Amanda Gorton, Kinsley Family, Jennifer Johnson, Hannah Schunk, Melissa Bermel, Tiffanie Colt, Jeremy Sullivan, Karsyn Sullivan and the Krueger Family

2.0 AUDIENCE COMMENTS

None

3.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 Agenda Adjustments: None

3.2 Student Body Report: ASB Officer, Makenna Fitzmorris, reported the sophomore class is holding an Easter basket fund raiser and that next week is Unity Week with a Shrek theme.

3.3 Superintendent Awards: Each month teachers nominate a student for the Superintendent Award. This month's awards were presented to: second graders Kinsley Krueger and Karsyn Sullivan.

3.4 Building Reports: Principal Hermansen reported the high school has been in a hybrid model for seven weeks and junior high for three weeks. For the first time in fifteen years, this year's educational model was ran on a trimester system; which enables to students be able to earn an additional half credit. Even though next year's model has not yet been determined, and still waiting on more guidance from ODE and OHA, the JR/SR high school will more than likely remain on a trimester educational model. The high school is looking at the possibility of utilizing outdoor settings as a classroom option. It needs to be considered that outdoor space is limited, still allows only one cohort per location, and will be limited on outlets and internet availability.

Mrs. Kivett announced the teaching rolls (Yearbook, Choir, Photography and Leadership) she is responsible for and the difficulties entailed to accommodate the requirements of distance learning. She expressed thankfulness for the ability to purchase a new camera kit for Yearbook and the ability to provide athletic photos for the community due to limited attendance mandates. Mrs. Kivett reported on the various activities the music and drama departments have offered over the past several years. She announced the music department has increased by 118+ students under the

eleven years of her employment and has become known as a safe place for at risk students.

Mr. Kivett provided a slide show presentation on this year's CLOUD program. The program helps provide individualized education to students who may be falling through the cracks. The district's mental health counselor is able to work closely with Mr. Kivett to provide assistance to CLOUD identified students.

- 3.5 **Facilities/Maintenance Report:** Joni Wixom, Facilities Supervisor, reported that after a plumbing inspection, it was discovered that tree roots have grown into the elementary's south side drainage system. Scheduled during spring break is the removal of the problematic tree. The State Boiler Inspector officially condemned the elementary boiler that heated the library and adjoining classrooms; the remaining gym boiler will soon need to be replaced as well. In addition, contractors are in the bidding process to replace the CLHS AG building heating system.

The Garland Company conducted an evaluation of the high school roof on February 25th. Their opinion is that the roof needs replaced, they do not recommend a temporary repair. A second opinion, by Tremco Roofing, is that they may be able to make repairs but will report back after conducting additional research on core samples.

All Aspects Handyman Services agreed to do miscellaneous district maintenance on an 'as-needed' basis. Restco HVAC installed ionized filters in all minisplits. The State Fire Marshall will be conducting their inspections this month. Celeste Van Cleave reported the elementary seismic rehabilitation final punch has been completed.

- 3.6 **Board Specialization:** Directors Karo and Tenbusch discussed the outcomes of February's work session; how to tackle the long-term facilities needs of the district with the community, current maintenance issues and the idea of hiring a facilities handyman. The question asked was; "Does the district seek smaller bonds or on an 'as needed' basis since past larger bonds were unsuccessful?" A community survey will be issued to gauge interests with hopes to run a successful bond campaign. A facilities advisory team was organized to provide findings and suggestions on the high school roof; they concluded the foam coating did not stop the original leaks. Lots of suggestions were given but no definitive solution offered. The district office will look at the ACC warranty contract language on the foam installation to see if there is any recourse. Director Tenbusch proceeded to mention that at the February Work Session there was discussion on the possibility of adding a maintenance man, who will take on the district's facilities contracted needs. He wished to know what the cost would be and if the budget would allow the addition. Celeste stated she will follow up on that question in her financials report.

Vice-Chair Schneider and Director Smith discussed the district's educational model. The elementary is currently a K-6, five days a week school. Considering COVID, the efforts in place and the education offered is quite remarkable compared to other districts. Director Smith provided the Board with emailed responses from Principal Hermansen on the JR/SR High educational model. Questions were based on distance learning

outcomes; gaps in achievement, how to meet accelerated learners verses those who have fallen behind, and the CLOUD program.

- 3.7 **Board Evaluation:** The Board was provided OSBA’s Board Evaluation survey summary. Of five standards, the Board evaluated themselves high on Standard 1, Code and Ethics and Standard 2, Vision. They evaluated themselves in the middle on Standard 5, Advocacy and Communication and lower on Standards 3, Structure and Standard 4, Accountability. More in depth discussion on the summary and aligning potential goals will take place at the April Board Work Session.

4.0 ACTION/BUSINESS

- 4.1 **Approve Minutes of the February Regular Board Meeting:** Director Smith moved to approve the minutes of the February Regular Board Meeting, as presented. Vice-Chair Schneiter second the motion. Motion passed 7-0.
- 4.2 **Approve Minutes of the February Work Session:** Director Tenbusch made a motion to approve the minutes of the February Work Session, as presented. Director Karo second the motion. Motion passed 7-0.
- 4.3 **Staff Acknowledgements:** The Board acknowledged the retirement of Cheryl Davidson, effective March 10, 2021.
- 4.4 **Determine District Transfers:** Chair Duringer made a motion to cap the number of inter-district transfers for the 2021-2022 school year to allow maximum grades sizes of in-person learners to: kindergarten, 50; first grade, 50; second grade, 52; third grade, 54; fourth grade, 54; fifth grade, 58; sixth grade, 58 and to cap seventh through Junior year inter-district transfers to allow maximum grade size of 60 per grade. Central Linn will not be accepting senior transfers for 2021-2022 and will consider inter-district transfers at the close of building registration. Vice-Chair Schneiter second the motion. Motion passed 7-0.
- 4.5 **Acknowledge 2021-2022 School Calendar:** The Board acknowledged postponing adoption of the 2021-2022 School Calendar until the April Regular Board Meeting.
- 4.6 **Non-Renew Temporary Staff:** Chair Duringer made a motion to non-renew temporary teacher contracts for Madeline Elliott, A.J. Rise and Mary Barnett. Director Karo second the motion. Motion passed 7-0.
- 4.7 **Approve Licensed Staff for 2021-2022:** Chair Duringer made a motion to approved licensed contracts as follows: second-year probationary contracts for Tami Lux, Shannon Edwards, Amanda Gorton (Born), Robert Cleary, AJ Rise, Mary Barnett and Miranda Leatherman; third-year probationary contracts for DeAnna Thoma, Jeana Graham, Madeline Elliott and Denise Johnson; two-year contract status for Stephanie

Roth, Courtney Cunningham and Silvia Alloway; rolling two-year contracts for remaining teaching staff. Director Karo second the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

- 4.8 **Board Policy, First Reading:** The Board acknowledged as first reading of Board Policies; IB, Freedom of Expression; KL, Public Complaint and KL-AR, Public Complaint Procedures.

5.0 REPORTS

- 5.1 **Financial:** Celeste Van Cleave reported that next month there will be a supplemental budget hearing to approve the spending of the CDL Grant and ESSER II federal receipt. The CDL Grant will be used to pay for current Chromebook leases and offset E-rate technology upgrade expenses; ESSER II funds will be used to pay off the remaining balance of previous Chromebook leases and on any allowable airflow upgrades. The district will have until September 2023 to spend the ESSER II federal receipt.

Ms. Van Cleave reported that State School Fund estimates show the district is down \$150,000 on current year's receipt compared to budget and next year's estimate is down an additional \$176,000. Factors for the decrease include decreased enrollment numbers and a bump from 80% to 70%, reimbursable transportation rate. With the drop in State School Fund, the district needs to be cautious when considering the hire of additional staff.

Student Investment Account (SIA) money for 21/22 is anticipated to be two to three times larger than the 20/21 allocation of \$183,000. Since the SIA Grant does not have supplanting restrictions, the district hopes to off load some expenditures from general fund. ESSER III federal receipt from the recently passed federal legislation is estimated to be around \$1.8 million for Central Linn and received near the end of the calendar year. This money is one time money with allowable uses for air quality improvement, technology and distance learning.

- 5.2 **Superintendent Report:** Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Candace Pelt, reported the past weeks have been busy meeting staff, listening to concerns and answering questions. She reported that staff were happy to receive their second dose of the COVID vaccination. The district experienced a positive COVID case today that crossed over both building sites; protocols were followed. Dr. Pelt, on a weekly basis is sending informational district highlights to both the staff and the Board. The Board receives a 'week' in summary Friday email and staff receives a Monday Memo. This week's staff memo included two surveys; one survey gathered input on next year's school calendar and the other survey focused on input for summer school. A family survey will be sent out this week asking about family wants and needs for this year's summer school.

The leadership team met to plan for next year. The latest state updates indicate that some items that may impact in-person instruction for next year are the number of staff that have been vaccinated by next fall and local case count. Face coverings and physical distancing will remain a long term factor for the 2021-2022 school year. Ways to increase in-person instruction: the state may increase the 100 cap cohorting restriction, using ESSER money to hire supplemental or temporary teaching staff and really exploring utilization of space.

6.0 ADJOURN

With no further business before the Board, Chair Duringer adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:12 p.m.

Dena Crowell, Board Secretary

Jennifer Duringer, Board Chairman

Date Approved

**Board meeting minutes approved on April 12, 2021.
Original minutes with signatures on file at the District Office.**