

1.0 FLAG SALUTE/ROLL CALL

On September 13, 2021 Vice Chair Karo called the meeting to order at approximately 6:32 p.m. in the Central Linn High School Cafeteria and Zoom.

Members Present: David Karo, Kirt Glenn, Suzy Parker, Parker Leigh, Tony Isom

Members Absent: Brian Tenbusch, Randy Smith

Others Present: Brian Gardner, Candace Pelt, Celeste Van Cleave, Dena Crowell, Heidi Hermansen, Wanda Davidson, Jamie Derrickson, Jenn Durringer, Adrienne Olson, Deborah Branson, Jeff Hetterle, Randy Raschein, Steve Carothers, Tia Parrish, Holly Parrish, Brye Lester, Michelle Isom, Reed Anderson, Adam Craven, Jason Curtis

2.0 AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Public comment was taken.

3.0 GOOD OF THE ORDER/COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 Agenda Adjustments: 4.2, Remove Approve Board Retreat Minutes; 4.8, Remove First Reading Acknowledgement of Board Policy IKF, Graduation Requirements

3.2 Facilities/Maintenance Report: Facilities Supervisor, Joni Wixom, reported that components of the district's phone server melted during this year's extreme summer heat. James Shannon was hired as the district's new maintenance man. Mr. Shannon has a current locksmith license, in-house certification for welding (with underwater welding experience) and has experience being an electrician's apprentice. The Seismic Rehabilitation Grant is in its engineering phase with a project kickoff meeting scheduled for September 14th. New HVAC systems are being installed in the High School's Vo-Ag building and Elementary Gyms which will provide air conditioning to both locations. The elementary stairs rebuild has been completed. Asbestos, dry rot and old heating units were removed and a new subfloor, stair treads and floor tile installed. In addition, one of the elementary's failed backflow system has been repaired.

3.3 Building Report: Principal Hermansen reported working on a new high school logo, one for which the school will own the rights. A file is being created that will hold all of Central Linn's past and present images. Principal Hermansen continued to report on graduation changes and summer school, which are reported in agenda item 3.4 and 3.5.

3.4 Graduation Changes: Due to COVID, Governor Brown made an announcement that essential skills testing in reading, writing and math is temporarily suspended. However, the number of credits required to graduate will not change. Superintendent Gardner explained that during the 2008 recession, not only did district funding get cut but conversely the state's graduation requirements increased. Oregon has more stringent graduation requirements than many states despite the suspension of essential skills and students are better educated than most states due to the graduation requirements.

3.5 Summer School Report: Principal Hermansen gave a brief summary on Credit Recovery and Arts Summer School. The goal of Credit Recovery is to allow additional time for students in grades 7-12 to get caught up in their school work. This summer 36 junior high and 43 high school students recovered school work and/or credit.

Arts Summer School was offered for children of grades 4-12 using new equipment which was purchased with grant dollars.

- 3.6 **Student Investment Account (SIA) Report:** Candace Pelt reported on the SIA which is part of the Student Success Act (SSA) and is funded by corporate activities tax. Last school year SIA was partially funded at approximately \$187,000 and this year we anticipate to be fully funded at over \$500,000. The plan, outlined in the SIA Application presented to the Board, was based on funding three targeted areas; mental and behavioral health supports and safety, increase instructional support opportunities for all learners and increase instructional and academic opportunities for all learners. Groups focused on will be on students in poverty and homeless/displaced students though the benefits will help all learners. This year, the funds will cover a Friday Enrichment Coordinator for the Elementary School, Wellness Coordinator, Mental Health Counselor, CLOUD Program Assistant, Special Education Coordinator and a Reading Consultant.

4.1 ACTION/BUSINESS

- 4.1 **Approve Minutes of the August Board Meeting:** Director Isom made a motion to approve the August Regular Board Meeting minutes, as submitted. Director Parker second the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Chairman Tenbusch and Director Smith absent for vote. Director Leigh abstained.
- 4.2 **Approve Minutes of the August 27th Special Meeting:** Director Parker made a motion to approve the August 27th Special Meeting minutes, as submitted. Director Isom second the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Chairman Tenbusch and Director Smith absent for vote.
- 4.3 **Acknowledge Staff Changes:** The Board acknowledged the hire of James Shannon, the district's maintenance position and the resignation of Angie Moote, Educational Assistant.
- 4.4 **Approve Licensed Hire:** Director Parker made a motion to approve the hire of Sarah Curtis, High School Special Education Teacher, on a temporary contract. Director Isom second the motion. Motion Passed 5-0. Chairman Tenbusch and Director Smith absent for vote.
- 4.5 **Acknowledge Revised School Calendar:** The Board acknowledged the revised school calendar which removes trimester grading periods and replaces with semester grading periods.
- 4.6 **Adopt Resolution:** The Board was presented with a drafted resolution, which was written by Candace Pelt and read aloud to the audience, which supports local control versus state mandates. Vice Chair Karo made a motion to adopt the Resolution, as presented. Director Isom second the motion. Motion Passed 5-0. Chairman Tenbusch and Director Smith absent for vote.
- 4.7 **Adopt Board Policy:** Vice Chairman Karo made a motion to adopt Board Policies DJ, District Purchasing and IIBGA, Electronic Communications Systems. Director Isom second the motion. Motion Passed 5-0. Chairman Tenbusch and Director Smith absent for vote.

5.0 REPORTS

5.1 **Superintendent:** Superintendent Gardner announced at the October 11th Board Meeting he would like to dedicate the Elementary Library to former board member and student advocate, George Frasier. Mr. Frasier spent a great deal of time in the library helping Librarian, Karen Smith. Superintendent Gardner asked those who knew Mr. Frasier to help provide input on a resolution which will honor Mr. Frasier at the October Board Meeting.

Assistant Superintendent, Candace Pelt, reported elementary enrollment is at 246. Enrollment is similar to where the elementary ended last school year though is still down about fifty students from enrollment numbers two years ago. Jr/Sr High enrollment has maintained and is currently at 337. School is starting in-person, which has been a huge focus of leadership throughout the summer. 7-12th have started many classes outside, without masks. Elementary is starting classroom rotations, allowing outdoor mask breaks in designated tents. Next week, literacy rotations will start in the tents, allowing for masks to be removed.

We experienced significant internet delays the first week of school along with a server going down. ESD support was contacted to help problem solve the issues. The entire system will need to be restructured. We're talking to the ESD and asking other district on recommendations for options and potentially move away from an old hardline server model to a web based system.

Assistant Superintendent Pelt invited Board members to walk with James Shannon and herself to create some short term and long term facilities plans and look for what items/projects that need to take care of immediately and what can be delayed when structuring a bond; she would like the Board's input.

Assistant Superintendent Pelt continued by talking about questions being asked on where she stands on some current issues. She shared that she is welcome to meetings, questions and conversations to answer any questions the community, staff or Board may have. She announced she stands behind students 100% and has never done anything professionally that she is ashamed of. Assistant Superintendent Pelt reminded us all that a snapshot/online picture does not tell a complete story and if anyone has questions, to come and ask their questions. All are welcome.

6.0 ADJOURN

With no further business before the Board, Vice Chair Karo adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Dena Crowell, Board Secretary

Brian Tenbusch, Board Chairman

Date Approved

Board meeting minutes approved on October 11, 2021.
Original minutes with signatures on file at the District Office.