REVISED

MINUTES

SKAMANIA SCHOOL DISTRICT #2

School Board Meeting September 20, 2021

6:30 - 8:30 PM Library

PRESENT: Board members: Angus Anderson, Beth DeSimone, Leslie Robb,

Absent: Brenda Bush, Bob Holland

Superintendent/Board Secretary: Dr. Ralph Pruitt

Visitor: Keith Bloom, ESD 112

Jeremy Silver Donald Collins Bill Fosburg Cherri Locke Emilly Hopple Shelly Carlton

1. REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD

Angus Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

- a. Flag salute
- b. Reading and approval of minutes

Minutes from the regular meeting on <u>August 16, 2021</u> board meeting were presented.

<u>Leslie</u> moved to accept the minutes, <u>Beth</u> seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

2. CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Timber harvest update.

The loggers should be done shipping logs this week. They are going to add some smaller rock to the road to allow passage by passenger vehicles and easier walking for the kids. We'll get the accounting complete for the project as the final loads are paid for by the mills over the next couple weeks.

The gate will be installed soon. Reforestation occurs February-April depending on weather and the timing of seedling availability,

The only other thing that the board will need to decide is if they would like the landing piles to be burned. The piles on the school's property are relatively small and will not reduce the planting area significantly. Not all landowners choose to burn as it is an added expense and is not critical to the reforestation, though it does make the site cleaner. If you are interested it may be that only the piles close to the road are burnt and those out in the unit are left for wildlife habitat.

The board would like more information about burning such as cost, timeline and fire safety.

b. Modernization grant update.

Keith Bloom shared the progress of the modernization project. It is 99% finished. Supply chain delays have impacted completion timelines.

- c. Health and Safety: The superintendent shared updates on the following:
 - i. County COVID rates
 - ii. Coronavirus (COVID-19) update (1 staff member and 1 student out with + COVID, 4 students out due to quarantine, 2+ waiting on test results. (see district webpage)

The superintendent noted that he shared the staff religious accommodation process in the weekly note to the board.

- iii. Contingency planning The superintendent shared the following plans
 - 1. Internal subbing coverage
 - 2. Learn to Return program

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Personnel

Cook - Serena Glaeser
Reading Corp contracted - Carol Kelly
Counselor - Mental health therapist - Christopher Selcer ESD 112 contracted

a. ESD 112 will be putting in place a contract for 50% of Christopher's time for \$42,000. We also have a contract in place for \$15k per year contribution for the other half of his position. The first payment for that contract is not due until December. If your enrollments put the district at a place of hardship to pay this contribution, you are to let me know and we will waive that payment and work with the district every year on your ability to pay.

A motion was made by <u>Beth</u> to approve the recommended new hires listed above were seconded by <u>Leslie</u> and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Minimum Basic Education and Continuity of Operation Plan. The requirements and our implementation plan was shared.

8. BOARD MEMBERS - OTHER TOPICS

- a. Community outreach update and discussion
- b. Board Workshop Sep 27, 2021 @ 6:30 PM
- c. Board elections and openings

Mr. Anderson filed for Position No.1, Brenda Bush filed for Position No. 3, and Mr. Holland filed for Position No. 5. Election day is November 2nd, and the election is certified on November 23rd.

Dr. Pruitt will call the election office and check legal advice regarding Bob Holland's pending resignation.

9. ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING

a. The regular board meeting was adjourned by <u>Angus</u> at <u>7:20 P.M.</u>

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION: (if needed)

Personnel

Respectfully submitted,

Board Chair, Thy Crede

Board Secretary,