

**Regular School Board Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**4/26/2021**

**Present:** Bill Correll, Anita Waller, Jim Adams, Alan Key, Alain Black, Timothy Payne & Debbie Cook.

**Present online:** Ken Murray, Donna Nelson, Jane Smith, Kelly Clear, Melissa, Pam Cleveringa, Sara Hausken, Shannon Dahl & Shellie Hansen.

**Audience:** Sharon Scellick, Frank Cardwell, Sarah Vasquez, Sarah Morford, Randy Bracht, Jerry & Karin Buchmann Family, Phil Stadelman, Louie & Wanda Raap, Garth Dano, Peter & Lee Er Phua-Sharp & Family, Travis & Amanda Wiser, Antonio & Ali Mantese & Family, Todd & Ericka Johnson, Mike & Jessica Fleurkens, Joseph & Stephanie Arar Family, Vicki McNamara and Nikki Block.

**1. Call to Order**

Director Correll called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**2. Flag Salute**

Director Correll asked all present to stand for the flag salute.

**3. Changes or Additions to the Agenda**

Director Key made the motion to add the resignation of Bianca Navarro Camacho to the consent agenda. Director Black seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**4. Action Items**

**a. Consent Agenda**

Director Black made the motion to approve the consent agenda. Director Key seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

- i. **Approve Minutes from March 22, 2021**
- ii. **Hires**

1. Patrick Mitchell, Assistant High School Baseball Coach
2. John Sandberg, 1.0 fte High School Business CTE Teacher beginning 2021/22 school year
3. Sarah Morford, .5 fte Communications Officer beginning May 3, 2021

iii. **Superintendent Accepted Resignations/Retirements**

1. Carol Tveit, Bus Monitor effective 4/15/21, accepted 3/23/21
2. Laura Hector, Food Service effective 4/23/21, accepted 3/25/21
3. Rosibel Davila, Para at Columbia Ridge, effective 6/30/21, accepted 3/26/21
4. Heidi Burns, High School Girls' Golf Coach, effective end of 2020/21 season, accepted 4/12/21

- iv. **Payroll & Accounts Payable**
- v. **Resolution 2020-2021-7 Emergency Waiver of High School Credits**
- vi. **Summer Sports/Club Activities**
- vii. **Second Reading Policy/Procedure**

b. **Jerry Simon Memorial Scholarship 2020/21 Award**

Superintendent Payne reported that Dan Martell, Debbie Cook & Aaron Cummings met to review the Bylaws of the Jerry Simon Scholarship fund and are recommending the board to approve a \$1,000 scholarship for a 2021 graduate. Director Waller made a motion to approve a \$1,000 scholarship for the 2021 graduate(s) seeking a VOC Ag degree or certification. Director Black seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

c. **Approve Quote for Middle School Furniture Purchased with Middle School CTE Funds**

Sarah Vasquez, CTE Director, stated she had obtained 3 quotes for Middle School CTE furniture. This furniture will be paid with CTE funds. Sarah is requesting approval to purchase the furniture from Fischer Scientific for \$19,855.73. Director Key made a motion to approve the purchase of furniture from Fischer Scientific. Director Black seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

d. **Tech Purchase of 500 Chromebooks**

Sarah Vasquez, Tech Director, presented on the need to replace 20-25% of our chromebooks annually. Chromebooks typically have a 4-5 year life and have been hard to get. Sarah obtained

3 quotes, and recommends the lowest quote from Troxell which is through the WSIPC Purchasing Co-op for \$144,035. Director Waller made a motion to approve the Chromebook purchase for \$144,035. Director Key seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**e. Video Wall Purchase for Ephrata Middle School**

Sarah Vasquez, CTE Director, presented on her request to purchase a video wall for the Middle School. She obtained three quotes for a new middle school video wall similar to the high school. Neither the NW Video wall quote or Huppins quote include commons input, with switcher and transmitter. Dimensional Communications is a known quantity because they installed the video wall at the high school. Dimensional has also provided reliable support for the past few years on the high school video wall. Going with the same vendor will provide consistency in training and troubleshooting. Because of these reasons, Sarah recommended the district proceed with Dimensional Communications to install the MS video wall in the new commons area. This will be paid for by CTE funds to support the leadership and learning opportunities in the new CTE photojournalism class at the middle school. Director Adams made a motion to approve the purchase of the video wall from Dimensional Communications. Director Black seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**f. Approval for High School CTE Lab Tables**

Sarah Vasquez, CTE Director, presented on her request to purchase High School CTE lab tables. Sarah received three quotes and was recommending we go with ACP Direct which was the lowest quote. Director Key made a motion to purchase the HS CTE lab tables through ACP Direct. Director Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**g. Technology Surplus and Recycling**

Sarah Vasquez, Tech Director, presented her list of surplus property that are extremely old or in need of repair and it would cost more to repair and prepare for sale than the district can recoup through sale of the item. We request that these items be marked surplus and sent directly to recycling. Director Key made a motion to approve the surplus property list presented be sent for recycling. Director Adams seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous, motion carried.

**5. Hearing of Individuals/Groups**

Phil Stadelman spoke to the board regarding the need for students to come back to school fulltime. He felt there are more positives than negative for coming back to school fulltime. Phil wanted a response from each Director if they fully support or have a plan for going back to

school fulltime. Bill responded we hope that is the case. Alain stated she felt the same as Phil until she realized if a student was determined to have COVID there would be an increase in students being quarantined. She asked her kids and they stated they would rather go to school half days and have remote learning than have to be quarantined because the 6-foot social distancing is still a requirement and not be able to have extra-curricular events. Phil stated he would like to see the board have public input if the decision is to do something other than fulltime school in September.

Antonio Mantese reported on COVID facts, cases and deaths due to COVID and stated this pandemic has little effect on children and stated he felt students should be able to come to school without masks being required.

Todd Johnson stated he agrees with Antonio and the District needs to stop requiring masks of our children.

Ali Mantese stated she has been Kinder teacher at Grant for the last 4 years and loves her job and her students. She stated this last year has been very difficult and mostly due to the mask requirement. Ali reported on how the mask requirement impacts her and her students; some students are soft spoken and the masks limits your or other children's ability to hear them, you can't see their emotions, they can't see your face when you are teaching them sounds, in addition, they are filthy because they continually touch them, sneeze in them, chew on them, etc.

Stephanie Arar stated she is a family physician and doesn't agree with everything that comes out in regards to COVID. Studies show that masks don't work. The microscopic germs on the masks are for worse. Students are getting less oxygen and more carbon dioxide due to mask wearing. She is requesting the District to do away with the mask requirement.

Lee Er Phua-Sharp stated word is out that the mask mandate may continue. If you believe masks protect you – you should wear a mask. If you are scared about COVID you should get the vaccine. Student suicide rates have increased. It is not in the best interest of the students to wear a mask.

a. **Correspondence**

b. **Budget Report**

Debbie Cook, Finance Director reported Grant County Treasurer had made changes to January and February so she submitted revised reports for those months. In addition, she reviewed the March 2021 District Financial Report.

**c. Legislative Update**

Anita Waller stated the legislature has adopted the 2021-2023 Operating Budget on Sunday 4.25.21.

**6. Adjournment**

Director Correll stated they would be going into a Closed Executive Session to discuss personnel and that no action would be taken. He adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

**7. Closed Session**

Session started at 7:30 pm and adjourned at 8:30 pm.

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Director Correll, Board President

Timothy A Payne, Secretary to the Board