Yoncalla School District
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2024
292 5th Street
Yoncalla School Board Meeting Room
Yoncalla, OR 97499

Due to serious inclement weather, Facebook live was not available for this meeting.

School Board Email: ysd.schoolboard@yoncalla.k12.or.us

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	ADMINISTRATION PRESENT	
Cathey Grimes, Chair	Brian Berry	Kelly Cook
Della Orcutt, Board Chair	Erin Helgren	Cody Reed-Absent
Fawn Sybrant-Absent	Chelsea Ross	Laurie Simleness
Lisa Frasieur	Megan Barber	
Twila McDonald		

6:00 PM **CALL TO ORDER.** Chair Grimes called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. In addition to families, students and staff, Madison Kokos, Aaron, Mike and Cory Malone were present.

I. **AWARDS, RECOGNITION AND CORRESPONDANCE.** Student of the Month Awards were presented Tori Noffsinger, Bethany "Hope" Meza, Aaron Malone, Paisley Swesso, Ethan Graham.

PUBLIC FORUM

II. **The public is invited to attend board meetings, and will be given a limited time of 3 (three) minutes per person to voice any opinions or problems, except that public or board criticism of personnel of the district will be heard only in executive session. Such items should be brought to the attention of the at superintendent at least 5 (five) business days prior to the board meeting. Public Forum will be limited to 30 minutes.** None.

III. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA.** None.

IV. **AUDIT REPORT.** The 2022-2023 Audit Report was presented by Kelsey Pardon of Neuner, Davidson & Cooley LLC. Ms. Pardon was pleased to report that once again Yoncalla School District has received an "Unmodified Opinion" which is the best rating an audit can receive. Also noted that in the audit was that the district continues to see the benefit of its procedures for a more conservative cost containment which allowed the district to maintain staffing levels in spite of rising health care costs, increases established through the collective bargaining process and increases in transportation. The district also continues to maximize the General fund ending Fund Balance to meet its facility needs and future increase in costs.

V. **CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes of Board Meeting, November 16 and December 13, 2023 Board Meetings
B. Accounts Payable/Funding Update

Director Frasieur made a motion to approve the consent agenda, Director McDonald seconded, passed unanimously.

VI. **DISCUSSION ITEM.**

A. OASTL Correspondence. Superintendent Berry discussed the invitation to a lawsuit filed by Oregon Advocates for School Trust Lands. Due to the state considering new legislation to improve school funding, the board did not take any action on this invitation.

VII. **REPORTS**

A. High School Principal Report-Chelsea Ross
B. Elementary Principal Report-Erin Helgren
C. Preschool Report- Megan Barber
D. YEPs, Booster Club Reports-Madison Kokos

E. Financial Report- Kelly Cook
F. Superintendent Report-Brian Berry

VIII. PRESENTATION. Early Learning Report. Erin Helgren shared information with the board and guests about the Early Learning Literacy Plan. She discussed the Early Literacy Success District Grants, as well as impact this grant would have on increasing student literacy by boosting and enhancing the district's ability to deliver high-quality literacy instruction and interventions. Ms. Helgren shared the allowable uses of the grants, as well as the Early Literacy plan's three strategies, and also answered questions from the board members

IX. ACTION ITEMS.

A. Action Item A, Consider for Approval 2023 Clean School Bus (CSB) Rebates Program in partnership with MidColumbia Bus Company. Director Orcutt made a motion to approve, Director McDonald seconded, passed unanimously.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Future dates of importance
    - Next Board meeting, February 15, 2024

XI. OTHER BUSINESS. None.

XII. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION. At 7:20 pm. Director Frasieur made a motion to recess to Executive Session, under ORS 192.660 (2)(b), to consider the dismissal or disciplining of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or agent, unless he or she requests on open meeting, Director McDonald seconded, passed unanimously.

XII RECONVENE AND ADJOURN. Director Frasieur made a motion to reconvene, passed unanimously, Director McDonald made a motion to adjourn, passed unanimously, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM