**MEETING OF THE SCHOOL DIRECTORS**

**KLICKITAT SCHOOL DISTRICT #402**

*Klickitat Community Center – Board Meeting Room*

*Wednesday 3/22/2023 at 6:30 P.M.*

*Minutes*

1. CALL TO ORDER by Chairperson Traci Kessinger @ 6:30
2. ROLL CALL
   1. Board Members Present: All present
3. COMMUNICATIONS
   1. Board of Directors: None at this point
   2. Community and Staff : Elementary staff talked about the happenings coming up, Support Staff Brunch, go to Portland and go to Children Theatre, End of the year Elementary play, and Poetry Night. The Pirate Carnival with the PTO was a success.
4. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda is designed to expedite items routine in nature that do not require public discussion by the Board and/or staff. Board members of the public in attendance wishing any item(s) deleted from or added to the Consent Agenda shall so indicate at the time the meeting agenda is adopted.

1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes from February 22, 2023
2. Financial status reflecting ending cash, investments, and adjustments as of March 9, 2023
3. Request to approve March 2023 warrants, vouchers, and payroll.

Brandon moved to accept the Consent Agenda items, Kenny second it, motion passed

1. REPORTS AND DISCUSSION
   1. Superintendent Report, Kendrick Lester :PUD will be meeting at the community center and check for any leaks in the water system.

2023 Small Schools Conference was good to attend, nice to here that schools with 200 or less have the same issues as us like attendance, befavior, and mental health issues lacking support.

Many small rural districts considering 4 day school weeks. In our county Bickleton does it, Wishram is considering it.

Pros-enhanced forcus on classroom time, increased student and staff attendance, some reduced costs, more targeted interventions, mutual staff and community appeal.

Cons- difficult approvals from OSPI, longer school day can be a struggle for younger students.

Districts struggling with hiring teachers, counselors, nurses, sped education staff and support staff.

Many schools lacking enrollment, kids not returning and/or pursuing homeschool or online.

Wahkiakum Lawsuit

* Supreme Court Hearing was held last Tuesday 3/14
* Was not held in supreme court building because that building in closed for much needed safety and accessibility issues for the wellbeing of staff and patrons – HVAC, ventilation, electrical, fixtures etc
* Attorney feels argument went well but could go either way
* Estimate courts decision to come out around October 2023
* Hinges on courts interpretation of if state is obligated or not to support school facilities as a location to provide constitutionally required public education

Legislative Updates

* House and Senate very far apart on education issues and funding
* Continued push for special education funding and hope to maintain adequate funding of basic education
* State and WEA separate on teacher funding, wanting more than proposed 3.7% IPD
* Many critical funding issues on the horizon; we are not alone in staffing increases eating our fund balances
* State superintendent refers to as perfect storm with districts just now feeling impacts of covid
* Losing federal support dollars
* Rising inflation
* Lagging state revenue
* Staffing and material service costs skyrocketing
* Enrollments down

We had a few teams make it to State for National History Day. Shelby Lester, Oriona Atchley, Sadie Draper, Eann Robinson, Griffen Bryan.

* 1. Principal Report, Justin Draper: No Report
  2. Activities Report, Yvette Schultz:Co-Op meeting on April 6th @ 5:30 @ the Klickitat CC

1. OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION
   1. Klickitat School Board Alignment
      1. Needs for Klickitat County 2023 General Election: Kenny, Rachel, and Brandon will need to file for their position between May 15-19th.
      2. No new applications for Position #5 Vacancy:None
   2. Athletic Track Project Bell Design will take the lead. Where are we in the 6 lane ground break?
   3. Electric Sign Project : Kendrick handed out Hage Electric bid and still waiting for Hire Electric’s bid.
   4. Senior Class Activities Class of 2023 and beyond : Senior class has about $5500.00 for senior trip + they have Trivia and Pirate Carnival to still receive. Their trip should be around 1000.00 per kid and there is 5 seniors going.
   5. Next steps for School Principal Role heading into the 23-24 school year (Discussion & Action)
      1. Board will determine if a new job posting is put forth as “Principal” or in some other role capacity:Boards dicision to hire a Principal or other role to replace it. Supt. would have to take on some roles
2. NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION AND ACTION
   1. Klickitat School District accounts with Umpqua Bank (Action)
      1. Remove authorized account signers:
         1. Brian Freeman
         2. Tammie Hewie
      2. Add authorized account signers:
         1. Deborah Ringhoffer
         2. Kendrick Lester

Kenny Templeton made motion to approve these changes, Rachel Bryan second the motion, motion approved

* 1. Financial status reflecting ending cash, investments, and adjustments as of

January 23, 2023: *during Consent agenda*

* + 1. General Fund: $1,407,795.43
    2. Associated Student Body Fund: $38,682.42
    3. Transportation Vehicle Fund: $103,907.25
    4. Capital Projects Fund: $852.67
  1. Request to approve February 2023 warrants, vouchers, and payroll: *:during Consent agenda*
     1. General Fund as paid February 28, 2023: $21,017.87
     2. General Fund as paid February 28, 2023: $869.21
     3. General Fund as paid March 8, 2023: $19.56 (VOID; Duplicate Payment)
     4. General Fund as paid March 13, 2023: $39,858.57
     5. ASB Fund as paid February 28, 2023: $199.58
     6. ASB Fund as paid March 13, 2023: $522.63
     7. Payroll to be dispersed March 31, 2023: $166,423.11 (total includes benefits)

1. PERSONNEL ACTION,
   1. Principal Draper
      1. Personal Leave of Absence Request (Discussion & Action)

Adjourn for Executive session @ 7:10, Back @ 7:21

Kenny made motion to accept, Bandon second it, motion passed

1. ADJOURNMENT
   1. Meeting adjourned at :7:24

Next Regular Meeting: April 26, 2023

Board Work Session: April 12, 2023

**Approved at Regular Board Meeting 4/26/2023**

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