

Harrisburg School District No. 7

P.O. Box 208
Harrisburg, OR 97446
Regular Board Meeting
October 8, 2018

Present: Board Chair Terry Crabb, Board Vice-Chair Justin Thomas, Wayne Swango, Josh Johnson, Jason Carothers, Superintendent Bryan Starr, Business Manager Melanie Neece, Recording Secretary Michele McRae

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Board Vice-Chairman Justin Thomas called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. **OPEN SESSION:** Board Vice-Chairman Justin Thomas declared the meeting to be in open session at 6:30 p.m.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Josh Johnson motioned, seconded by Wayne Swango, approved unanimously by the Board: *approve the agenda as presented.*
4. **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Josh Johnson motioned, seconded by Wayne Swango, approved unanimously by the Board: *approve the consent agenda as presented.*
 - A. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2018
 - B. APPROVE FOR HIRE: Steven Ray, HMS Teacher; Mo Pierson, ES&MS Library Supervisor
 - C. RESIGNATIONS: Lindsay Harmon, HSD Kitchen Server; Ethadee Brent ES&MS Library Supervisor
 - D. CHECK LISTING
5. **WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND DELEGATIONS**
 - A. STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: Austin Guiley from Harrisburg Elementary School, Terek Logan from Harrisburg Middle School and Jared Chaney from Harrisburg High School were each honored for their dedication to academics and good citizenship.
 - B. LEADERSHIP REPORT: Mary Vernachio presented the Leadership report. She said that Ms. Koontz is the new Leadership advisor. Mary also reported that the Linn County Sheriff will be leading the noise parade on Homecoming Day. They will be collecting cans and bottles during Homecoming for fundraising.
 - C. GUS GYDE: ANNUAL BAND TRIP APPROVAL: Band teacher Gus Gyde presented his plan for this year's band trip. They will go to Six Flags to play their instruments, go to the Jelly Belly factory and take a tour through Alcatraz. He let everyone know that the student's safety is the utmost priority. All of the Board members expressed their gratefulness to Gus for doing this for the students every year. Wayne Swango moved, seconded by Justin Thomas, approved unanimously by the Board: approve Gus Gyde's band trip as presented in the Board packet.
6. **GRANT:**
 - A. SELCO REAL CARE BABY PARENTING PROJECT: Stephanie Sather, Harrisburg High School health teacher, submitted a grant to Selco Credit Union for the Real Care Baby Parenting Project. The details were included in the Board packet. Josh Johnson moved, seconded by Justin Thomas, approved unanimously by the Board: approve the Selco grant proposal as presented.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** There were no questions or comments.
8. **BUILDING PRINCIPALS REPORTS**
 - A. HIGH SCHOOL: High School Principal Josh Stauber reported that it is homecoming week, and invited the Board members to chaperone the dance. Academically, PRE-SAT test is schedule for October 24th. Perfect attendance is being tracked. Smarter Balanced testing for juniors is coming up. Josh said that generally, the students who opt out of the test are the ones who score better, so they would like to replace that test, so that data will be more accurate. Josh Johnson asked who would be running the bonfire. Josh Stauber said that it will be the fire department.

- B. MIDDLE SCHOOL: Middle School Principal Darci Stuller reported that the middle school just hired a middle school teacher. She said that he is an HHS graduate, and he has AVID experience. She said that they just started their anti-bullying initiative to help make sure that everyone feels safe. 98 students had perfect attendance in September. She passed out graphs, one of which showed that the middle school is 1% above the state average which is a dramatic improvement. Josh Johnson asked the reason why the math scores were so low. Darci said it is because we did not have an algebra class for one year. She said that the rigor has been raised beginning in kindergarten. Josh asked if we are offering the same math that other schools are offering. Darci said that we have to. Justin asked if there is anything we do to reach out to parents to encourage them to help students with their homework. He added that he doesn't think scores will go up unless there is parent support. Josh Stauber said that the reason the MAPS testing was brought in was so that we can track students throughout their school career. Darci said that they are seeing the growth in the students, but she echoed what Josh Stauber said: the high achieving students are opting out of testing. Josh Johnson asked if we should even look at state test results if so many students are opting out because he would prefer to see all of the facts. Superintendent Starr said that it is in our Strategic Plan. Terry said that he would like to know the percentage of students who are opting out.
- C. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: Elementary School Principal Darrick Bruns reported that attendance for September was at 95%, and 242 students had perfect attendance which is 76% of the elementary school student body. Enrollment is at 376 which is about 10 students lower than last year. Oregon Battle of the Books is in full swing. He said that Shawn Hill has been doing a great job with the club. He said that this will really help students with their reading and writing scores and encourage students to have a love of reading. Back to school week was last week. Doughnuts with Dad's devoured 1200 doughnut holes. Muffins with Mom's macerated 180 Costco muffins. Darrick made a video of students explaining AVID. He said the students did a great job explaining where they want to go to college and what they want to do for a living. All classroom teachers are integrating AVID strategies. He said that students are writing more than they ever have. About 100 families attended AVID night. The evening had drawings, prizes, and a meal for teachers. Now they are focusing on kindness and anti-bullying. Darrick passed out the test scores. He feels like the report card is not representative of their true work. He said that when you dive deeper into the report, the 5th grade achieved 57%, which is well above the 51% state average. He said that this is the first year that students have taken the test. He said that all of the scores are around the state average. He said that the big push in education now is around economically disadvantaged students. He said that there was an 8% growth in our economically disadvantaged students. Darrick feels that the growth data is more important than the achievement data because it will paint a really good picture on what's going on in grades 3-5. Terry asked if these report cards are available to students. Darci said that individual student report cards should be available for conferences. Darrick added that students only have one opportunity to take this test as opposed to the OAKS, where students had three chances to take the test. Darci pointed out that if a student was having a bad day or wasn't feeling well, that's that only chance they have to take the test.

9. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORTS

- A. FINANCIAL REPORT: Business Manager Melanie Neece reported that Josh Johnson was interested in learning how to read the financial reports, so Melanie offered to have a work session to go over the report. Terry asked if the Board would be interested. The consensus of the Board was that yes, they were interested in having a work session, so they would schedule one. Wayne asked what the Whole Earth Nature School was. Darci said that it is outdoor school and it is grant funded. Jason asked if pay to play money is eventually moved to athletics. Melanie said no. Terry said that the money goes into the general fund. Melanie explained that the monies offset the expenses. There were no other questions or comments about the financial reports.

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- A. **BOND UPDATE:** Todd Smith said that the consultants have been busy working on the Feasibility Study. Todd, Bob and the architects met with Elin Shepard of the Oregon Energy Trust to consider if and how ETO could provide incentives. A meeting of the track project users is scheduled for Tuesday. A Request for Quotes has been sent to four survey companies and October 23 is the deadline for submitting quotes. Todd, Bryan Starr, the architects, and mechanical and electrical engineers were onsite to look at the condition of the schools. They discovered four new, previously undetected deficiencies that must be addressed: galvanized piping in the elementary school, unusable fire alarm system in all schools, worn out cooling towers and inadequate and inefficient building automation system.

The Board expressed concern about the amount of money being spent on architects before a shovel will even be put in the dirt. Justin said that an architect wasn't needed for a new imaging room at his firm because the documents for the room had been done before. So, could we save money by reusing documents for a project like the warehouse? Josh Johnson asked a similar question. Todd said that perhaps on the storage building, but they still needed drawings to submit to the county. Todd said that this will be a question for the CMGC interviews. Jason said that he thinks that there is a big difference between the public and private sector.

Bob said that if they wanted to talk to the architect, it might help alleviate some of their concerns. Terry summarized by saying that they want the best that they can get with the money from the bond. Bob assured everyone that they are trying to be as frugal as they can be. He also reminded the Board that they need to remember that inflation will be a factor.


Three CMGC's submitted proposals. All three firms were interviewed, and their references were checked. The selection committee recommended the Board hire the firm of GBC Construction to provide CMGC services. Background checks of all on-site workers will take place.

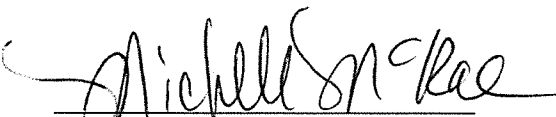
Todd said that on the seismic project, they will have to do some rebar testing and asbestos abatement since we are in the public sector. Todd assured everyone that they are taking a critical look at everything, and they do push back on items, but they don't see that in the background.

Wayne asked if the architect's fee was a set fee. Todd said yes, it is a percentage of the construction costs, not of the bond. The Board thanked Bob and Todd for walking them through this process. Todd thanked the admin team for the time they are giving for more meetings.

- B. **SURPLUS FURNITURE AND SUPPLIES:** There are many items in the district that need to be declared as surplus before they can be discarded. Josh Johnson moved, seconded by Justin Thomas, approved unanimously by the Board: declare the miscellaneous furniture and other items as surplus.
- C. **CELEBRATIONS:** Alex Allen organized the curriculum day and did a great job! Superintendent Starr received a compliment from a staff member from another school about our principals working side by side in trainings with the teachers. He said that he has never seen this happen in the past.
- D. **BOARD COMMENTS:** There were no comments.

11. **ADJOURN:** Terry Crabb adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.


Terry Crabb, Board Chairman


Michele McRae, Recording Secretary