

ADEL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 14, 2024 6PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Hiatt
Aja O'Keefe
Jason Jaeger

STAFF PRESENT

Lane Stratton, Superintendent
Tonya Stratton, Adel Clerk
Stacey Martin, School Teacher
Gail Woolery, Preschool Teacher

PUBLIC PRESENT

None

OPENING

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by board chair Aja O'Keefe at the Adel School in Adel, Oregon.

AGENDA

Jason Jaeger made a motion to approve the agenda. Jim Hiatt seconded and the motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Jim Hiatt made a motion to approve February 2024 minutes. Jason Jaeger seconded and the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS

TEACHER REPORT-STACEY MARTIN

6.1 Teacher Report – Stacey Martin

- Mrs. Martin updated the board on what the students have been learning. Students are making great advances in math, in ELA students are summarizing what they are reading and going hard with vocabulary and in science students are learning about cells/cellular respiration/cell division and currently are hatching eggs. Yesterday students did a lab on cellular respiration and made bread. Students also just started playing guitars. EOREN math challenges occurred and we used tam-grams with visuals. Unfortunately, this year the kids just did one math challenge that involved algebra with 13 steps that were tangible and visual. Students will begin interim assessment blocks after spring break that helps monitor progress being made in math and ELA. The students recently went to the wild horse facility and named the new horses that were

brought in and then presented to the class their horse they named and why they chose that name. They presented in pairs and rocked their presentations.

- Mrs. Martin is part of the rural math collaborative and she reported that we are currently the only school in the county that goes to school five days a week. Talking with some of the folks in the group, one cited that they have 114 instructional days where we have 165 instructional days. Ms. Stacey also shared some powerful information regarding math. Knowing that the high school does not have a strong high school math program we need to create a strong foundation for our kids entering high school and have them ready to succeed at Algebra I or geometry. This is a predictor of a kid graduating high school besides reading, whether they are going to have math success in 9th grade. This is data from 2017/18. Mr. Stratton has pushed Stacey to put hard math in front of the students and they can learn to reason and use their tools. She reiterated that we will not dummy down but will keep our bar high and prepare our students for success. Mr. Stratton said that regular attendance and 9th grade on track are huge factors for high school graduation.
- Ms. Martin reported the literacy grant update and stated that other districts are training their aides for high dosage tutoring.
- The ESD support update is as follows, Amy came out and always has good advice and perspective. She supported our data analysis and curriculum. Kathleen our speech pathologist is always helpful. She is going to virtually join our classroom as a whole after spring break. Mrs. Sharpe continues to push in and pull kids out.
- The field trip is fast approaching and we will be taking our students to Northeastern Oregon. We will be visiting several places within our topic of studies in the classroom.

6.1 Teacher Report –Gail Woolery

Mrs. Woolery reported that in March the preschoolers celebrated Dr. Seuss birthday by reading his books and art work. They celebrated St. Patrick's Day by listening to Irish music, art work, and listening to stories. They continue to work daily with the Wilson program. Preschoolers will be growing grass and they will be taking care of their own crops. They will be having an Easter egg hunt and party with the big kids on Wednesday.

6.2 Maintenance Report

- Travis finally received the chlorine for the chlorinator and it is up and running and seems to be reading at the appropriate levels. He is currently working on the tiles on the library ceiling. He is going to get the sprinkler system laid out and get the trench lines laid out and tubing cut. He disposed of the chlorine that was outdated in the pump house bunker and did some misc. repairs in the teacher house.

6.3 Principal Report (Lane Stratton)

- Mr. Stratton reported that the English Language Initiative Grant was approved for \$42K. We are spending that money on education materials and high dosage tutoring. The grant had four components that we needed to address. We don't have to address them all but extended learning and high dosage tutoring are our focus. When Mr. Stratton wrote the grant he addressed that our community is a rural and ranching community and to do after school or summer time learning activities is not economically feasible due to staffing, transportation and childcare.

Mr. Stratton let the board know that he spends a lot of time in a variety of schools including Adel and what he sees happening is unlike no other schools. His praise for today is our kids are so

lucky! We have students of many different abilities and to watch a kid that came to our school say, "I can't read" and now they are reading in less than a year is incredible, to see a kid that has struggled academically and to look at the penmanship and their thought process is just amazing. To sit down and have an in-depth conversation with a third grader about the lantern fish and what they have learned is just impressive. Other updates are the economic statement of interest legislative update; board members have to update their economic statement. On another note districts with less than 50 students do not have to live record their board meetings. Our early invention program birth-age 5 received additional funding so we will not have to make cuts.

6.4 Clerk Report (Tonya Stratton)

- The clerk reported she got the summer camp information out to parents. Our custodian moved in to the teacher house. Gary McCleese is going to be putting the septic tank in during spring break. The clerk has been helping order books through our library grant.

6.5 Board Reports

No report

6.6 Financial Report

No questions were asked

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Stem Room Update

Mr. Stratton reported that the STEM lab went out to bid and by the deadline we didn't have any bids. The hard fast deadline of August had some contractors concerned that they couldn't meet that date. We have one contractor interested and we are meeting with them next week at Anderson Engineering to discuss timelines. If the STEM lab is not done by August that means, we would have to bring in a substitute for four days while the teachers are getting trained. Mr. Stratton is hopeful that the cost will be doable and can continue to use this contractor. We have a deadline of March 31st to sign a contract with the stem lab folks to receive 50% off the curriculum cost. The furniture, fixtures, equipment and four years' worth of curriculum will cost \$176K. Approximately \$80K is ESSER funds. We are working on additional grants to help cover the rest of the cost. We may possibly get some stem money from the High Desert ESD. It takes the smart lab folks three days to put everything in the room when the building is completed. ODE is planning on making a trip to Adel when the stem room is completed.

7.2 24-25 Calendar Discussion

Easter is April 20th so taking the following Monday off. Start the Wednesday after Labor Day, 3 days at Thanksgiving, two weeks at Christmas, Christmas play December 19th and full week at spring break, we will try to be done at Memorial Day. Board chair asked if we could consider going four days a week. Mr. Stratton said that is the boards choice and Mr. Stratton would have to look at policies and he feels like it is a little bit late to be determining a four day a week for next year. Board chair, Aja commented that we would be the only district that we be going five days a week. Mr. Stratton commented that we would have to look at the seat minutes and Mrs. Martin spoke up and said we would have to go longer in the school year rather than getting out before Memorial Day. The clerk said that attendance has not been good this year so if we were going four days a week that would really be effecting learning for our students. Other discussion was regarding doctor appointments and allowing families to travel Fridays to attend those appointments but a lot of offices are closed on Fridays. The clerk will put together a 4 day a

week calendar for next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Approve Bills

Jason Jaeger made a motion to approve the February 2024 bills. Jim Hiatt seconded and the motion carried.

8.2 Approve Purchase of a new vehicle

Jim Hiatt made a motion to approve the purchase of a vehicle not exceeding the budget and trade in value. Jason Jaeger seconded and the motion carried.

8.3 Certified Renewals

Jason Jaeger made a motion to renew both certified teachers for the 2024-2025 school year. Jim Hiatt seconded and the motion carried.

Adjournment

Jim Hiatt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. Jason Jaeger seconded and the motion carried.

Aja O'Keefe, Board Chair

Lane Stratton, Principal