

ADEL SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2023 6PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jim Hiatt
Aja O'Keeffe
Jason Jaeger
Peter Osborne

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 6:02 p.m. by chair Aja O'Keeffe at the Adel School in Adel, Oregon.

AGENDA

Jason Jaeger made a motion to approve the agenda with the following amended; add action item 8.1b Tag Plan. Jim Hiatt seconded and the motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

Jim Hiatt made a motion to approve September 14, 2023 minutes, Jason Jaeger seconded and the motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Brilene Ortwein submitted a letter of resignation due to accepting a position with Adel School District.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS

TEACHER REPORT – STACEY MARTIN

- Academic Report-The end of the quarter is fast approaching at the end of the month. I feel like we are on track
- ODE Visitor's-It was great to have ODE here to visit with our teachers and observe our students. They got the feel of the disadvantages and advantages of a rural school.
- Library Report-Our librarian came on Friday to help with our library grant. We have to spend the money by June 2024. She helped us cover our equity lens by making sure we had a variety of books. We cannot use any of the grant money to purchase reading curriculum.
- Math Fluency-This is a big focus. Every grade is learning fractions and decimals.
- Science Stem Lab Visit-Robin and Stacey are headed to Colorado to orient at three different schools. Stacey had asked the board if they had any questions they wanted them to ask when they were on the visit.
- Health Report-Students have had hearing, vision, and dental screenings. Nurse Miranda has worked hard to find the funding for an adult and student EpiPen for our school. Discussion was had

regarding where the best place to store the EpiPen when we receive them. Mr. Stratton is working on mental health support via Care Solace. This is a service that students can use for counseling via internet visits.

- ESD services- Currently the speech and language services are two days a week. We have great relationships/communication with these specialists and they are going great. Special education teacher is coming out two times a week. Rosanna is coming out once a week and working on character strong. She is focusing on working on conflict and communicating the needs to your neighbor. Amy Fortune came out to collaborate and discuss data regarding benchmark screenings. She will be coming back out to see how our ELA aligns with science/social studies and rigor for the upper levels.

TEACHER REPORT –GAIL WOOLERY

- Students went on a field trip to the post office and learned how to mail letters. They were excited to get the letters they mailed to themselves. They also went on another field trip to pick different varieties of apples.
- We didn't have any subs on Thursday so we had to cancel preschool. We do have some folks that are interested in subbing at the preschool.
- We have been studying a harvest theme for the last 3 weeks and just finished making a scarecrow for the contest at the pumpkin patch this weekend.
- Plush kids will be coming for a visit on October 25th for their annual visit to the preschool.
- October 31st we will trick or treat at the post office and then come over to the elementary school.
- Rosanna is still coming on Wednesday's to the preschool.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

- Flushed water heater. Mr. Stratton recommended just replacing the water heater the next time Ken comes out to fix the plumbing issues. Travis is working out of town and he is not sure when he will start the sprinkler system.

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PRINCIPAL REPORT (LANE STRATTON)

- Two great applicants for the custodial position.
- Mr. Stratton stated that he came out to sub last week and it went great. The kids move seamlessly and have a routine. He expressed that the system we have in Adel is amazing. The kids are always engaged and the day flew by. Mr. Louie has been out to sub and also has enjoyed it. Mr. Stratton reiterated what a great group of people we have.
- We will be receiving \$42,000 for the early literacy grant. The money has to be spent on curriculum and implementation which we purchased last year. We could spend the money on an intervention specialist but there aren't any in this area. We can also spend the money on professional development and coaching or extended learning programs such as hosting a summer reading program. It's hard to spend all this money being isolated. Mr. Stratton will collaborate with Plush and possibly hire a specialist that can spend some time at both schools. He anticipates having to give some money back.
- Mr. Stratton attended a Civil Rights and 504 training at the ESD.
- Mr. Stratton attended a Wide Open spaces conference. It is a conference that is for Eastern Oregon administrators and teachers. He spent a lot of time with Shannon Chris who is the superintendent for Harney county and has six one room school houses. He stated he enjoys bouncing ideas back and forth with her. Mr. Stratton pointed out at the conference the topic was culture and climate and wanted to let the board know that we have an amazing culture and climate in Adel and that is why we are so good at what we do.
- Attend Oregon Association of ESD conference
- Last night attended the OSBA conference in Paisley

- Just wrapped up the IDEA fiscal monitoring. The IDEA people weren't sure what do to with the MOU. We have a threshold of \$72,000 to spend on special education services per year. We have not been spending the entire amount. Mr. Stratton has made conscientious staff changes to have special education teachers come out to Adel. However, we have not spend the entire amount of the grant so now the Feds want the remaining IDEA money back which is \$3,362. During the fiscal monitoring the folks who helped out were happy to see that we cleaned up the inter district transfer policy between Plush and Adel. We have three options for future IDEA money. Option 1- waive the IDEA grant. Option 2- possibly attribute special education expenses to the new lab we are building. Option 3- bring in a high needs special education student. We will receive the final report in November.

CLERK REPORT (TONYA STRATTON)

- We have hired a custodian position and they are going to get trained to drive the smaller bus
- I have purchased bikes from the bike shop in town and ski passes for all students, and soccer nets with the rest of the grant money.
- Policy book is online now on ESD website
- Four drivers are attending bus driving training in town Friday.
- I reached out to Anderson Engineering to get an update on our stem plans. Karah was out of the office and I have not heard back from her.
- We had a water engineer come out to Adel to help is figure out our chlorinator system. Travis will be working on his recommendations to get it up and going again. When he was out I changed out the filters that have not been replaced since it was installed in 2016.
- We have a person interested in renting the teacher house and I have reach out to five schools regarding the possibility of student teaching and housing.
- Adam Young will be out in Adel on Tuesday to begin the roof and front deck soon. Miss Gail had informed me that the wind had ripped the spring off the screen door that he had just put up last spring.

BOARD REPORTS

Jim and Aja attended the Roadshow in Paisley last night. Nobody attended Plush's meeting this month. Mr. Stratton informed the board the district #7 is considering pulling out from the ESD.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The board was wondering why the middle/junior high program 6-8 is extremely over spent. The clerk reported she would get back to them regarding that question.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

7.1 Division 22 Standards

Adel School District has met all the Division 22 standards. We will put it on our website and Mr. Stratton will send it to ODE. No questions were asked.

7.2 TAG Plan

One of the Division 22 standards is you have to have a very intense TAG plan. If we do end up qualifying a student the parents' rights are included in the TAG plan. TAG is not always based on a 97% percentile or higher on a statewide test. There are other ways to evaluate to see if the student is gifted or talented. A student could be musically gifted and also score fairly high on statewide assessments. No questions were asked.

7.3 Seclusion/Restraint and Seclusion Room Report

Mr. Stratton explained why we have to post this report and explained what the results were.

7.4 Open Board Position

Discussion was had about people that are interested. Jason Jaeger reached out to Terry Cahill and he is interested in the position. We will put it in the action items for next month's meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

8.1 House Bill 2753

Jason Jaeger made a motion to leave this on the table until further notice. Peter Osborne seconded and the motion carried.

8.1a TAG Plan

Jason Jaeger made a motion to approve the TAG Plan. Peter Osborne seconded and the motion carried.

8.2 Division 22

Jason Jaeger made a motion to approve the Division 22 standards. Jim Hiatt seconded and the motion carried.

8.3 BD/BDA Board Meetings

Jason Jaeger made a motion to update the policy with the changes discussed and to forego the second reading. Peter Osborne seconded and the motion carried. Mr. Stratton informed the board that the ethics commission now oversees boards rather than the deputy superintendent.

8.4 BDC Executive Sessions

Peter Osborne made a motion to update BDC with the changes discussed and to forego the second reading. Jim Hiatt seconded and the motion carried.

8.5 EFA Local Wellness

Peter Osborne made a motion to table policy EFA. Jason Jaeger seconded and the motion carried.

8.6 GCBDA/GDBDA-Family Medical Leave

Jason Jaeger made a motion to rescind GCBDA/GDBDA. Peter Osborne seconded and the motion carried. Mr. Stratton informed the board that after a meeting with our OSBA rep that this policy isn't necessary because we do not have more than 25 employees in our district.

8.7 GCBDF/GDBDF Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance

Jim Hiatt made a motion to adopt policy GCBDF/GDBDF and wave the second reading. Jason Jaeger seconded and motion carried.

8.8 GCBDF/GDBDF Paid Family Medical Leave Insurance

Mr. Stratton informed the board they do not need to vote on this AR. Discussion was had on some changes to the AR. He will adopt it.

8.9 GCPC/GDPC Retirement of Staff

Jason Jaeger made a motion to not adopt this policy. Jim Hiatt seconded and the motion carried.

8.10 LBE Public Charter School

Peter Osborne made a motion to not adopt policy LBE. Jim Hiatt seconded and the motion carried.

8.11 LBEA Resident Student Denial for Virtual Public Charter School Attendance

Jason Jaeger made a motion to not adopt policy LBEA. Jim Hiatt seconded and the motion carried.

Approve Bills

Jim Hiatt made a motion to approve the September bills. Peter Osborne seconded and the motion carried.

Adjournment

Peter Osborne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50. Jason Jaeger seconded and the motion carried.

Aja O'Keefe, Board Chair

Lane Stratton, Principal