

## Regular Meeting

Cascade School District 3B  
Board of Trustees  
December 18, 2023 - 6:00 pm

### Board Members Present

#### High School Board

John Rumney - Chair  
Iain McGregor  
Ruth Mortag  
Chris Wilson (via zoom)  
Rick Cummings  
Mark McKamey

#### Elementary Board

John Rumney - Chair  
Iain McGregor  
Ruth Mortag  
Chris Wilson (via zoom)  
Rick Cummings

Not Present

Others Present: Levi Collins, Karsen Floerchinger, Michael Wilson, Connor Schulte, Jason Raether, Lawni Raether, Kendra Lane, Jen Ward, Tami Snyder, Amanda Brown, Farrah McGregor.

John Rumney - Board Chair, called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:05 pm. The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Rumney asked for public comment on non-agenda items. There was no public comment

### Public Comment

- A. Kendra Lane made public comment in regards to the science program and the need for multiple science teachers.

### Informational

- A. Letter of Resignation, Kodey Hansen (HS Science Teacher)

### Staff Reports

*For full detailed reports, please see the board packet appendices available on the website.*

- A. Jen Ward, FFA Advisor
  - a. AgExpo
  - b. NAAE/ACTE Convention
  - c. Fruit Box Sales
  - d. Livestock Judging results
  - e. Greenhouse update
  - f. Perkins Grant
  - g. KMON Ag Sales & Poultry Judging Competition
- B. Jason Raether, Activities Director

- a. Badger Invitational
- b. JH Girls District Basketball - girls placed first in season & tournament
- c. ESports
- d. Scoreboard Sponsorship Committee
- e. Christmas Concerts
- f. Pep Club
- g. Athletics update
- C. Michael Wilson, K1-12 Principal
  - a. MAST Testing
  - b. MAP Testing
  - c. Concerts
  - d. Christmas Activities
  - e. Formal Observations - finished first round
  - f. Open teaching positions - career fair
- D. Levi Collins, Superintendent
  - a. MSU Career Fair
  - b. Safety Workshop
  - c. Crisis Team
  - d. New MTSBA Policies
  - e. Electric Bus Workshop
- E. Karsen Floerchinger, Business Manager
  - a. Election - open for candidates to file for office
  - b. General fund budgets are 31% expended at the end of November 2023 compared to the 30% 4-year average.

## **Board Report**

- A. Board Evaluation
- B. Board Training Hours

## **New Business**

- A. Consideration of Recommendation for Addition of Math Credit
 

Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Mark McKamey to approve the recommendation to add Pre-Algebra to the approved Math graduation credits.

Mortag inquired about students who have taken it in the past receiving credit retroactively, as well as transfer students who have previously taken it. It was discussed that if OPI approves retroactive credits, then the school will honor those credits and make changes as necessary.

Passed unanimously.
- B. Consideration of Recommendation for District B Budget Amendment
 

Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Chris Wilson to approve the Proclamation of District Budget Amendment for FY2024.

Passed unanimously.

C. Consideration of Recommendation for Kitchen Aide, Richard Martin

Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to approve the recommendation to hire Richard Martin as Kitchen Aide for FY2023-2024.

The board inquired about the staffing needs in the kitchen. It was discussed that with three full time employees, the kitchen was full staffed, but there is a need for one or more substitutes.

Passed unanimously.

D. Consideration of Recommendation for Paraprofessional, Michelle Erickson

Chris Wilson moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the recommendation to hire Michelle Erickson as Paraprofessional for SY2023-2024.

Passed unanimously.

E. Consideration of Recommendation for Drivers Ed Instructor, Charlie Brown

Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Rick Cummings to approve the recommendation to hire Charlie Brown as Drivers Ed Instructor for SY2023-2024.

The board inquired about the cost of running the drivers ed program, to which Floerchinger estimated around \$5K. It was discussed that the district covers the costs through charging students, as well as a partial reimbursement from the state. The board instructed the administration to encourage the instructor to provide testing to the students in the class in-house, as opposed to requiring they test at the DMV, as well as granting students leniency in missing occasional classes due to previously scheduled school-related activities.

Lawni Raether made public comment about her experience with a student who took the course last year.

Passed unanimously.

F. Consideration of Recommendation for Volunteer Science Fair Advisor, Kendra Lane

Chris Wilson moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the recommendation to hire Kendra Lane as Volunteer Science Fair Advisor for SY2023-2024.

Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Rick Cummings to amend the motion to include the stipend, as listed in the advisor pay matrix.

Passed unanimously.

Ruth Mortag expressed her gratitude to Mrs. Lane on taking on the duties of the advisor, as well as general help in the classroom throughout the year, on a volunteer basis and believes she should be compensated for that time.

Kendra Lane explained that with the turnover in the science position, that the science fair is up for discussion, as the administration will not be requiring students to participate in the fair this year. Mrs. Lane expressed her desire to help out on a volunteer basis, as needed, to support students and other teachers involved in the process, without being tied to time commitment expectations.

Passed unanimously.

G. Consideration of Recommendation for FY2024-2025 Fall Coaches

Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the fall coaches, as listed, for SY2024-2025.

Coaches include Stephanie Perry - HS Cross Country Head, Jeremy Butcher - HS Football Head, Liz Edmundson - HS Volleyball Head, and Jason Raether - JH Football Head.

Passed unanimously.

H. Consent Agenda (Appendix D)

- a. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, November 21, 2023
- b. Business Claims
- c. Student Activity Account
- d. Sub List

Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to approve the consent agenda.

Iain McGregor's attendance must be adjusted in the November minutes.

Passed unanimously.

### **Board Meeting Evaluation (I)**

- A. Complete evaluation and turn into Mr. Collins.

### **Announcements (I)**

- A. Regular School Board Meeting, January 16, 2023
- B. Upcoming Trainings

### **Adjournment (A)**

At 7:19 pm Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Rick Cummings to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

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John Rumney, Board Chair

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ATTEST: Karsen Floerchinger, District Clerk

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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