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Junction Elementary School District
Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

February 9th, 2021

Junction Elementary School Room 8
9087 Deschutes Rd; Palo Cedro, CA 96073

OPEN SESSION – 3:30 PM

1. Opening Business

- A. Call to Order and Roll call @ 3:31 p.m.
- B. A Quorum was present.
- C. Pledge of Allegiance-Led by Hope Bjerke
- D. Mission statement was read by all present
- E. Approval of Meeting Agenda. On a motion by Ken Parisot, seconded by Heather Richards, the board voted 5-0 to approve

2. Consent Calendar - On a motion by Ken Parisot, seconded by Clint Snyder, the board opened up for comment. Mr. Ross reported that Mr. Speakman has submitted a letter of resignation and that Junction will miss him and he is welcome to come back in the future if a position is open. The board voted 5-0 to approve.

3. Public Comment - Kelly Bartaldo submitted a letter to the Board and Mr. Ross and read her letter about opposing the face mask mandate by the state. Kristen Knott is concerned about her 5 year old wearing a mask all day. She would like people to be able to make a choice if they want to wear a mask. Wendy Bakerville thanked Mr. Ross for responding so quickly to her email. She has a 2nd grader and a preschooler on the waitlist and she feels that preschool is too young to have to wear a mask all day. Chrystina Tenney also thanked Mr. Ross for responding quickly to her email. She also opposed the mask mandate and reported that Miss Marsha said this has been one of the best years for the Preschool. Chrystina feels that if something is working, why change it.

4. Public Comment

4.1 Action: Consolidated Application Winter Collection On a motion by Ken Parisot, seconded by Heather Richards, the board opened for comment. Cathleen Serna reported this is a follow up from 20-21 enrollment to get our funding. Junction has 126 Free and Reduced students. Kelly Lindblom asked if the 126 students are low income. Cathleen reported this is the unduplicated pupil count which includes free and reduced, low income students and homeless students. The board voted 5-0 to approve.

4.2 Action: Discussion and acceptance of Safe School Plan - 2nd Read On a motion by Ken Parisot, seconded by Heather Richards, the board voted 5-0 to approve.

4.3 Action: Discussion and Acceptance of Comprehensive Safety Plan - 2nd Read On a motion by Ken Parisot, seconded by Heather Richards, the board opened for comment. Clint Snyder questioned the Title 20-21 and is this the normal cycle since it's late in the year. Mr. Ross

explained that it's an annual cycle and this plan will go until this time next year. Shasta County Office of Education just started talking about this 2 months ago. Hope Bjerke said page 24 is hard to read and it doesn't line up and would like it rearranged. Mr. Nelson responded that most of it is the template in DTS and we can't change the template. In DTS, it looks different and it lines up just fine. Mr. Ross thanked Mr. Nelson for doing a great job on the Comprehensive Safety Plan. The board voted 5-0 to approve

4.4 Action: CSBA Delegate Assembly Ballot Subregion 2-B On a motion by Ken Parisot, seconded by Clint Snyder, the board opened for comment. Mr. Ross explained there is 1 candidate to vote for in our region. The board can choose to vote for him or nominate someone from the Junction board to run. No members were interested in running. Kelly Linblom recommends Bruce as he has reached out to JEF and has given donations and is very involved with the community. Mr. Ross recommends to confirm Bruce Ross. The board voted 5-0 to approve Bruce Ross

4.5 Discussion: School Calendar for 2021-22 School Year - 1st Read Mr. Ross expressed the desire for families to choose to take vacations during school breaks or holidays as opposed to taking their students out of school. Junction teachers report 185 working days versus other districts report 186. April 18th was approved as a staff development day. If they choose to not have school on 4/18, then the teachers would have to come back 6/13. If the Board chooses to have school on 4/18, there is a fiscal impact for Special Ed Transportation. Junction would be on the hook for all the expenses. Mr. Ross said it would be worth it so teachers don't have to come back the 3rd week in June. The calendar has been shared with staff for their feedback on open house and Parent Teacher Conference dates. This will be on next month's agenda as an action item. Clint Snyder prefers to accommodate teachers wishes by having Friday as an emergency day and not have to come back the following Monday in June.

4.6 Discussion: Resolution #20-09 Approving Revised Holiday Observance Date In order to combine 2 President Day holidays into the week off in February, the board must pass a resolution. It will be brought back next month for approval.

4.7 Discussion: School Calendar for 2022-2023 - 1st Read Mr. Ross said no discussion at the Superintendent level about the 22-23 calendar has taken place. He wants to be proactive to ask SCOE to align with the elementary calendar. This item will be on the agenda for the next 3 months before taking action.

4.8 Discussion: Resolution #20-10 REvised Holiday Observance Dates - 1st Read This item will not be an action item until the Calendar for 22-23 is approved

4.9 Discussion: LCAP & LCP Annual Update 2020-21 - 1st Read Amy and Clay finished the verbiage for the LCP. When Covid hit, the State didn't make us update the LCAP but they have required us to update the LCP (Learning Continuity Plan) annually. The State wants to know how much we spent and we have to update our goals. Cathleen needs to go into DTS and update expenditures. Junction has a stakeholders meeting with JTA and the Classified unit on February 22nd.

4.10 Discussion: Board Policy Updates - 1st Read

AR 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education

BP/AR - 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures

BP/AR 4119.25 - Political Activities of Employees

BP 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units
BP/AR - 5113.2 Work Permits
BP/AR - 5126 Awards for Achievement
BP/AR - 5141.31 Immunizations
BP 6170.1 - Transitional Kindergarten
BB 9012 - Board Member Electronic Communications
BB 9320 - Meetings and Notices

Kelly Lindblom questioned BP 6170.1 - Transitional Kindergarten. She feels that we need a more objective criteria of what a “case by case” basis is for admitting TK students. She suggested an objective evaluation form. Mr. Ross will look into this policy and put it on the agenda next month as it’s own item.

Hope Bjerke asked why we have BP/AR 5113.2 - Work Permits. Mr. Ross explained that he had a student who was also an actor and would have to leave school for periods of time to shoot commercials and to be able to do that, the student required a work permit.

Hope Bjerke questioned BP 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures and why do we have to list Pregnant women and lactation. Mr. Ross explained that any mother has the right to breast feed on campus so we have to have it in the Board Policy. Hope also asked about Agriculture career technical education. Mr. Ross explained that in the past middle schools were not eligible to apply for grants for career technical education. K-8 schools are now allowed to apply and Clay would like to apply for the strong workforce grant program. Hope also asked about page D, line 2, Adult Education. Mr. Ross said we may be able to delete that. Clay will look into this policy and it will be on the agenda next month as its own item.

Clint Snyder asked about BP/AR 5141.31 Immunizations and if there was any information about a Covid-19 vaccination being required for students and if parents would be able to weigh in on this decision. At the County level, Mr. Ross has not experienced any conversations about the vaccine being required and if parents could voice their opinions. Heather Richards said from a medical point of view, one of the vaccines is not recommended for children under 16 years of age.

4.11 Discussion: AR 4157/4257/4357 Employee Safety - 1st Read This policy was adopted last month but when Carie Nadin was updating it in Gamut, she noticed a required paragraph was missing on the last page. The paragraph is Underlined and Mr. Ross asked the Board to review it and it will be on next month’s agenda as an action item.

5. Other Reports

5.1 **Raider Treasure:** None

5.2 **Student Representative** - None

5.3 **Education Foundation** - Kelly Lindblom reported that JEF is planning a spring drive through dinner on 4/23/21. They want to do a fun run on campus in May. JEF is working on the water fountain refill station, the garden, a spelling bee contest, an outdoor eating area and possible new primary basketball hoops. JEF wants to add a mural and update outdoor furniture. JEF is having another meeting this week.

- 5.4 **Certificated:** Roger McCoy reported that Distance Learning is working successfully and the teachers are hoping to be back safe & comfy after President Week.
- 5.5 **Classified:** Heather Caldwell reported that classified has no concerns, they are getting things done on campus. She was thankful to Clay for allowing her to work from home and help with the Zoom and the 4th grade class.
- 5.6 **Business Manager:** Cathleen Serna reported that she is working on 2nd Interim. There is a lot of reporting required for one time funds. She thanked Mr. Ross for giving her time to work through the budget.
- 5.7 **Principal:** Mr. Nelson is excited to have the kids on campus after the February break. The team has lots of things planned for the students when they get back. They will celebrate the 100th day of school, week of kindness, Valentine's make-up and Mr. Brown is paying the students a visit. Mr. Nelson is looking forward to a great finish of the school year.
- 5.8 **Superintendent:** Mr. Ross reported that the ability to choose wearing a mask is not a Board or Superintendent decision if the state mandates it. Mr. Ross and all the County Superintendents are trying to fight the 4 ft.of separation issue as no school has the room to allow that therefore schools won't be able to stay open. Shasta County Office of Education is fighting on the schools behalf. Mr. Ross offered to consult with JEF regarding the outdoor eating area as anything over 6 ft needs approval from State Architect. After our last snow storm that damaged the canopy, Mr. Ross recommends purchasing any new canopy through a local vendor. Cathleen reported that because of that claim, the insurance raised Junction's deductible from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Mr. Ross has been suffering from Covid fatigue and he appreciates all the staff for their hard work through these trying times. He wants to combine staff appreciation days into 1 week and recognize the employees during the week of March 22nd. Mr. Ross is asking the board to pass a resolution for staff appreciation next month. Mr. Ross explained that if something is emailed to all the board members, they should not respond to it as a group as it may be a violation of the Brown Act. Mr. Ross thanked Clint Snyder for the suggestion of adding more to the board agenda for transparency.
- 6.0 **Board Comments:** Clint Snyder thanked the Administration and teachers for working hard and doing a great job. All the employees should be thanked. The Food Service was out in the bitter cold handing out lunches. Kelly Lindblom acknowledged the teachers and staff for doing a great job. Distance learning is a hardship on everyone. Heather Richards reported that she has family that has just started attending Junction and Junction's Distance Learning is much better than the previous school her family attended.
- 7.0 **Adjournment:** On a motion by Ken Parisot, seconded by Heather Richards, the board voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 4:56 p.m.

