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Junction Elementary School District
Board of Trustees

Regular Board Meeting Minutes

March 9th, 2021

Junction Elementary School Room 2
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 Heather Richards, seconded by Ken Parisot, Heather Richards asked to move item 5.1 Raider Treasure to follow Public Comment. The board voted 5-0 to approve.

2. **Consent Calendar** - On a motion by Ken Parisot, seconded by Kelly Lindblom, the board voted 5-0 to approve.

3. **Public Comment** - Kim Hein asked the board to reconsider the time of the board meetings as it's hard for working parents to attend at 3:30. She asked about summer school for the students who struggled this year. Kim also asked when parents would be allowed to come on campus to volunteer. Kelly Bartaldo asked what the plan is to allocate the Covid funds and why is there a disparity between other schools and Junction? Kristen Knott asked when TK and Kindergarten students will be able to attend full time.

4. New Business

- 4.1 **Action: Second Interim**: On a motion by Ken Parisot, seconded by Heather Richards, the board voted to open for comment. Cathleen Serna reported that Junction is \$36,720 deficit spending due to 1 time funds and at the time had not settled the Classified unit. Junction is held harmless this year and we are looking good to the "out years". Cathleen explained that Junction received 1 time ESSER2 funds of \$198,000 that are not in the budget. Clint Snyder asked Cathleen if she could explain the Covid funding. Cathleen explained that Title 1 funds are based on low income and unduplicated pupil count. The board voted 5-0 to approve.

- 4.2 **Action: 2021-2023 Eide Bailly, CPA Audit Contract** - On a motion by Ken Parisot, seconded by Heather Richards, the board voted 5-0 to approve.

- 4.3 Action:** School Calendar for 2021-2022 - On a motion by Ken Parisot, seconded by Kelly Lindblom, the board voted 5-0 to approve.
- 4.4 Action:** Resolution #20-09 Revised Holiday Observance Dates - On a motion by Ken Parisot, seconded by Heather Richards, the board voted 5-0 to approve.
- 4.5 Action:** Resolution #20-11 Certificated/Classified/Management/Administrative Week 3/22-26 - On a motion by Ken Parisot, seconded by Kelly Lindblom, the board opened for comment. Mr. Ross said he did not spend all the budget on the staff appreciation gift, so he may do something little later in the year. The board voted 5-0 to approve.
- 4.6 Action:** Resolution #20-12 Declaring Support of the Nation Child Abuse Program Month - On a motion by Ken Parisot, seconded by Heather Richards the board voted to approve. Kelly Linblom reported that she asked Carie earlier in the day to make a change to add the word “prevention” after child abuse after the 1st whereas. Ken Parisot revised his motion to include the adopted change. The board voted 5-0 to approve.
- 4.7 Action:** Board Policy Updates - 2nd Read
AR 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education
BP/AR - 4119.25 - Political Activities of Employees
BP 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units
BP/AR 5113.2 - Work Permits
BP/AR 5126 - Award for Achievement
BP/AR 5141.3 - Immunizations
BB 9012 - Board Member Electronic Communications
BB 9320 - Meetings and Notices
On a motion by Ken Parisot, seconded by Kelly Lindblom, the board opened for comment. Kelly Lindblom asked about AR 0430 and what is Child find? Clay Ross responded that it has to do with Special Education and it’s a legal requirement that schools find all children who have disabilities and who may be entitled to special education services. The board voted 5-0 to approve.
- 4.8 Action:** AR 4157/4257/4357 - On a motion by Ken Parisot, seconded by Heather Richards, the board opened for comment. Kelly Lindblom wanted to clarify that the title should be Employee Safety, not public safety. Clay said the agenda says Employee safety. The board voted 5-0 to approve
- 4.9 Action:** BP 6170.1 Transitional Kindergarten - 2nd Read - On a motion by Ken Parisot, seconded by Heather Richards, the board opened for discussion. Clay Ross reported that he had a meeting today with the TK & Kindergarten teachers and they agreed with Clay’s edits about the birthdate and the priority list. The teachers would like to add children on a wait list. Clay Ross suggested tabling this item until next month. The board agreed to table. On a motion by Ken Parisot, seconded by Heather Richards, the board voted 5-0 to table this item until April.

4.10 Action BP/AR 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures - 2nd Read On a motion by Ken Parisot, seconded by Kelly Lindblom, the board voted 5-0 to approve.

4.11 Discussion: School Calendar for 2022-2023 - 2nd Read - Mr. Ross was on a County Superintendent meeting last week and they like to have 2 calendars “in the can” We have a draft 23-24 calendar which may be on the April agenda but won’t be brought back until January or February of next year.. The 22-23 calendar will be brought back for April’s board meeting.

4.12 Discussion: Resolution #20-10 Revised Holiday Observance - 1st Read - This Resolution may be brought back next month but won’t be voted on until next January or February of 2022.

4.13 Discussion: LCAP & LCP Annual Update 2020-21 - Clay Ross explained there is updated language to the LCAP. The name will be the 22-25 LCAP. Now that Cathleen is done with the budget, she will put actual figures into the LCAP. Updates will be made from Stakeholder meetings. Clay is happy to go to Site Council meetings to answer questions. The first meeting for the LCAP will be in May then brought back in June for adoption at a Public Hearing. Kelly Lindblom asked if there was a working version they could look at and Clay’s answer is not yet.

4.14 Discussion: Site Discipline, Dress and Rule Changes - Clay Ross met with Chris Nelson to let him know that he needs to look at the Student Handbook and have his staff review it for any discipline or dress code changes. Chris needs to take the handbook to Site Council and have them review it. The Board doesn’t have to approve the changes but they need to know what the changes are.

4.15 Report: Classified Staffing Needs for 2021-22 - Clay Ross would like to add classified staff next year. He really wants to concentrate on Intervention. He wants students who don’t qualify for Special Education to have a place to go to get help. Mr. Ross would like an in person Speech therapist next year, but not sure if they will be able to hire one. If they do an online Speech platform, we may need a Speech Aide. These positions are not in the budget.

4.16 Notice: Form 700 Conflict of Interest - The administrators and Board Members need to complete the Form 700 to keep on file.

5. Other Reports

5.1 Raider Treasure: Roger McCoy nominated Jeanna Mann for Raider Treasure as she went above and beyond during the 1st grade transition. Jeanna provided support for the substitute, supervising the students and made sure the technology was working. She helped to make a smooth transition to our new teacher Paige Gazzigli. Clay Ross nominated Heather Caldwell for Raider Treasure as she went WAY over the top serving students when they were Distance Learning and helping the teachers run their zoom meetings all the while tending to her own children’s distance Learning. That’s the Junction WAY.

5.2 Student Representative - None

5.3 Educational Foundation: -Jessie Ambrozevitch reported that JEF is buying the staff lunch for Staff Appreciation from Wilda's. May is Teacher appreciation month. Students can acknowledge and appreciate their teachers. JEF provided trophies for the Spelling Bee. JEF is planning a drive through dinner and some sort of basket raffle. JEF has some money set aside to help with building an outdoor pavilion and eating area but would like to find some outside funds to help with the cost. Robotics is up and going and JEF may have allocated funds for shirts for the club.

5.4 Certificated: Pam Boesiger reported the teachers were busy with Parent Conferences this week. Not much else going on. Jared Mauldin shared that the new Psychologist Janelle, who was hired through the JPA is amazing at the Elementary and Middle Schools.

5.5 Classified: Heather Caldwell asked if there was any direction of revamping the Kindergarten Playground. The Blacktop gets very hot and was looking for some shade structure.

5.6 Business Manager: Cathleen Serna will be working on the LCAP & LCP this week. She is also in an administrative review with the Cafeteria so she will be working with Amanda and Bridget at Columbia.

5.7 Principal: Chris Nelson reported that some sports are starting and that's exciting. Melisa Wood will be coaching Tennis and there is a possibility of softball. Chris reported that there is cross country through the City of Redding program. Mrs. Mann is helping to get the Robotics Club up and going. Chris is working on getting the Music class up and going for next year with help from Foothill High School. The TK & Kindergarten round up is next week. There are approximately 40 new Kindergarteners that have expressed interest in Junction for next year.

5.8 Superintendent: Mr. Ross reminded everyone that he is always open to discuss anything that has not been discussed at the Board Meetings. The propane project is finished. Clay inspected the Preschool and Afterschool floors in their rooms as they had a leak. They are all fixed now and look good. Mrs. Moreno thanked the Maintenance staff and Guiton Pools for getting the pond up and running. It hasn't worked in many years. It now has a leak and has not been repaired so had to be turned off. Air Purifiers have shipped. Part of the Covid money was used to buy extra filters. Pam Boesiger's classroom is the only one that hasn't had the HVAC replaced. Johnny Sylvester was able to purchase the water stations directly from J.W. Wood for \$1,670 per unit instead of the \$6,000 that was quoted. He and Randy can install them but will have to hire out for the electrician. Junction is applying for a kitchen grant so Amanda gave him her wish list which was for \$78,000. The Consortium that Amy's involved with is applying for a 3 year grant for an Attendance & Parent Liaison. Clay submitted the Safety Review to the State and all schools in Shasta County had to choose option 1. He should hear if our plan is approved by 3/12. Clay would like to get a summer school program going for a minimum of 2 weeks but would prefer a 4 week program.

6. Board Comments - Kelly Lindblom reported that the Kindergarten project was tabled because it needs a qualified bidder Contractor and the project was a massive project. She asked if anyone has smaller scope items to submit a grant request to JEF or ask the district if

funds are available. Mr. Parisot asked if JEF had approached any local restaurants to cater the lunch for staff appreciation. He would like to see the funds spent in our local community. Hope Bjerke responded that they wanted Fresh Fire Grill but the Palo Cedro location has closed.

7. Next Meeting - The next regular board meeting is scheduled for April 13th at 3:30 p.m.

8. Adjournment - On a motion by Ken Parisot, seconded by Heather Richards, the board voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m.