

KFCS board members in attendance: Lori Theros, Bill Jennings, Trina Perez, Mike Moore, Mychal Amos, Don Ambers, and Jeremy Player.

KFCS board members not in attendance: N/A

1.0 PRELIMINARY BUSINESS

- 1.1 Call to Order:** - The regular board meeting was called to order by Chair Lori Theros at 6:01 pm.
- 1.2 Roll Call:** - A quorum of board members was present, and the meeting, being duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.
- 1.3 Public Welcome** - Ms. Theros publically welcomed audience members and invited anyone in attendance who wished to speak during the Public Comment segment to submit a completed *Intent to Speak* form to the board secretary.
- 1.4 Public Comment** - Gary Langdon, Eagle Ridge High School who stated he was a board member (this was later denied by ERHS) and Parent Outreach Spokesperson addressed the board. Mr. Langdon's first concern is the food service program, as he feels the food provided does not fall under the nutritional guidelines. Mr. Langdon presented three photos of food served over the last two days to support the concerns. The second concern is the Special Education program has been cut by 50%. With 68% of Eagle Ridge students on an IEP they do not understand the reasoning. Teacher time has decreased and it is affecting the program.
- 1.5 Superintendent's Comments – Student Excellence:** The district held a very successful AVID training February 16th & 17th for all certified teaching staff. Although the district is still awaiting survey results regarding the training, Dr. Hillyer has heard excellent comments. The Everyday Hero award luncheon featured a great motivational speaker and Dr. Hillyer stated it was very gratifying to honor the YMCA as the Partner of the Year. The \$900,000 collaborative grant has paid for AVID for the last three years. Follow through will now need to happen in our schools and classrooms as AVID has been tied closely to evaluations and PLC work. 6th-12th teachers have completed curriculum work started 8/2016. They have created a scope and sequence for each subject which determines what is taught in each subject at each grade level and the degree of difficulty at each level. They are now creating the course competencies for each course. Course competency guides along with scope and sequence will be published for parents and students and will also be used as guidelines for credit recover. KUHS students on track to graduate is higher this year after first semester than last year at the same time.
Collaborative Excellence: The Navigator program at Ponderosa is moving forward nicely. Rose Beardsley, the chairman of that project is asking for additional volunteers. Dr. Hillyer expressed his appreciation for her commitment to this program. Blue Zones will be joining KFCS for Give Back Day. This community wide event lead by the district is being expanded with the hope of increasing community involvement. The 2nd annual Graduation Sensation Parade will be held June 1st from 1-3 PM. The committee is hoping to have students from Ponderosa participate as parade goers this year.
Operational Excellence: The district will be interviewing applicants for the Roosevelt principal position in March and intend to have the opening filled by April. Additionally, the district is also interviewing for a new transportation supervisor hopefully this month as well. Negotiations for salary and benefits for all groups will start this week. These negotiations will be critical part of

moving forward with the budget. Board member, Mr. Amos agreed to be the board representative for those negotiations. Dr. Hillyer reported that he is presenting final request for funding for the KUHS construction project from the Klamath County Board of Commissioners. He is asking for \$250k for landscape and site improvement, which has a better tie-in with the road funds than other items.

- 1.6 Gifts to the District** - Ms. Theros extended thanks from the district and the board to the members of the KUHS classes of 1958 and 1961 who donated two 8'x12' American flags to Klamath Union High School to be displayed in Pel Court and the auxiliary gymnasium. Members of the class of 1951 donated \$601.86 for a theater chair in the new theater. Over twenty-five Klamath Falls and Southern Oregon businesses donated goods and services to the Pelican School Carnival raffle recently. Peter Flynn Jr., of Gallatin, TN donated \$500 to the Roosevelt Playground project for new equipment. Additionally, Ms. Theros thanked those who give of their time and resources behind the scenes.

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA:

- 2.1 Approval of January Minutes
- 2.2 Approval of February Agenda
- 2.3 Approval of Personnel Agenda

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Jennings that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented to the board with the noted minor changes.

Vote: Ms. Theros, Ms. Perez, Mr. Moore, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Amos, Mr. Player and Mr. Ambers voted in the affirmative; there were no dissenting votes and no abstentions. The motion carried.

3.0 REPORTS:

3.1 KUHS Student Report – Mr. Lam reported that boys' basketball made it to post season. Winter formal went well. A Pep assembly was held in the new Pel Court. We Are KU brought in a motivational speaker who spoke on the topics of "Today is a Good Day" and "Shhhh". DECA competed at the state tournament, 9 students will be attending nationals and KUHS was named Chapter of the Year. Mr. Pelican photos taken last week by Ben Vallejos, with the event slated for April 14th at RRT, \$10 general admission. Spring sports started February 28th. KU offered Point Break for all of the freshmen. Swim program qualified two swimmers for state. Chamber choir placed 1st alternate for state. Five wrestlers made it to state. KU freshmen visited OIT this month for Gear UP. The "Run for the Music" event will be held on March 11th. KU was awarded a Nike grant for the AVID program. Winter Conferences were held and parents met with teachers to discuss students being on track for graduation. SOMEA math placed 1st.

3.2 Monthly Financial Report– Ms. Baldini reported on the State School Funding grant figures; the ADMW increase as a result of the state updating the experience rate compared to teachers around the state (went from -0.49 to -0.17); as well as information regarding the preliminary information of the Co-Chair's budget, the anticipated local revenue and transportation. At this point the anticipated budget for 2017-2018 will be \$1 million dollars lower than 2016-2017.

3.3 Mills Elementary Report – Mr. Bartels explained that Mills has been designated a Model school which means their students are chronically low performing. Mr. Bartels was brought into Mills to improve outcomes. Mr. Bartels provided an historical presentation to the board encompassing school years 2013-2014 through current which focused on chronic absenteeism, reading and math data. Since 2013-2014 Mills has improved the chronic absentee rate from 24.80% to 18.30%. In

math the high risk students were at 14.2% in 2013-2014 and they are now at 9.4%. In reading the high risk students were at 37.8% in 2013-2014 and are currently at 17.1%. In regard to absenteeism Ms. Yazzie reported on how the school is improving their numbers. Ms. Yazzie tracks attendance weekly, sends out improvement letters to parents, and teachers call parents if students have been absent three days in a row. Additionally Ms. Yazzie attends conferences, takes parents to court when necessary (she has developed a good partnership with several law enforcement officers) and always focuses on positive efforts first.

3.4 KUHS Construction Report – Mr. Mason with Diversified Contractors reported on the current status of Pel Court and the Academics building. The basement is being finished up and they are on target for substantial completion of Pel Court on 3/24/2017, with a few change orders on floor covering, exterior work (delayed because of weather). Substantial completion means the owner has use of the building; final completion is anticipated to be near the end of April. Floor tile by the girl's locker room hallway should be done this week. Everything inside Pel Court has been done except for a few change orders, elevator molding, sprinkler riser room needs to be covered in stucco and the exterior of building needs to be painted (when the weather cooperates). The contractors have been in the Academics building for quite some time framing exterior walls, working closely with Mr. Carter from ZCS to help squeeze the time frame down. Contractors have started digging footings on outside of building and will pour concrete, again when the weather makes it possible (it was scheduled for today, but had to be called off). Plans for Academics will be received on the 17th and then go out to bid, followed by a final GMP for Academics. Mr. Carter from ZCS who explained that the architectural drawings were ready on the 3rd but ZCS was not ready for them. He stated that DLR was not happy and wanted to know how to give you that news so Mr. Carter provided it. He explained that the extra time was needed to secure the schedule and price and was well worth the extra two weeks. Mr. Morris of the COC noted they met on the February 23rd and received a Pel Court tour. He said the COC found it to be very impressive and that it will be a gem to show off for many years. The COC learned about the 66% drawings and is now awaiting 100% drawings. Questions came up about how to convey to staff and users regarding beneficial use of Pel Court and the damage that can occur with improper care and use. Mr. Morris referred to this remodel as probably the most complex project in Klamath County construction history. The COC discussed the few rooms in Academics that are below grade and how to get good lighting into those construction spaces. Natural lighting could have been several hundred thousand dollars. Staff are now meeting with Samantha to give input on some of their ideas. When touring Pel Court the COC members looked at both the cost additions and cost savings and were pleased with the give and take. Cost additions have all occurred because of unknowns. The COC believes that the district and the contractors are doing their very best on this project and everyone is putting their best foot forward. Mr. Morris went on to state that moving forward adaptability will continue to highly be important on this complex project. Mr. Morris was asked to speak with the COC about the placement of handicapped parking which he indicated he would address at their next meeting on March 23rd.

4.0 NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Certified and Administrative Contract Renewals – Ms. Hunt reported that the administration recommends approval of the contract renewals as requested. Mr. Player expressed he still wants an exit interview strategy in place and asked if that had been completed. Mr. Moore noted that he had notified Dr. Hillyer of a name spelling error in the Certified and Administrative Contract Renewals & Non-Renewals list (the last name of Matt Buchan was incorrectly spelled). Additionally he questioned the need for teacher Fred Schmidt to be listed in both the personnel agenda as resigning as well as in the Contracts Renewal & Non-Renewal list as being a non-renewal.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Moore and seconded by Ms. Perez to approve the certified and Administrative Contract Renewals and Non-Renewals as presented keeping in mind the two corrections.

Vote: Ms. Theros, Ms. Perez, Mr. Moore, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Amos, Mr. Player and Mr. Ambers voted in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes and no abstentions. The motion carried.

4.2 First Reading of New and Revised Policies – Ms. Hunt thanked the board for their work on the OSBA policy updates at the recent board work session. Ms. Theros expressed that she feels good that this was an extensive process and the outcome was excellent, with decisions being well informed. It was stated that the value in Mr. Stucky's (OSBA representative) work with the district is valuable as the district moves forward. Mr. Stucky will be a strong resource knowing the district policies as intimately as he does. Mr. Jennings expressed that in his opinion the board has had a first reading (during the work session) and that he would like to move forward in approving these policies.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Jennings and seconded by Ms. Theros to approve the New and Revised Policies with the additions and removals presented to the board originally at the February 28, 2017 work session from Mr. Stucky of OSBA.

Vote: Ms. Theros, Ms. Perez, Mr. Moore, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Amos, Mr. Player and Mr. Ambers voted in the affirmative. There were no dissenting votes and no abstentions. The motion carried.

5.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS - Ms. Perez thanked everyone for their good work.

6.0 BOARD CHAIR COMMENTS - Ms. Theros expressed her excitement at the construction report.

ADJOURNMENT: The Klamath Falls City Schools board adjourned the regular board meeting at 8:02 p.m. for the board to go into Executive Session.



Teri Leeper Taylor, Board Secretary

7.0 RECONVENE FOR BOARD VOTE

7.1 Call to Order: - The regular board meeting was called back to order following the Executive Session by Chair Lori Theros at 8:20 pm.

7.2 Roll Call: - A quorum of board members was present, and the meeting, being duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Ambers that the board support the findings of fact made at the lower administrative levels and not provide a board hearing to the public complainant. The motion died for a lack of second.

Discussion: Discussion amongst the board regarding their due diligence, if they need to hear all complaints and what the ramifications are of hearing and not hearing it.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings and seconded by Mr. Ambers to not hear this complaint at the board level.

Vote: *Mr. Moore, Mr. Jennings and Mr. Ambers voted in the affirmative. Mr. Amos and Mr. Player dissented and Ms. Theros and Miss Perez abstained. The motion failed.*

Motion: *It was moved by Mr. Player and seconded by Mychal Amos that the board hear the complaint.*

Discussion: Mr. Amos stated that he does not represent the district, he represents the parents of the district and he oversees that the administration is following policies.

Vote: *Mr. Player, Mr. Amos, Ms. Theros and Ms. Perez voted in the affirmative, Mr. Jennings, Mr. Moore and Mr. Ambers cast dissenting votes. The motion passed.*

ADJOURNMENT: The Klamath Falls City Schools board adjourned the regular board meeting at 8:41 p.m.