

Regular Meeting

Cascade School District 3B

Board of Trustees

August 20, 2024 - 6:00 pm

Board Members Present

High School Board

John Rumney - Chair

Iain McGregor

Ruth Mortag

Rick Cummings

Chris Wilson

Elementary Board

John Rumney - Chair

Iain McGregor

Ruth Mortag

Rick Cummings

Chris Wilson

Board Members not present: Mark McKamey

Others Present: Levi Collins, Karsen Floerchinger, Jason Raether, Lawni Raether, Michael Wilson, Crystal Lemanski, Dave & Susie Nelsen, Merrill McKamey, Farrah McGregor, Savannah Collins

John Rumney - Board Chair, called the Board of Trustees meeting to order at 6:00 pm. The Board said the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Rumney asked for public comment on non-agenda items. There was no public comment.

Staff Reports

- A. Jason Raether, Activities Director
 - a. Fall sports have begun as of August 16th
 - b. 115 athletes participating in sports between the JH & HS
 - c. Installing sponsorship panel/removing old scoreboard on August 22nd
 - d. There is a big need for custodial and maintenance staff
 - e. Conducted pre-season coaches meeting with individual sports
- B. Michael Wilson
 - a. Kudos to maintenance staff for work over the summer
 - b. Emergency Manuals/procedures
 - c. Back to School night was successful and had a great turnout
 - d. Teaching/Admin staff doing great - great potential with new teachers
 - e. 349 student enrolled - 60 new students enrolled - 40 additional
 - f. Will present on ACT scores at next month's meeting
- C. Levi Collins, Superintendent
 - a. Strategic Planning - need to set a date for September/October
 - b. Cabinet Heaters/Doors have been replaced
 - c. Enrollment increases poses question of a need for additional staffing
- D. Karsen Floerchinger, Business Manager

- a. FY2024 Trustees Financial Statements
- b. FY2023 Audit

Board Report

- A. Board Evaluation
- B. Board Training Hours

New Business

- A. Consideration of Recommendation for Custodian SY2024-2025, Kristen Stefonic
Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to approve the recommendation to hire Kristen Stefonic as custodian for SY2024-2025.
Passed unanimously.
- B. Consideration of Recommendation for Cook SY2024-2025, JoAnne Vinson
Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to approve the recommendation to hire JoAnne Vinson as cook for SY2024-2025.
Passed unanimously.
- C. Consideration of Recommendation for XCELL Co-Director SY2024-2025, Jordan Castellanos
Chris Wilson moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve recommendation to hire Jordan Castellanos as XCELL Co-Director for SY2024-2025.
Susie Nelsen asked if XCELL would still be run in January. Administration answered that the program would end after the first semester.
Passed unanimously.
- D. Consideration of Recommendation for XCELL Co-Director SY2024-2025, Kaydence Waters
Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to approve recommendation to hire Kaydence Waters as XCELL Co-Director for SY2024-2025.
Passed unanimously.
- E. Consideration of Recommendation for SY2024-2025 Coaches
Rick Cummings moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the recommendation to hire the coaches as listed for SY2024-2025.
Coaches being recommended for hire include Lawni Raether - JH FB Asst and Sawyer Evans, HS Football Asst Volunteer.
Passed unanimously.
- F. Consideration of Recommendation for SY2024-2025 Advisors
Chris Wilson moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the recommendation to hire the advisors as listed for SY2024-2025.
Advisors being recommended for hire include Christa Hardy - Student Council Co-Advisor, Tina

Mann - Student Council Co-Advisor, Amanda Iverson - BPA Advisor & Class of 2025 Advisor.
Passed unanimously.

G. Consideration of Admittance of Out-of-District Students, SY2024-2025

Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the recommendation to grant a one-time policy exception and admit the out-of-district students, as listed, for SY2024-2025.
Passed unanimously.

H. Consideration of Adoption of FY2025 Elementary Budget

Iain McGregor moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to approve and adopt the Elementary Budget for FY2025.

Merril McKamey made public comment on taxpayers, adult ed, & policies.
Passed unanimously.

I. Consideration of Adoption of FY2025 High School Budget

Ruth Mortag moved, seconded by Rick Cummings to approve and adopt the High School Budget for FY2025.

Passed unanimously.

J. Consent Agenda (Appendix D)

- a. Minutes of Regular Board Meeting, July 23, 2024
- b. Business Claims
- c. Student Activity Account
- d. Sub List

Chris Wilson moved, seconded by Iain McGregor to approve the consent agenda.

Ruth Mortag pointed out that there are 2 accounts negative.

Passed unanimously.

Superintendent Quarterly Evaluation (E)

The board convened in an executive session to conduct the quarterly evaluation of the Superintendent at 6:58pm. The meeting was reopened to the public at 7:34 pm.

Board Meeting Evaluation (I)

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

Announcements (I)

- A. Regular School Board Meeting, September 17, 2024, 2024
- B. Upcoming Trainings
 - a. MCEL - all virtual

Adjournment (A)

At 7:37 pm Chris Wilson moved, seconded by Ruth Mortag to adjourn. Passed unanimously.

John Rumney, Board Chair

ATTEST: Karsen Floerchinger, District Clerk

Date Signed _____

For additional details on items presented in the minutes of the meeting, please see the coinciding board agenda found on Cascade Public Schools' webpage:

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