

Brewster School District  
Regular Board Minutes  
November 23, 2020

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., with Chairman Becker leading the flag salute and welcoming guests.

Board members present: Don Becker, Hector Aparicio, Mario Camacho, Peggy Rice and Maria Maldonado.

Staff present: Eric Driessen, Superintendent; Debbie Riggan, Recording Secretary; Stephanie Vassar, Business Manager; Linda Dezellem, HS Principal; Greg Austin, MS Principal; Garrett Grant, ES Principal; Lynnette Blackburn, Special Programs Director; and Jackie Hentges, MS Science Teacher.

Guests: Diego Arevalo-Pio, Lorenzo Garcia-Perez, Julissa Najera-Medina, Yiaritzi Pineda-Vargas,

Additions & Deletions

Add: 8B Kiera Austin

Reports

Elementary

Garrett Grant, Elementary Principal, stated there isn't a lot to report. Teachers and kids are working hard. He shared that issues with parents and or kids have narrowed down. Mr. Grant announced the enrichment classes started last week. Classes being offered are: Knitting Club, Math/Science Club, Craft Club, Athletic Club and Outdoor Club.

Mr. Grant announced the hot lunch meals are working great with kids eating in their classrooms.

Mr. Grant also gave a "Shout Out" to Marcy Boesel and Gina Kelly for covering the middle school counselor position while Miranda Garza is out on Family Leave.

Mr. Grant shared the elementary is continuing to do and have professional development. Recently, Maricar Najera, elementary teacher shared some technology ideas with the staff. There have also been opportunities for professional development with the ESD.

High School

Linda Dezellem, HS Principal, reported there is not a lot going, just different things going on. She stated the internet was down for a bit today, which makes it difficult to teach students on line. She shared she feels people have learned to be very adaptable and students are starting to get a routine. She informed the board 25% of the high school students are here 4 days per week and it's great having them back in the building. The kids are getting more social and emotional support here at school.

Middle School

Greg Austin, MS Principal, shared the middle school will hold their monthly Awards Assembly on December 10<sup>th</sup> 3:30-4:30 p.m. via ZOOM. The middle school staff picks three students from each grade for the Student of the Month Award.

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Mr. Austin reported the middle school classes are about full. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes are maxed out while 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades can have one or two more students at each grade. Each grade is allowed 17 in person students to be in the classroom. He stated he has subbed this year in a couple of classes and it is more apparent this year, kids are very polite, and appreciative.

He announced more students are coming in on Mondays to meet with teachers and get help.

### Athletics

Mr. Austin announced winter sports have been rescheduled to begin December 28<sup>th</sup> – February 1<sup>st</sup>. Kids will practice 5 days and then have their 1<sup>st</sup> game. There will be 3-4 games per week possibly. Governor Inslee has stated no school can practice in doors until basketball season.

### Special Programs

Lynnette Blackburn, Special Programs Director, shared she has been busy with IEP meetings. She informed the board, after meeting with Judy Jensen, Stephanie Vassar, Business Manager, and Jessica Garcia, Ell Coach, there is money to hire three paraprofessionals. The paraprofessionals will be placed at each elementary, middle school and high school. These positions will be good through June 18, 2021 and funded by the Readiness to Learn Grant (RTL).

Mrs. Blackburn stated she has been meeting with Greg Austin, MS Principal; Nicole Smith, School Nurse; Miranda Garza, Middle School Counselor; and Jennifer Evans, Middle School Secretary, to build relationships with them and help with any issues they may be having.

### Curriculum & Instruction

Jackie Hentges, MS Science Teacher, presented four 7<sup>th</sup> grade students who demonstrated Google Slides to the board.

- Lorenzo Garcia Perez presented on how to create a slide and then shared his space demonstration.
- Yiaritzi Pineda-Vargas shared her slide on the seasons.
- Julissa Najera Medina gave her presentation on solar eclipses.
- Diego Arevalo Pio shared his demonstration on high tides/low tides.

All the students did a great job with their presentations.

### Budget

Stephanie Vassar, Business Manager, gave an overview of the October financials. She shared the enrollment for October was 922 FTE with an additional 15 kids in Running Start. She stated we are 17% through the 2020-21 fiscal year.

### 2019-20 Year End Report

Mrs. Vassar shared the Ending Fund Balances.

- General Fund \$4,893,446.14
- Capital Projects Fund \$3,288,085.11
- Debt Service Fund \$ 493,371.03
- ASB Fund \$ 360,812.48

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- Transportation Fund \$ 188,886.10

Mrs. Vassar stated Capital Project Fund will be spent down with the high school project beginning and explained the Debt Service Fund is used to make our bond payments. She informed the board the ASB will decrease with the passing the Initiative 1660 allowing all Free and Reduced students not to pay for ASB cards, pay to play and to get into sporting events free. This includes their parents also.

She shared the district received \$53,000 for bus depreciation and this will go towards a new bus. These funds may only be used to buying buses.

Superintendent

Eric Driessen, Superintendent, congratulated Linda Dezelle and Greg Austin for being in the top 13 improved schools in the state with low-income students and students of color.

Superintendent Driessen shared there is a lot of professional development going on in the district with staff helping and teaching one another with ZOOM, on line teaching, etc.

Superintendent Driessen reported the high school staff and students put together 34 meals together for families for Thanksgiving using the HAAS fund monies. The HAAS fund is to help all kids.

The district had their first COVID at school last week, but was no threat. He shared the biggest factor was our screening and everyone wearing masks.

Superintendent Driessen shared After’s Enrichment is taking place in the morning allowing kid time to work together and to have some fun time.

He shared information on the Readiness to Learn Grant stating we have numerous students who are not showing up and the three new paraprofessionals to be hired will help track these students down. This year, the BECCA Bill is non-existent. He stated the district has to rely on ourselves to get kids here.

Superintendent Driessen announced the district has been serving hot lunches in the 3 different schools. Students are getting their lunch and eating in their classrooms.

Important Dates

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|------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------|----------|
| • November 25-27 | Wed – Fri | Thanksgiving-Early Release/No School |          |
| • December 18    | Friday    | Early Release – Christmas –          | 11:00 AM |
| • December 28    | Monday    | Board Meeting                        | 7:00 PM  |
| • January 4      | Monday    | School Resumes                       |          |

Consent Agenda

Director Aparicio moved, Director Camacho seconded, to approve Consent Agenda, which included the following:

- County Treasurer’s Report
- Minutes of Regular Meeting – October 26, 2020

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- Payroll Check No. 335604 through Check No. 334637 Totaling \$881,566.93.
- General Fund Check No. 334638 through Check No. 334702 Totaling \$206,305.24.
- Capital Projects Check No. 334703 through Check No. 334708 Totaling \$453,305.24.
- ASB Fund Check No. 334709 through Check No. 334715 Totaling \$6,939.12.

Motion carried 5-0.

## Business and Finance

### Policy Review Final Reading

Director Camacho moved, Director Maldonado seconded, to approve the following policies for final reading.

- Policy 2004 Accountability Goals
- Procedure 2410P High School Graduation Requirements
- Policy 3131 Transfers
- Policy 3413 Student Immunization and Life Threatening Health Conditions
- Procedure 3413P Student Immunizations
- Policy 4311 School Resource Officer
- Form 4311F School Resource Officer
- Procedure 5202P Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Mandated Drug and Alcohol Testing Program
- Policy 6106 Allowable Costs for Federal Program
- Procedure 6220P Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements

Motion carried 5-0.

### Policy/Procedure Review – First Reading

- Policy/Procedure 3225/3225P School Based Threat Assessment
- Policy/Procedure 3424/3424P Opioid Related Overdose Reversal
- Policy/Procedure 3510/3510P Associated Student Bodies
- Policy 4210 Regulation of Dangerous Weapons on School Premises
- Policy 4215 Use of Tobacco, Nicotine Products
- Policy 5404 Family, Medical, and Maternity Leave
- Policy/Procedure 6220/6220P Bid or Request for Proposal Requirements
- Policy/Procedure 6700/6700P Nutrition, Health, and Physical Education

No action.

### Contract Approval

Director Rice moved, Director Aparicio seconded, to approve the Pateros School District contract for Transportation Motor Pool maintenance. Motion carried 5-0.

## Personnel

### Certificated Staff

Director Aparicio moved, Director Maldonado seconded, to approve certificated staff as presented.

- Joy Wilson – Substitute
- Rileigh Riggan – Emergency Substitute
- Jonathan Gelstin – Emergency Substitute

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Motion carried 5-0.

Classified Staff

Director Aparicio moved, Director Rice seconded, to approve Kiera Austin as a classified substitute. Motion carried 5-0.

Athletic Coaches

None

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

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BOARD CHAIRMAN

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