Brewster School District

Regular Board Meeting

September 27, 2021

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; Estella Martinez, Recording Secretary; Linda Dezellem, HS Principal; Greg Austin, Middle School Principal; Garrett Grant, Elementary Principal; Lynette Blackburn, Special Programs Director; Jessica Garcia, ELL Coach; Amanda Doughty, Social Emotional Counselor; Todd Dezellem, HS Assistant Principal; Marcy Boesel, Elementary Counselor; Gina Kelly, HS Counselor Miranda Solorio, MS Counselor; Oscar Arebalo, Para-Professional.

Guests: Beth Shepard, Community Member; Kayla Trumbo, Community Member

Budget

Eric Driessen, Superintendent stated that our district enrollment is going up by 65 students when we start with the Transitional Kinder Classes. The plan is to have the New Portable in by mid-October for these classes to take place.

Mr. Driessen provided the ending fund balances of the following funds.

General Fund $3,896,505

Capital Projects $ 767,209

Debt Service $ 549,172

ASB $ 336,413

Transportation $ 87,052

He reported the district transportation funds will have a decrease, but the district is holding steady.

Public Comments

Beth Shepard parent, and member of our community requested our dress code to be re-evaluated. Her request was to have a dress code more suitable to each building. In her opinion these modifications will help with the challenges parents have to face to meet our requirements.

Kayla Trumbo, parent, and member of our community shared her concerns about the school lunch. Gave examples of how our menu is not consistent and our food is not always the best quality.

Special Programs

Lynnette Blackburn, Special Programs Director, stated she has been staying busy, working on her I-Grants. She’s been giving her new staff the support they need with Marzano.

In the Special Ed Department, everyone is up to date with IEPS and Evals.

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Elementary

Garrett Grant, Elementary Principal, stated a lot of professional development has been offered to the teachers along with Tram Hiltz support. He shared Marcy Boesel has been identifying students with concerns.

He also shared that Stephanie Vassar and Estella Martinez had their first secretary support training with the Elementary Secretaries.

Mr. Grant shared that the 4th and 5th graders will be starting to take the smarter balance test. Each grade level will take the previous years test.

Mrs. Hiltz and Mr. Grant will continue to work on student’s growth goals with the Marzano Framework and navigating eVal system.

He announced that this Thursday the Elementary will be having their first Student Recognition Assembly!

The Afters program will be starting October 11th with grades 1st through 5th. Mr. Garcia will continue to teach Robotics and Mrs. Najera will be teaching Math.

ELL Department

Jessica Garcia, ELL Coordinator, announced their first in person PAC meeting will be held in the elementary lunchroom on October 4th. Meeting will start at 6:30 pm. In this meeting they will be informing parents about Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and Washington Application for Sate Financial Aid (WAFSA). Open enrollment for both of these programs will begin on October 1st.

High School

Mr. Phillips, HS Assistant Principal, shared he is focusing on the Advisory Component. ASB is going awesome! Homecoming is right around the corner and the students are excited.

High School

Mrs. Dezellem, HS Principal, stated there are in compliance with the Career Tech Ed (CTE) components.

Middle School

Greg Austin, Middle School Principal, shared the 8th graders will begin the Smarter Balanced state testing tomorrow.

The following Friday they will be having their first Recognition Assembly. The plan is to have an electronic motivation rewards system where the students can obtain tickets for good behavior and be able to purchase items from the website.

Mr. Austin stated what an amazing job his new secretary is doing. Ms. Ochoa is right on top of everything. April Ashworth is working with Mrs. Dezellem to update her certificate with her CTE endorsements.

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Athletics

Mr. Austin shared sports are halfway through the schedules. Some games have been cancelled due to Covid.

Mr. Austin was excited to announce the track should be ready by next week. They will be painting the lines and after 33 years of his career in coaching track, we’ll finally have a home track.

Superintendent

Eric Driessen, Superintendent, stated every grade will taking the Smarter Balance Test a grade below now and, in the Spring, everyone will test at their current grade level.

He also shared the Afters program will start soon.

Mr. Driessen shared that construction project is back on track and is going very well. Current goal is to have everything done by the next school year. Bathrooms at the HS commons area will be framed to have access to them throughout the construction phases.

Counseling Team

Amanda Doughty, Social Emotional Counselor, presented her social emotional and Suicide Prevention Awareness Curriculum. Her background on mental health has given her the experience that she needs to train our staff. This curriculum focuses on two main parts Social Emotional and Suicide prevention.

Gina Kelly, HS Counselor, shared that they have all hands-on deck and that they been handling every problem right away.

Miranda Garza, MS Counselor explained both curriculums that she’ll be using with the middle school students. “Second Step” which involves 27 lessons per grade level, Curriculum will be delivered to the students once a week regarding issues with social emotional problems. She’ll also be using Crisis Connection-Look, Listen, & Link to help with the Suicide Prevention Topic.

Marcy Boesel, Elementary Counselor, shared her program curriculum as well. Mrs. Boesel will be working with the Elementary students using “Second Step Black and White Curriculum”. This curriculum helps students identified with their emotions and show empathy towards others. The lessons are appropriate for teachers to discuss first thing in the morning during circle time.

Mrs. Boesel shared supplemental curriculum she uses, “Riding the Waves.” This curriculum focuses on: teaching, identifying emotions, depression, and tools to help students stay in control.

Consent Agenda

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

* County Treasurer’s Report
* Minutes of Regular Meeting – August 23, 2021
* Payroll Check No. 335729 through Check No. 335787 Totaling $1,038,149.68
* General Fund Check No. 335788 through Check No. 335878 Totaling $350,668.24

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* Capital Projects Check No. 335879 through Check No. 335887 Totaling $1,117,226.81.
* ASB Fund Check No. 335888 through Check No. 335896 Totaling $8,785.38.
* Private Purpose Trust Fund Check No. 335897 through Check No. 35898 Totaling $2,500.00.

Motion carried 5-0.

Business & Finance

Contracts

Director Aparicio moved; Director Rice seconded to approve all contracts as presented.

* Extended/Supplemental/Stipend Contract
* Stephanie Astell – Physical Therapist
* ESD Nurse Case Management

Motion carried 5-0.

PSE Schedule A

Director Aparicio moved; Director Maldonado seconded to approve the PSE Schedule A.

Motion carried 5-0.

CTE End of year and Perkins Grant Report

Director Aparicio moved; Director Camacho seconded to approve the CTE End of year and Perkins Grant Report.

Motion carried 5-0.

Highly Capable Program Plan

Director Aparicio moved; Director Camacho seconded to approve the Highly Capable Program Plan.

Motion carried 5-0.

Personnel

Certified Staff

Director Maldonado moved; Director Camacho seconded to approve the certified staff as presented.

* Kathrine Morgan – HS Advance Math Teacher

Motion carried 5-0.

Classified Staff

Director Aparicio moved; Director Camacho seconded to approve the classified staff as presented.

* Zulma Erickson – Resignation
* Alondra Garcia – Para Sub
* Melissa Garcia – Para Sub
* Qristian Solorio – Tech Sub
* Mayra Pamatz – HS Para
* Vanessa Terrones – Elementary Para
* Susan Gelstin – Elementary Para
* Danny Martinez – Night Custodian

Motion carried 5-0.

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Coaching Staff

Director Camacho moved; Director Rice seconded to approve the coaching staff as presented.

* Billy Bosch – Resignation from MS Basketball
* Luke Divis – Volunteer
* Emerson Webster – Volunteer
* Vanessa Terrones – MS C-Squad Coach

Motion carried 5-0.

Executive Session RCW42.30.110 (i)

At 6:00 p.m., Chairman Becker called for an executive session to discuss litigation. It was estimated to last approximately 55 minutes.

Adjournment

The board returned to regular session at 7:00 p.m., with no action taken. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

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