

Brewster School District
Regular Board Meeting
September 28, 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; Linda Dezellem, HS Principal; Greg Austin, Middle School Principal; Garrett Grant, Elementary Principal; and Stephanie Vassar, Business Manager.

Guests: Ed Champagne, Architects West

Budget

Stephanie Vassar, Business Manager, stated the district is closing higher at the end of August due to COVID and less spending.

Mrs. Vassar provided the ending fund balances of the following funds.

General Fund	\$4,744,879
Capital Projects	\$1,966,571
Debt Service	\$ 493,371
ASB	\$ 361,312
Transportation	\$ 188,886

She reported the district received the transportation depreciation funds but stated transportation will have issues coming for 2020-21 that will be addressed in the future.

Mrs. Vassar stated OSPI didn't pay the district our bilingual monies in September but the district is holding steady currently.

Special Programs

Lynnette Blackburn, Special Programs Director, stated she has been staying busy, same as last month, doing lots of zoom meetings.

Elementary

Garrett Grant, Elementary Principal, stated there's not a lot of new but getting ready for a lot of new. He announced "Kudos go out to the staff and paras getting ready for next week" along with going around to see students personally. Mr. Grant also stated "Kudos go out to the tech department, Roger and Mario, getting wireless mikes.

Mr. Grant stated students will do A/B classes – some in class and some at home.

High School

Mrs. Dezellem, HS Principal, stated there are currently desks in the hallway, but by Tuesday desks will be ready to go.

She shared this is grant season for CTE. The CTE instructors will be here at the October meeting to present via zoom. Mrs. Dezellem reported the conferences went fantastic and kids are excited to return.

Middle School

Greg Austin, Middle School Principal, shared his staff has finally moved into the MS classrooms. Currently, elementary still has furniture in the hallways waiting for their classrooms to be finished. He stated staff is hitting it hard with everyone working together, but working with one another.

Mr. Austin shared the ESD put on zoom presentation for the Teacher of the Year. Jackie Hentges, middle school science teacher, was selected and represented Brewster, our school and herself well during the presentation.

Athletics

Mr. Austin shared WIAA is allowing out of season practices beginning October 5-28th. He stated WIAA is still on the phases. We cannot do anything until we are in Phase 4. Once seasons begin, every season will play 7 games.

Superintendent

Eric Driessen, Superintendent, shared the elementary inspection will be occur tomorrow and he's hoping all goes well so kids can return. The plan is for students to return on Tuesday, October 6th. The first group will attend Tuesdays and Thursdays, and the other half of the students will attend Wednesday and Fridays. Mondays, all kids will be remote learning. Superintendent Driessen gave kudos to the admin team along with their staff for rolling with all the changes with construction.

Superintendent Driessen announced tonight a ONE CALL message was going out to families notifying them when their child(ren) were to return to school. He shared families with more than one child will be informed all kids will attend the same days. He stated post cards are in the process of being mailed to students notifying them of their in person school days. The first week students will attend ½ days 8:00-11:30 am. This allows the district to work out any issues that may arise.

Mr. Driessen informed the board the September enrollment was lower than normal with the remote learning. He stated the count is down 20-30 kids. Our next count day is October 1st.

High School Remodel Project

Ed Champagne, Architect's West, announced the high school project advertisement has been pushed back from September to October 14th, 2020. Mr. Champagne shared this is one of the last OSPI bids in the state. Currently, there are 7 general contractors that don't have their plate full at this time. He stated this may be the silver lining.

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Mr. Champagne informed the board the budget is tight. If money is available, alternates will be met, if not, the district will prioritize. An example: Physical inside space - designed cover to current weight room if money allows, if not, no cover will take place.

Mr. Champagne stated on October 14th, they should have lots of good information. The district has 20 plus alternates. He shared the reality of the alternates depends on the base bid. Also, something that needs considered is the "remoteness factor". He stated, sub contractors are out of the area such as Spokane, Moses Lake, Tri Cities, etc. The cost of the remoteness factor for the middle school was 1.2 million. He mentioned with the high school project being all inside work, this should be appealing to contractors. Mr. Champagne shared if the bid comes in lower, some alternates will be added back in while others may be deleted. The district's alternates are listed in the contract. He informed the board that Dax Logsdon, Architects West, has applied for a high poverty grant for our district that is for construction.

Consent Agenda

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

- County Treasurer's Report
- Minutes of Regular Meeting – August 24, 2020
- Payroll Check No. 334393 through Check No. 334428 Totaling \$922,871.53.
- General Fund Check No. 334429 through Check No. 334493 Totaling \$359,668.24
- Capital Projects Check No. 334494 through Check No. 334505 Totaling \$1,054,115.24.
- ASB Fund Check No. 334506 through Check No. 334508 Totaling \$3,748.32
- Private Purpose Trust Fund Check No. 334509 through Check No. 334509 Totaling \$500.00.

Motion carried 5-0.

Business & Finance

Contracts

Director Aparicio moved, Director Camacho seconded to approve all contracts as presented.

- Extended/Supplemental/Stipend Contract
- Stephanie Astell – Physical Therapist
- Special Education w/Waterville
- ESD Nurse Case Management
- ESD Nurse Corp Membership
- ESD Wireless AP/Ruckus
- ESD Speech Language Pathologist

Motion carried 5-0.

Personnel

None

Executive Session RCW42.30.110 (i)

At 7:45 p.m., Chairman Becker called for an executive session to discuss litigation. It was estimated to last approximately 20 minutes.

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Adjournment

The board returned to regular session at 8:08 p.m., with no action taken. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

SECRETARY TO THE BOARD

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