



THE VALLEY SCHOOL OF SOUTHERN OREGON

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Regular Meeting Minutes

April 20, 2020 @ 5:30 P.M.

at The Valley School, 857 Valley View Drive, Medford 97504

DIRECTORS: Kathy McCullough, Rainy Tilton, Heather Olivier, Brian Manthe, Alan Jackson, Brian Manthe

Absent: None

STAFF: Jeanetta Woodside, Erin Miller

MISSION OF THE BOARD: *Provide direction and leadership for The Valley School by shaping the vision, mission and goals, by developing a series of policies and frameworks for how the school runs, by establishing good working relationships with the director, staff and community, and by supervising and protecting the fiscal interest of the school to assure that our mission is sustainable.*

Valley School Mission: *The Valley School changes middle schoolers' lives by fostering a culture of curiosity, creativity and community.*

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, ESTABLISH QUORUM

Kathy McCullough, Heather Olivier, Rainy Tilton, Alan Jackson, Brian Manthe

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Agenda adopted with changes, adding reading and accepting of prior meeting minutes, removing OSBA policy updates until next meeting, motion made by Alan Jackson, seconded by Kathy McCullough, motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. CPM Math Curriculum, Erin Miller – Erin reviewed what the CPM Math program is (College Prepreatory Mathematics). The philosophy is to show how fun math is. Traditional shows the method to be used, but students don't necessarily understand it, only use what you are told. CPM, however, team work is used to think through what to use, and not only one way will work. It involves collaborative learning – deeper learning, increase in retention and equity. Everyone uses their own learning style. TVS saw a growth rate of 10 points from fall to winter for those using CPM this year. Basic components of a lesson are Launch, Explore and Closure). 'Everyone is both a teacher and a learner in a CPM classroom'. 'Differentiates and honors different kinds of learning.' The board will approve later what curriculum will be used and Jeanetta wanted the board to understand this program. The only classroom not using will be Amy M's. Heather would like to see what the growth rates for other groups is. Would like to have this information by May 20th when we are able to move forward with a budget. Thank you Erin for an informative presentation.

2. Executive Director update – Jeanetta will add something to the parent update regarding taking questions prior to the board meetings of any public comment or questions. Anyone is able to join the Zoom call. Any questions or comments brought up during meeting would be handled at a later meeting. There is a OSBA webinar regarding board meetings during a pandemic to be held this Thursday. Heather and Jeanetta will be joining in. Applied for one of the federal loans and was accepted. 75% of the loan must be used for payroll, the other 25% can be used for rent, utilities, etc. Must be used within 56 days of loan being approved. Up to 100% can be converted to a grant with proper tracking. Each bank has their own tracking component. Jeanetta will use a spreadsheet to track payroll, insurance, etc. per Brian Manthe's suggestion by month. OSBA recommends holding off on new funding until May 20th, so all is on hold regarding budgeting until then. A therapist is coming next Monday to talk with teachers regarding depression, etc. and will discuss how to proceed with involving students. The virtual classrooms are going well.
3. Rainy talked with the virtual school and there is no real guidance at any of the schools. Heather and Jeanetta also looked at several with the same results. Alan reviewed the different platforms for security issues and none are standouts, they all are about the same.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Meeting notes, April 6th – Motion made by Alan Jackson, seconded by Rainy Tilton, motion passed.
2. Financials – February checks are 158 – 179 for PTO and 4158 – 4195 for general account. Checking account balance is \$132,750, savings \$160,300 and PTO account \$5,300 for total of \$298,350. March checks 167 – 168 for PTO and 4196 – 4235. Checking account balance is \$137,000, savings \$160,300 and PTO \$7,400. We are positive \$37,400 for the year, mostly due to the absence of the Executive Director salary for 4 months and a decrease in spending. We've had to cancel the fundraising auction due to COVID-19. With the federal loan we should be okay by the end of the year.
3. Leighman Maxey Grant – This grant is for \$5,000. Motion made by Rainy Tilton and seconded by Alan Jackson to accept this grant. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT – adjourned at 7:00 PM