

HARNEY EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT

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Harney ESD Board of Directors

Present: Dan Brown, Director (VIRTUAL)
Kirk Davies, Director (VIRTUAL)
Charles Dunten, Director (VIRTUAL)
Pat Sharp, Director (VIRTUAL)
Doug Stott, Chair (VIRTUAL)
Sandy Volle, Vice Director (VIRTUAL)
Julie Weikel, Director (VIRTUAL)

Monthly Board Meeting December 8th, 2020

Also Present: Shannon Criss Superintendent
Cori Wright, Business Manager
Hollie Held, Board Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Doug Stott called the December meeting to order at 1:32 PM at the Harney ESD Regional Services Center located at 25 Fairview Heights Loop. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic this board meeting was held virtually and by phone.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS/STAFF

Staff: Janet Caldwell – Professional Development

Visitors: No Visitors

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

ACTION ITEMS

Consent Agenda

- Approval of November 2020 Minutes
- Policy ACB – All Students Belong – *Required*
- Policy ACB –AR – Bias Incident Complaint Procedure – *Required*
- Policy JB – Equal Education Opportunity – *Required*
- Policy JCFM – Threats of Violence – *Highly Recommended*

After review of the November 2020 Board Minutes and retreat Minutes, Dan Brown motioned to approve the minutes as presented once the minutes are fixed to reflect building 24 passed with a 5 to 1 vote. Pat Sharp seconded, motion carried.

After review of Policy ACB, Policy ACB-AR, Policy JB, Policy JCFM, and pointing out one error to be fixed in Policy ACB-AR, Pat Sharp motioned to approve the said policies as presented. Sandy Volle seconded, motion passed.

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PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

Financials

Business Manager Cori Wright submitted a Financial Narrative to the board highlighting November's disbursements, balances and significant expenditures. Please find attached Financial Narrative. A full Financial report can be found in the board packet.

Cori told the Board that the Governor had come out with the proposed budget and said that it looked good for the next biennium, much better than they had thought the last few months. Cori stated the ESD will be budgeting to replace two vehicles that were retired and said we will need to budget to resurface the parking lot.

Charles Dunten moved to approve the financial report as presented. Pat Sharp seconded, motion carried.

PROGRAM REPORTS

Donna Schnitker submitted the program reports for **Early Childhood and Special Education** to the Board which can be found in the board packet.

Superintendent Criss relayed the message from Donna Shnitker of Happy Holidays to the board and that everything at the Early Childhood Center is going really well.

Shannon said Head Start classes are going well and have 75 children currently enrolled.

EI/ESCE has 38 children currently enrolled with new referrals coming in weekly.

Preschool Promise is fully operational and has 9 out of 10 possible students enrolled.

Patti and Donna have been supporting two new Preschool Promise classrooms in Grant County School Districts, and OPEC just completed an online parenting class with 6 participants.

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Superintendent Report

LSP Update

The last Local Service Plan Meeting was held November 19th and went very well.

Resolution 2020-01

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Superintendent Criss shared Resolution 2020-01. This is a Resolution of the Harney Education Board of Directors Conveying Appreciation to All Staff for their Efforts during the COVID-19 Restrictions.

Safety Report

There were no incidents reported. Discussion was had regarding updates on COVID 19.

Superintendent Criss discussed where Harney County is currently with COVID-19 cases and said herself and Janet are working very hard keeping up with the everchanging metrics and guidelines. Shannon said so far Pine Creek is the only school that has had to do distance learning for two weeks, but are back to in person learning. Superintendent Criss said there has recently been good news for our county regarding COVID-19, she said they will now only be looking at a rolling 2-week covid-19 case count which will need to be under 60 cases and no longer using a percentage for the county.

Kirk Davies asked about how COVID is currently affecting sports, discussion followed.

Late Additions

Superintendent Criss said MiWave was working on installing towers to Suntex, Double O, Pine Creek and Drewsey through a CARES ACT grant they received to increase connectivity and said they are all very excited.

Mrs. Criss told the board they had just finished interviews for the SIA position and said they went really well and plan to have an update on who they have hired at January's Board Meeting.

Mrs. Criss gave an update on the sale of building 24 which is currently sale pending with a full price offer and scheduled to close by the end of December. Superintendent Criss told the board that Dwight Ausmus had called and asked if Harney ESD would consider selling the land behind his house to them, she said he had asked about this particular land in years past.

The January board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday the 13th at 1:30pm and will have a lunch prior starting at 12:30 for board appreciation.

MEETING CLOSURE

With no further business, Doug Stott adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.

Doug Stott, Board Chair