

IMESD 2015-17 Board Goals

IMESD will advance Blue Mountain Early Learning Hub goals to ensure all students are ready for kindergarten and meeting 3rd grade reading proficiency.

IMESD will improve teacher and administrator quality to increase student achievement.

IMESD will implement Eastern Promise Pathways to Success.

IMESD will increase the capacity of services provided in the Local Service Plan

INTERMOUNTAIN EDUCATION SERVICE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

August 18, 2016

10:45 AM Regular Board Meeting – Juniper, InterMountain ESD, Pendleton

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 AM by Board Chair, Kelly Bissinger

Present:

Steve Muller
Joe McElligott, Vice-Chair
Kelly Bissinger, Vice Chair
Merle Comfort (via phone bridge)
Kathy Neal, Board Chair
Verneda Wagner

IMESD Staff:

Mark Mulvihill, Superintendent
Beth O'Hanlon, Chief Financial Officer
Amy Hoffert, BMEL Hub Coordinator
Marla Royal, Board Secretary

Absent:

Dale Bingham

Visitors:

Jon Peterson, Ione Superintendent

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Introductions were done around the table, and Superintendent Mulvihill welcomed Jon Peterson and Amy Hoffert to the meeting.

PRESENTATIONS AND RECOGNITION

Board Goal #1: Regulation Response Team Update – Jon Peterson, Ione Superintendent and Amy Hoffert, BMEL Hub Coordinator

Mark Mulvihill said that the BMEL Hub needs to be able to show data that the work they are doing is bringing about improvement in kindergarten readiness and success. Jon Peterson reported that the BMEL Hub is in the very early stages of developing a new program, the “Kindergarten Behavior Response Team” (KBRT). They hope to offer guidance to kinde teachers who might ask for help with challenging behaviors in the classroom. Amy Hoffert said as a kindergarten teacher for five years, she saw an increased need for this kind of support after the move to full day kindergarten. Mark said more diversity and poverty are also contributing factors to these behavior challenges.

Board Goal #4: School Security Summit Debrief – Mark Mulvihill, IMESD Superintendent and Merle Comfort, IMESD Board Member

Mark Mulvihill spoke about the difficulty of getting everyone to agree on terminology in planning for a crisis in a school, but reported that is what finally happened at the summit August 4th. There was great interaction between police departments and school districts, with Stuart Roberts Chief of Police in Pendleton, Brian Harvey, Chief of Police in La Grande, and Rick Stokoe, Chief of Police in Boardman assuming leadership roles.

Merle Comfort said that other good ideas came out of the day (police looking at district cameras, the need for the county Emergency Response Team to be a part of the process), and Mark said that Michele Madril, IMESD Director of Communications, did an excellent job of recording and reporting what the group agreed upon.

ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

There were no adjustments to the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of the July 25, 2016 Board Meeting
- B. Staff Development Report (July 2016)
- C. HR Report
 - New Hires:
 - a) Kristin Albro – EI/ECSE Specialist, Boardman
 - b) Cheri Davis – EI/ECSE Specialist, La Grande
 - Resignations:
 - a) Philip Mills – Teacher of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
 - b) Rachel Kennedy – EI/ECSE Specialist, La Grande

BE IT RESOLVED, upon motion by Merle Comfort, seconded by Kathy Neal, which carried unanimously, that the items listed above are hereby approved under the consent agenda.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Lead Testing Results

Superintendent Mulvihill said that IMESD has had two major roles in lead testing; taking care of and protecting district schools, and messaging to the media. He noted that every IMESD site has been tested including LTCT, Baker, Outdoor School, Punkin Center, and the Joseph Building, and all results were excellent, with no elevated lead levels. Mark said the East Oregonian came up to ESD and took pictures of the results, and he noted that the process has been immensely time consuming.

State Update

Mark Mulvihill reported that “Our Oregon” is the name of the group sponsoring Ballot Measure 97, the Corporate Minimum Tax Increase. He said that COSA is determining its position on the 3 ballot measures; 97, 98 (High School Success and Readiness), and 99 (Outdoor School for All). Mark said they need to begin to think about what IMESD’s plan will be if measure 97 passes. He said that the problem is determining if these are additions or carve outs, and Merle Comfort noted that the bottom line is there is nothing in writing on how the legislature will spend this additional revenue.

Staff Newsletter

Mark Mulvihill presented the first IMESD Newsletter, saying this will be a way of communicating with staff.

In-Service Debrief

Joe McElligott said In-Service was very good, and a chance to be in tuned with IMESD employees. He said the sheer number of employees was impressive. Verneda Wagner said it was great to see the people that work for this agency, and put names to faces. Kelly Bissinger asked about board goals and how are they put into action plans in departments.

FISCAL OVERVIEW

Financial Summary and Cash Flow

Beth O'Hanlon presented the report, which is attached to these minutes. Beth noted that IMESD hasn't been laying people off, so they are paying very low unemployment tax. Mark Mulvihill said IMESD has to begin a process for defining how money will be spent, and begin to build back programs and staff that can be sustained. Mark wants to go through a process on this with board, with sustainability being the goal. Kelly Bissinger said IMESD will likely be supporting districts in many more ways after PERS increases, with college counseling for kids being a huge need.

OLD BUSINESS

Second Reading IMESD Policies:

- IGDF– Student Fund-Raising Activities
- IGDF/AR – Student Fund-Raising Activity Request and Verification
- JHCDA – Prescription Medication
- JHCD-JHCDA/AR – Prescription/Nonprescription Medication

BE IT RESOLVED, upon motion by Steve Muller, seconded by Merle Comfort, which carried unanimously, that the IMESD policies above be adopted, as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of 2016-17 Board Goals

BE IT RESOLVED, upon motion by Kathy Neal, seconded by Verneda Wagner, which carried unanimously, that the amended 2015-2017 IMESD Board Goals be approved, with the change in the name of the Kindergarten Behavior Response Team (KBRT).

Fall Regional Board Tour

The group agreed upon October 18, 2016 for the board tour.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Kelly Bissinger asked if the Chief of Police in Hermiston was on board at the Safety Summit, and questions arose about other districts that are not component districts of IMESD. Mark Mulvihill said he will talk to Stuart Roberts, and then Kelly and Mark could meet with Chief Edmiston in Hermiston. Verneda Wagner asked about a Safety Officer at IMESD, and Mark said this person could also do investigations.

2016-17 IMESD ORG Chart

Beth O'Hanlon noted that they wanted an ORG chart that wasn't linear.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Meetings and Conferences

- IMESD Children's Rodeo – THURSDAY, September 15, 2016
- September Board Meeting – September 21, 2016 5:00 PM
- OSBA Fall Regional
 - 1) September 28, 2016 Pendleton – BMCC Student Union, 6:00 PM
 - 2) October 3, 2016 La Grande – Middle School Commons, 6:00 PM
Mark Mulvihill said that perhaps Merle Comfort could attend the OSBA Fall Regional meeting in La Grande.
- OSBA Annual Conference – November 10-13, 2016 Downtown Marriott Portland, Oregon
 - a) Wednesday, November 9th – Oregon/Washington Superintendent Meeting, 1:00-3:00 PM, Multnomah ESD. OAESD Officers Council 9:00 AM-12:00 PM.
 - b) Thursday, November 10th - OAESD
 - c) Friday, November 11th – General Session and Workshops

Mark Mulvihill reported that Gary Peterson is the new OAESD Exec. Director, Milt Dennison is interim superintendent at Columbia Gorge ESD, Jada Rupley is the superintendent at Clackamas, and Sam Briar, superintendent at Multnomah ESD. He said that OAESD superintendents, as a group, are less inexperienced.

Mark reminded the board that the Washington ESD meeting on Wednesday, November 9th prior to the OSBA Convention will be very interesting. Those attending the OSBA Convention at this point are:

- Kelly and Dawn Bissinger, Wednesday night through Saturday morning.
- Kathy Neal, down Tuesday (with Mark and Verneda) and staying through Saturday morning, with Gary perhaps joining later in the week.
- Verneda Wagner, Tuesday evening through Saturday morning.
- Steve Muller may come on Thursday evening.
- Joe and Jeri McElligott, Wednesday night through Saturday morning.
- Merle and Deanna Comfort, Wednesday evening through Sunday morning.

ADJOURN

There being no further business before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Bissinger, Board Chair

Marla Royal, Board Secretary