



# DECEMBER 2016

## ECHO SCHOOL DISTRICT #5R Regular Board Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

Changed to January 2, 2017, due to schedule conflicts

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** CHAIRPERSON: [6] Delbert Gehrke 2019\_X\_  
[1] Brandy McCarty 2017\_X\_ [2] Connie Caplinger 2017\_ex\_ [3] Lloyd Ferge 2019\_X\_  
[4] Heather Madison 2017\_X\_ [5] Jennifer Cox 2017\_X\_ [7] ^Robert Rose 2017\_X\_

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Raymon Smith\_X\_ Linda Muller\_X\_ Keith Holman\_X\_ ^  
Vice - Chair

**WELCOME GUESTS:** Present: *Guests. Please sign in.* Hermiston Herald Jayati Ramaknishnan

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** 15 minutes for community testimony.

**REPORTS:** IMESD Talking Points December  
Echo/Stanfield Police Department. Will be making presentation at future meeting. They are approaching district with proposal for a resource officer shared between Stanfield and Echo SD at \$10,000 per year each.

FLAG SALUTE

**CALL TO ORDER:** AT \_\_\_6:12 pm\_\_\_\_\_

**2015-2016 Audit Report:** Chris Cockburn, Cockburn & McClintock, LLC POSTPONED UNTIL JANUARY 23, 2017

AMEND AGENDA: Item C: Authorize Surplus of Shop Building.

*MOTION: Robert Rose moved to amend the agenda to add Item II c: to authorize the surplus of the shop building. Jennifer Cox seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 5-0*

### **I. CONSENT AGENDA:**

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| a. Approval of Minutes                | November 21, 2016 |
| b. Review Bills and Financial Reports | Nov 2016          |
| c. Superintendent Report              | Raymon Smith      |
- Business Manager Transition Plan: Mr. Smith distributed the proposal from the IMESD for business services. Linda Muller does board records, district records, board minutes. The biggest difference is the onsite access to a business officer. Changing services would necessitate changes to policies to give time to process to IMESD. It is cheaper at \$46500. That is about the salary posted, but we would also owe the benefits. There would also be a transfer fee to set up on their software, \$10-\$15,000. We will post the position this month and see what applicants we get. We will need to begin the transition to a new business software starting in February.
  - Enrollment Updates: Will update in January. Currently around 280
  - State School Revenue Updates: Governors budget came out at \$8B. That budget will not cover current funding levels. Superintendents met at IMESD via VTel conference call with area legislators to express what this budget impact to districts would be. Would not cover any advancement for curriculum, \$8B would not cover current cost of living, \$8.4B would be status quo budget, \$8.5B would give some funds for advancement.

Measure 98 will be for CTE Career Tech Ed, Freshman on Track and Graduation rates. The school chooses where they prioritize those funds. Governor's funding proposal is only half of the amount mandated by the law. Echo share \$52K of \$120K as legislated for biennium. Funds cannot be used to supplant current programs or replace general fund budget cuts.

- Bus Barn is held up due to weather. Office remodel is due to complete in next two weeks.
  - ODE Division 22 Standards: This report is due every year. The district has to respond to listing of standards and qualifications in a 64 page document. We are in compliance with all criteria. In future will need to do a full report every third year. In between there will be a select number of criteria to meet. We have transitioned from Title I target school to a district-wide Title school. This will make curriculum and staff available to all students.
  - Reminder: Superintendent Evaluation process begins in January. Survey and ratings same as last year. Mr. Smith has it on Survey Monkey for staff and community. Linda will distribute prior year's evaluation and survey results to board.
  - Alternative Education at Echo: Mr. Holman gave overview of alternative education at district. It is 8:30 am-12:00 daily in a supervised computer classroom for a semester. Assessment is done of students prior to entering the program. Usually a student is failing multiple classes and has been on grade check for extended periods, and referred by teachers who feel student are not being successful with core classes. Students will have been in Friday school, after school detentions, and students have been skipping classes. Multiple meetings are held with parents to explain the process and keep them apprised of their student's status.
  - Negotiations Committee Licensed, Classified, Admin Support. Initial goals and objectives work in February. Union Rep is new this year. Robert Rose volunteered for committee. Process is to prepare goals and objectives as a board then set a committee.
- d. Donations: \$1000 Elmers Irrigation, Ag Advocacy  
\$2500 WalMart, Ag Advocacy
- e. PERSONNEL: Contracts New Hires: Mike Muller, Bond Project Manager

MOTION: Jennifer Cox moved for approval of consent agenda items as presented. Robert Rose seconded the motion. Discussion. GN Northern check was for the geologic survey. Architects bills will be continuing throughout the project. Netchemia is the annual expense for EdZap nationwide recruitment of teachers. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 5-0

## **II. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Audit Report 2015-2016 Postponed until January 23, 2017  
b. Division 22 Standards

*MOTION: Jennifer Cox moved to approve the annual Division 22 report to Oregon Dept of Education. Brandy McCarty seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 5-0*

- c. Surplus Shop Building

*MOTION: Robert Rose moved to authorize the surplus of the shop building. Jennifer Cox seconded the motion. Discussion. Raymon Smith has received interest from multiple people. This will be a sealed bid process. Public notice will be posted. Public bid opening. We can put a minimum bid in the notice. Mike Muller has been going through all items in shop to document and create a surplus list for an auction day. We will need to rent some storage units for what we want to keep for up to a year. Next construction meeting is January 10 and we will know more about firm dates. Vote. The motion passed by voice vote. 4-0-1 with Lloyd Ferge abstained as he may bid on the building.*

## **III. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT:**

MOTION: Jennifer Cox moved to adjourn this board meeting at 7:27 p.m. Lloyd Ferge seconded the motion. Discussion. Vote. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. 5-0

January Holiday on third Monday. Board meeting moved to January 23, 2017 due to schedule conflicts.

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_

Delbert Gehrke, Chairman

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Linda Muller, Business Manager

Approved Date: January 23, 2017

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