

**NORTH CENTRAL ESD
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
May 6, 2021**

The North Central ESD Board of Directors met in regular session in the NCESD Conference Room, Thursday, May 6, 2021.

Attending

P—Amy Derby, Chair -June 2023
P—Greg Greenwood, V. Chair -June 2023
P—Jeff Schott, -June 2021
P—Jim Doherty-June 2021
P—Kristen Neuberger-June 2023
P—Sarah Rucker -June 2021
P—Penny Grotting, Superintendent
P—Bob Dais, HR Director
P—Kim Domenighini, Bus. Mgr.

Visitors:

Lynn Cowdrey

CALL TO ORDER

Amy opened the Board Meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Public Input:

**CONSENT AGENDA
MINUTES & FISCAL RECEIPTS**

The minutes & fiscal receipts from the April 1, 2021 regular board meeting were distributed for review via email April 29, 2021.

Motion— Jeff, seconded by Greg, to approve 3.1 of the Consent Agenda.

VOTING—*Unanimously approved.*

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Penny passed out the updated State School Fund Allocation for EDS's for the upcoming budget that will be presented at the budget meeting.
- NCESD has been a part of "floor funding" model that was passed by the Legislator in 2010.
- Our budget for 20-21 was built on this floor funding model with a \$1,473,452 allocation. However, this past week we received information that NCESD has moved beyond the floor. Kim Domenighini and I have been working with ODE and the Oregon Association of ESDs Executive Director, Gary Peterson to navigate this anomaly.
- This is the first time that one of the small ESDs has moved from the floor. We spent considerable time reviewing the statute ORS 327.19 and in section 4) a) A) and B) we found the language that allows us to be funded at the higher level, while still allowing us the safety net of the floor. With that said, our tax base is still high enough that we do not receive state school fund dollars, as do the larger ESDs.
- In 2020-21, we budgeted based on the original estimate that came out with NCESD receiving \$1,473,452 (the floor). However, the amount in our latest estimate is \$1,757,080.65. This is a difference of \$283,628.65 of which 90% by

statute needs to be sent to districts either in services or in funds allocated by ADMw.

- This late in the year, it is unlikely that we would be able to provide added services in this amount. Therefore, each district will be receiving a check as flow through funds.
- These funds are additional funds that go to districts and are not part of the SSF allocation. Kim Domenighini will be calculating each district's amount based on ADMw and working with business managers in getting those funds to your districts in the coming weeks.

Personnel Report

- Bob went through the HR Monthly Personnel Report Position Update for all of the school districts.
- Bob will be meeting with the union members next week to talk about some of the language in the contract and being able to offer signing bonuses to recruit new staff. It is difficult to entice potential new hires to come and work for the ESD.
- Bob is helping Arlington, Condon, and Spray School with their contract negotiations.

School Improvement

- **High School Success**
 - Purpose: Improve graduation rates; Access to college level courses; Access to Career & Technical Education
 - *NCESD consortium: seven districts have committed to participate including Dufur and South Wasco County*
 - *Working with Districts gathering information for the 2021-2023 biennium grant*
 - *Needs assessment (data review, community input)*
 - *Goals and Outcomes*
 - *Identify activities associated with goals and outcomes and create a budget*
- **Student Investment Account**
 - Purpose: Meet student mental and behavioral health needs; reduce academic disparities for typically underserved students (poverty, disabilities, English language learners, foster, homeless, mobile)
 - *Finishing up our 3rd reporting period*
 - *Report on*
 - *Status of activities and progress*
 - *Beginning application process for next year.*
- **Summer Learning Grants**
 - Funds for programs in three areas:
 - School Child Care (Grades K-5)
 - Enrichment Programs (Grades K-8)
 - Academic Supports-credit recovery (Grades 9-12)
 - Each school needs to complete an application to receives this grant
 - The grant is very open for what it can be spent on – Salaries/Benefits – Transportation – Meals

- Spray School District made the front page article in The Times Journal paper for the vocational program that Larry Johnson has completed

NEW BUSINESS:

Update Budget Calendar

- Update Budget Calendar due to change from June 3 to June 10
- **Motion**— Jeff, seconded by Greg, to accept the Updated Budget Calendar
VOTING—*Unanimously approved.*

Greg may have found someone to represent South Sherman Co. She is hoping to come to the next board meeting.

Meeting was tabled until after dinner and budget meeting.

Next meeting: June 10, 2021 6:00pm

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

AMY DERBY, CHAIR

KIM DOMENGIHINI, BUS. MGR.