

Forest Grove Community School
Board Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2016

Board Members Present

Jon Stagnitti, Vice Chair
Bob Hatt, member
Roger Neyman, member

Board Members Absent

Anita Zijdemans-Boudreau, Chair
Rochelle Auran, member

Staff Members Present

Vanessa Gray, Principal
Karen Torry, Director of School Operations

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

Voting Items

March Board Minutes: The Board voted 3-0 to approve the March 2016 board meeting minutes.

Board Elections: Jon moved and Roger seconded a motion to re-elect Anita and Rochelle to a two-year term of service on the Board of Directors. Approved 3-0. Jon moved to re-elect Anita as Board chair. Bob seconded. Approved 3-0. Elections of Bob Hatt as treasurer and Jon's election to a new two-year-term will take place at the May meeting. Jon expressed interest in continuing to serve as Vice Chair. The position of secretary is currently vacant.

2016-17 Calendar: Vanessa explained that the calendar is based on the previous year's calendar and the District's calendar for the following year and meets state requirements for instructional hours. Jon moved to approve the calendar as presented. Roger seconded the motion. Vanessa noted that our conference days will continue to be different than the District's and there will be one difference in grading days. The Board voted to approve the calendar 3-0.

PACE: Roger moved to adopt the Resolution to Adopt PACE Declaration of Trust and Form of Joinder to Trust Agreement. Bob seconded. The motion was approved 3-0. Jon signed the Joinder to Trust Agreement form as vice chair on behalf of FGCS.

Discussion Items

Update on work with Nonprofit Association of Oregon: NAO is continuing to work with FGCS at no additional cost. One area Vanessa and Anita requested help with is succession planning. Vanessa, Anita and NAO staff will meet later in the spring.

PACE Joinder Agreement: Jon moved to move this item to voting. Roger seconded. Approved 3-0.

2016-17 FGCS Budget: Vanessa submitted a proposed budget as a starting point to begin budget discussions. Per-pupil funding (ADMw) for the current school year was reduced by \$36/pupil. Increase in ADMw for next year is modest.

Vanessa explained that one option to increase funding would be to increase class size by one student in Levels 2, 3 and 4. Vanessa noted that we have had classes this size in the past. Vanessa noted that she is not eager to increase class sizes but feels obligated to consider this as an option to maintain revenue levels as much as possible. She plans to discuss the possibility with staff at a future staff meeting. Another option for cutting costs is reducing teacher budgets for classroom materials. In the current year's budget, teachers other than the Art and PE teachers are allotted \$2,000 each for classroom materials. The proposal to reduce classroom materials budget would not affect the art budget. Vanessa emphasized that these are not yet even firm proposals and are subject to discussion and change. Vanessa is committed to making sure that teachers and students have the materials and equipment they need.

Significant factors affecting the budget are anticipated increased PERS costs and health care costs.

Roger inquired about the new teacher evaluation framework that will take effect under a new state law in July. Vanessa reported that FGCS will do a hybrid evaluation this year with components of the new framework. At the start of the 2016-17 school year, the personnel handbook will detail the new framework so there are no surprises. She does not anticipate that the evaluation will feel like a dramatic departure. She emphasized that the new law does not include student test scores as a component of evaluations.

The June Board meeting was tentatively changed to Tues., June 7 to avoid having a meeting the last week of school. The Board will confirm the change with the full Board in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.