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Board of Directors Board Minutes July 15, 2014

Board Members Scott Reynolds, Vice-Chair, Directors Mike McGowan, Carol Moorehead, Doug Nelson, Ron Radabaugh and Terry Rahmsdorff

HDES Staff John Rexford, Superintendent, Paul Andrews, Deputy Superintendent, Greg Munn, Director of Fiscal Services and Shelley Knutz, Executive Assistant

Call to Order Scott Reynolds called the July 15, 2014 meeting to order at 5:45 pm

REPORTS

Fiscal Report

Greg Munn presented the Finance Report for July 2014

- Unaudited revenue through June 2014 is almost 5% more than the same time period last year.
- Greg expects the general fund revenue to come in over budget, due largely to an increase in property taxes received. Because property taxes are a component of the State School Fund, this increase in funds received will be rebalanced with the May adjustment next year.
- In preparation of the annual audit, the business office is busy reconciling and closing out the sixty plus funds and multiple programs and cost centers within those funds.
- Greg provided copies of the 2014-15 adopted budget.

ACTION ITEMS

Election of 2014-2015 Officers

Scott Reynolds opened the meeting to nominations for the 2014-2015 officers.

- **Doug Nelson moved and Carol Moorehead seconded the motion to nominate Scott Reynolds as Board Chair. There were no further nominations. The motion carried 6-0.**
- **Scott Reynolds moved and Carol Moorehead seconded the motion to nominate Doug Nelson as Vice-Chair. There were no further nominations. The motion carried 6-0.**

Resolution 28-14 – Annual Procedural Business

Mike McGowan declared a potential conflict of interest due to his relationship with PayneWest Insurance. Because of this conflict of interest, Mike will not participate in the discussion or take part in the vote.

- **Doug Nelson moved and Ron Radabaugh seconded a motion to approve Resolution 28-14 Annual Procedural Business as presented. Motion carried 5-0. Mike McGowan abstained from voting.**

Health Insurance Recommendation

Superintendent Rexford distributed a matrix of the plan options the Insurance Committee has recommended. Our collective bargaining agreement states the Board will approve the health plans being offered. There was discussion about the out of pocket costs for the employees. Doug Nelson asked about the increase in the cap compared to increase in premium.

- **Mike McGowan moved and Terry Rahmsdorff seconded a motion to approve the Health Insurance Recommendation as presented. Motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent Contracts

Scott Reynolds and Bob Moore have been working with the attorneys on the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent contracts. They believe these contracts are very transparent. The new contracts include a window of time for either party to share their intent to renew or non-renew the contract. They can ask the question on or after December 1, and there is a 45 day time frame to respond.

- **Carol Moorehead moved and Doug Nelson seconded a motion to approve the Superintendent and Deputy Superintendent contracts as presented. Motion carried 6-0.**

Consent Agenda

- **Terry Rahmsdorff moved and Ron Radabaugh seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.**
 - Personnel Changes for July 2014
 - Board Policy DJ-DJC – Purchasing and Bidding
 - Board Minutes 6-17-14

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Report and Legislative Update

- Due to busy board member schedules and a light agenda, Superintendent Rexford is proposing the August board meeting be cancelled. The group was in agreement with this recommendation.
- The Facility Committee is meeting tomorrow. The building we were interested in is being purchased and is currently in escrow.
- The Legislative Committee met last week and reiterated our priority for funding and grants for EI/ECSE and Central Oregon Regional (CORP) Program. We will be advocating for a 15% increase, which would catch these programs up with the recent increase in K-12 funding.
- The Legislative Committee for OAESD is working on their draft platform.
- The School Funding Task Force meeting yesterday and Superintendent Rexford shared our priorities with them as well. Scott Reynolds said it is good that we are increasing our voice. Paul Andrews noted that staff are also pursuing Oregon Education Association (OEA) and asking for them to include this support on their platform. We do need to recognize the magnitude of cuts these programs have endured through the years. Doug Nelson asked what Superintendent Rexford would anticipate coming out of the SFTF. He said they have been discussing the focus on English Language Learners (ELL), with consideration of increasing the ELL weight from .5 to .6. The committee is also considering a recommendation to fund the high-cost disability category at a target rate of 80%. Fifth year funding will also be addressed.
- We have been struggling to maintain a Long Term Care and Treatment (LTCT) program in Deschutes County. Oregon Department of Education is working with us, and we have reached an agreement with Deschutes County to operate an interim program. Redmond School District has offered space

for the program at Ridgeview HS. Last year, there were 5-7 elementary students in the program. We will continue looking for a licensed program to take over in the coming year.

Board Chair Report

- Doug Nelson referenced the Oregon School Board Association (OSBA) Legislative Policies and Priorities for 2014-15. The Legislative Committee met and reviewed these priorities. OSBA will help participate in the efforts to promote our priorities. These recommendations will be given to OSBA to be modified for approval in September.
- The Board reviewed the OSBA Legislative Policies & Priorities. We do want to show our support of equitable, adequate, and stable funding.
- There were six districts represented at a recent dinner meeting with Betsy Miller-Jones from OSBA. They discussed the critical issues from each district. Most of them are in a building phase, and they will be dealing with boundary issues. They all found the meeting to be helpful, and they would like to them to continue. It was beneficial to have High Desert ESD be in charge of coordinating the event.
- Doug has been appointed to a committee focused on school district accountability. They have been tasked with creating a system to address consistently low performing school districts. One of several recommendations would be to consider replacing building leadership.
- Terry Rahmsdorff asked if the board members could get a report on the usage at Skyliners Lodge and a cost benefit analysis of the lease. We will ask Katie and Bob to report at the September board meeting.

Adjourn

The July 15, 2014, High Desert Education Service District Board of Directors Meeting adjourned at 6:53 pm.

Scott Reynolds, Board Chair

Shelley Knutz, Executive Assistant